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Unanimous council approves rezoning

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After months of meetings, public hearings and protests, a plan to redevelop 20160 Mack has reached a conclusion.

City council voted 7-0 at its meeting Monday, Jan. 5, to rezone the property — currently a vacant medical office — and allow entrepreneur Justin Buccellato to move ahead with his proposal.

“It was a long haul over nine months, but we hung in there,” Buccellato said. “This is something we want to do for the community.”

His original plan for the property, located between Oxford and South Renaud on the east side of Mack, was to have three separate



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The planned new mixed-use structure at 20160 Mack.

retail spaces. Nearby residents heavily protested, saying their main concerns revolved around health and safety. That included

increased traffic, parking congestion, crime, stormwater runoff, the possibility of a chain restaurant locating there and an influx of rodents

if any type of restaurant moved in. Buccellato agreed to several changes to his original site plan, including reducing the foot-

print of the proposed building by 2,000 square feet, building a higher wall along the back of the parking lot to reduce noise, adding more land-

scaping, adding more windows, putting different lighting in the parking lot so it would not

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Resolve water bill errors

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Municipal officials this week presented a formal method for water customers to challenge the receipt of mistakenly high bills, largely due recently to the errant roll-out last year of a new billing formula and rate hike.

Terms the city council approved this week replace Mayor Michele Hodges’ temporary instructions last August: “For now, the guidance is they do not have to pay those bills until such time (as they) receive a new bill,” she said at the time.

New terms feature a one-page form titled, “Customer Adjustment

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Proposed child care center nixed

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The proposal for an early childhood child care center to fill the former Rite Aid space on The Hill is dead in the water after failing to convince city council members it could work in the location during its preliminary site plan hearing Monday night.

‘The truth is, there aren’t any easy options here. If we say no, we’re likely saying no for a very long time.’

NEIL SROKA
Grosse Pointe Farms mayor pro tem

“If you turn this down, there will not be a child care (proposal) coming back here,” warned Reed Fenton, CEO of EIG14T Commercial Real Estate,

which is the project developer representing N Family Schools. “We are not going to go through this hassle to come back here and try

to find alternatives. We have been looking forever.”

While city council technically did not vote down the child care center, it was made clear during council comments that six of the seven seated members would do so. The applicants instead were offered the opportunity

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Derringer selected as new board president

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education chose Trustee Clint Derringer to serve as president for 2026.

Derringer, elected in November 2024 to a four-year term, was nominated by Trustee Colleen Worden, who served as president in 2025, at the board’s organizational meeting Monday, Jan. 12.

Worden, first elected in 2020 and reelected in 2024, called the role of president “demanding and time consuming.”

“It’s traditional that the gavel passes year to year,” Worden said

in nominating Derringer. He was elected by unanimous vote.

Derringer then nominated Worden as vice president, followed by Trustee Ginny Jeup nominating Treasurer Tim Klepp for the same role. Klepp, however, said he would prefer to remain treasurer.

Worden was elected vice president, a position held last year by Trustee Laura Hull, on a 5-1 vote with the only no vote coming from Jeup. Trustee Sean Cotton did not say anything while the vote was being taken.

Next, Derringer nominated

Trustee Valarie St. John to remain as secretary, followed by Jeup nominating Cotton for the same position. St. John was approved on a 5-2 vote, with Jeup and Cotton voting against.

Klepp then was approved 7-0 to remain treasurer.

The board also voted to keep its two standing committees — facilities and policy — although it wasn’t decided who will serve on them.

Last year, Derringer chaired the facilities committee with members Cotton and Klepp, while St. John chaired the policy committee with members Jeup and Hull.

—Ted O’Neil

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City shuts illicit STR

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There’s always someone who doesn’t get the word.

The operator of an unlicensed short-term rental must shut the operation despite pleading he didn’t know he did anything wrong.

“I wasn’t aware of the (short-term rental) ordinance until I was notified I was in violation of it,” Leo Rybinski, operator of an STR in the 1300 block of Maryland, told the Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Board of Appeals Jan. 12.

Board members, consisting of the mayor and city council, rejected the defense.

“Being oblivious to something doesn’t mean you don’t have to abide by the law,” Councilman Marty McMillan said.

Moreover, McMillan reasoned, STRs are a business. Rybinski established and operated a commercial enterprise without obtaining permits, thereby skirting licensing and inspection requirements.

Park officials spent 16 months drafting their first-ever ordinance regulating short-term rentals. The measure went through meetings,

both regular and special, of the planning commission, council and more prior to enactment in December 2024.

Proprietors, operating in an unregulated environment that city officials at the time characterized as the Wild West, received a 120-day grace period to register with the city and gain legitimacy.

“We weren’t required to do that,” City Attorney Dan Kelly said about the grace period.

“It was a lengthy and very public discussion as part of the over year-long (process) that was regularly reported in the Grosse Pointe News,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “And there were postings in the Grosse Pointe News. Advertising was published. There was outreach to short-term rentals we were aware of to come and be part of that process. Of those we weren’t aware of, we obviously could not do that.”

Kelly found no evidence the city treated Rybinski wrong or harshly, either by erroneously interpreting the STR ordinance or abusing municipal discretion in its enforcement.

“The ordinance is pretty clear,” Kelly said.

Rybinski pleaded that shutting down the operation would cause

him financial harm.

“I missed the deadline,” he told the board. “I was unaware the ordinance had been adopted.”

“I apologize that for whatever reason it didn’t reach your ears,” Hodges told him.

“You would have been grandfathered in,” Councilman Tim Kolar told him. “I wish there were something we could do here. I’m sorry the reality of the ordinance is what it is.”

Sizeland said there’s no chance of Rybinski being issued a license to operate an STR in a residential neighborhood. New licenses in residential neighborhoods are outlawed by the ordinance. Nor are licenses transferable in residential areas. The restrictions are intended to eliminate STRs from residential neighborhoods over time.

New STRs and license transfers are allowed only in commercial districts.

Sizeland said municipal officials learned about Rybinski’s operation from someone tipping off code enforcement officials.

“I’m sure there are others,” Sizeland said of illicit rentals.

“I would like neighbors to report to us if they see those situations,” Kolar said.

Traffic study awaits center opening

The Schaap Center’s overdue opening is causing a backup in analyzing area traffic patterns.

A traffic study intended to analyze driver patterns and parking needs in and around the center was put on hold this week because there’s nothing to study. The 435-seat theater and art exhibition facility hasn’t met its opening deadline.

Results of the traffic study will depend partially on parking patterns revealed under terms of a temporary on-street permit parking system Park officials instituted last October.

“The (permit policy) is set to expire after 90 days,” Jim Bostock, director of public safety, told city council Jan 12. “Due to the ongoing delay in the opening of the Schaap Center, public safety recommends the temporary (permit policy) traffic regulation be allowed to expire and be replaced with an identical traffic control order, which will

give us an opportunity to get accurate data on traffic flow and potential congestion that may occur when the Schaap Center is up and running.”

“Thanks for getting ahead of this and staying on it,” Councilman Tom Caulfield told Bostock.

Renewed traffic regulations expire in 90 days.

The center was supposed to open Nov. 30 for a gala and 11-show run of Grosse Pointe Theatre’s “White Christmas.” Construction delays forced cancellation of all celebrations and performances.

The trial parking program applies to Hampton Street and the 1000 blocks of Wayburn, Maryland and Lakepointe.

On-street parking in those areas is reserved for residents. Each residence and multifamily unit are eligible for two permits each. Enforcement hours are 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

— Brad Lindberg

Park public safety makes promotions

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A hometown go-getter earned promotion this week to detective.

Brady Baetens, a member of the public safety department since 2016, beat out all comers to round out the three-member detective bureau.

“Brady was born and raised here in the Park and attended Grosse Pointe South,” Chief Jim Bostock said. “Brady has always been the one who volunteers for that extra assignment, whether it is to learn a new skill or be part of a detail as part of our efforts to curb a surging type of crime.”

“You’ve built a lot of skill, dedication and trust into the community,”



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Brady Baetens, left, was promoted from PSO to the detective division. He is pictured with Jim Bostock, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mayor Michele Hodges told Baetens during the Jan. 12 city council meeting. “Thank you for being one of our warriors.”

Baetens began his law enforcement career with

the Detroit Police Department.

“He has held several assignments in his tenure

in the Park — youth officer, evidence technician, field training officer, assistant team leader on

the special response team, as well as a sniper,” Bostock said.

Baetens joins lead Detective Sgt. Paul Pionk and Detective Ryan Willmer.

“Brady worked hard and tested for this position,” Bostock said. “After a written test and interview process, he was on top of the list.”

New PSO

New to the department is more native talent, Officer Luke Mitchell.

“Luke was born and raised in the Park and attended Grosse Pointe South,” Bostock said. “He went on to Macomb Community College and from there, Ferris State.” Mitchell, hired in

November, is a rookie in name only.

“Luke worked as a police officer for 12 years with the city of Rochester before leaving to help with the family business,” Bostock said. “Luke brings a wealth of experience as a police officer and an investigator.”

Because Park public safety officers are cross-trained in firefighting, Mitchell is scheduled to attend the Oakland Fire Academy in February.

“We are eagerly awaiting his return to active duty in about 12 weeks,” Bostock said.

“Congratulations for being part of our team,” Hodges said.

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Request,” which customers can get at city hall or the municipal website.

Aggrieved customers basically itemize their alleged discrepancy. Then begins a countdown for resolution.

“The water and sewer billing adjustment program establishes a clear and equitable process to

correct customer overcharges caused by verified utility billing errors or mechanical meter malfunctions,” said Nick Sizleand, city manager. “The program authorizes bill adjustments, credits, refunds or payment options with associated late fees and interest waived when errors are confirmed.”

“This gives the administration a more standardized way to operate,”

Councilman Max Wiener said. “It’s a good thing.”

“This document promotes consistency,” Sizeland said. “Too many times we’ve had inconsistent processes on this. It will help us from an accountability measure.”

Problems date to a 23 percent water rate increase in June.

Although new rates were tabulated based on water consumption, a snafu traced to the

100-year-old city’s mish-mash of variously sized and types of household and commercial water meters resulted in some customers getting swamped with bills hundreds of percentage points higher than justified.

Corrective measures pertain to billing errors and meter malfunctions.

“If testing shows the meter was inaccurate, we will adjust bills for the period the meter was faulty, with a refund of credit overcharges, and waive related fees,” according to the new policy.

Testing a meter costs the customer \$150.

“At least every week there are one or two (meters) they’re testing,” Sizeland said.

“We (will) correct any overage caused by utility mistake (rate error, misapplied payment, double billing, system and administrative error),” according to the new policy. “We will correct the bill and refund or credit all verified overcharges and waive related late fees (and) interest.”

Water meters are about to be updated throughout the city.

“With the work we’re doing, a lot of these concerns should be resolving themselves,” Wiener said.

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On Sunday, Jan. 11, Pointes for Peace held a candlelight vigil at Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe, after events in Minnesota last week.

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Vigil for Good

The history of vigils held on Sunday evenings at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe dates back to 2002, and led to the formation of Pointes for Peace in March 2003, by Mary Reed and Carol Bendure.

In 2025, Pointes for Peace was restarted by Bendure and Mary Mobley to bring Grosse Pointers together in their common humanity and desire to live in peace, locally and globally, as well as to re-establish a group that had much success in the past. The commitment to restart was made in response to the mass shooting and arson attack of a church in Grand Blanc in September 2025.

Pointes for Peace will continue to have a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. each Sunday of 2026 — at the same location, time and format.

“We feel the times are challenging and there is an ongoing need,” Mobley said. “We will be there whenever folks want to join.

“There is something profound about coming together to share the difficulty, hold silence and then commit to go out and bring light into the world,. she continued.”

For more information, visit pointesforpeace.org.

From left, Marilyn Kitt, Sarah Clark and Teri Davis were among the attendees to the vigil for Renee Good.



Helm triples membership fee for non-millage communities

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES & HARPER WOODS — Perhaps the most pressing lingering question since the desire to implement a senior millage first was proposed — How will the fee structure equitably change for residents of communities not paying into the millage? — has been answered with the start of the new year.

As of Jan. 1, The Helm gave notice that membership fees are waived for residents of the City, Farms, Park, Woods and Harper Woods, all wherein the six-year,

0.35-mill senior services millage passed.

Residents of other communities, such as Grosse Pointe Shores, St. Clair Shores, Detroit and Roseville, must pay a \$180 annual membership fee per household — triple the prior \$60 annual membership fee.

“The board has been looking at this for quite some time,” The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall said. “We were going to raise rates about three years ago and then two years ago, and then we knew we were going for the millage, so we decided not to raise rates for the membership at

that time, because we knew we were going to have a new fee structure in place when the millage came about.”

The \$180 fee is per household, whereas the prior \$60 fee was per person.

As a decision of The Helm’s board, Siddall said, the number was settled upon with input from focus groups and the Active Adult Commission — the governing body of senior services millage funds — as well as research into the membership policies, procedures and costs of other senior centers across the state.

Rochester’s OPC Social and Activity Center — called the Taj Mahal of senior centers — for example, charges \$225 per person or \$350 per couple for residents of cities outside its senior services millage.

“We also heard from some of the mayors and some of the city managers about wanting to make sure it was equitable with what people were paying with taxes or what the cities were giving as a total with taxes and how we were going to do that,” Siddall noted. “So there were a lot of

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The Week Ahead

- TUESDAY, JAN. 20**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens’ Commission meeting, 4 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Facilities Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JAN. 22**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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spill into the neighborhood and allowing the city to put up signs making it illegal to exit the parking lot onto South Renaud or Oxford.

Even with the changes, however, he lacked support from city council. After a first reading in August, Mayor Art Bryant and council members Todd McConaghy and Angela Coletti Brown voted in favor. Council members Vicki Granger, Kenn Gafa, Michael Koester and Jim Motschall were opposed.

Per city ordinance, if more than 20 percent of property owners within 100 feet of a site to be rezoned object to the change, council needs a super majority of five

votes, rather than a simple majority of four votes, to approve the change.

Buccellato withdrew that plan in early September and submitted a new one for a two-story, mixed-use structure that drew full support from council. The lower level still will include three retail spaces, while the upstairs will feature seven 1,000-square-foot, one-bedroom apartments.

“These are going to be luxury apartments with high-end finishes,” Buccellato said. “I’m thinking they will appeal to young professionals, people working at the hospital or those looking to downsize.”

Bryant said that feature is what led to the unanimous vote.

“He went along with what we’ve wanted for a

while,” he said. “The younger generation wants to be close to what they need; walk to the bank, walk to a restaurant.”

Bryant said city ordinances were changed several years ago to encourage such development.

“It can be two-story, like this, with retail on the first floor and residences on the second,” he said, “or three-story, with retail on the bottom, residences on the third floor and the second floor can be a mix.”

As part of the rezoning, Buccellato agreed to several conditions. The lower level can contain only one restaurant, no larger than 3,200 square feet, with hours limited to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. with no drive-thru. It can serve beer and wine, but

not hard liquor.

Buccellato said it would be what he termed a “quick serve” restaurant and used Potbelly as an example — a restaurant that offers sandwiches, soups and salads.

“I’m excited to have the city’s full support,” he said. “The city council and planning commission are really excited about mixed use and so are we.”

He also thanked all of the residents who spoke at public hearings.

“If not for their comments, this plan wouldn’t be as good as it is,” he said. “It’s much more robust.”

Buccellato said demolition of the current building will begin this summer and he hopes to be done with the new building within 18 months.



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His heart’s on the water

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

To Andy Hartz, she is always *the* woman. It’s a tale seemingly out of the Sherlock Holmes canon in which the great detective never met a female who matched the only woman to one-up him, Irene Adler.

With Hartz, the affinity encompasses a nearly lifelong passion for a female of another kind: a boat regretfully forsaken and, in recent years, a quest to reclaim the floating foil by which everything else of its nature is muted.

“Boats and the water have always been a big part of my life,” said Hartz, a nearly lifelong Pointer.

He grew up in the City and lives there now.

“I quit Little League when my dad bought my brother and I an old 16-foot Lyman lapstrake hull,” Hartz said.

They kept it at Neff Park. During Hartz’s sophomore year at Grosse Pointe South High School, the boat gave him a hard lesson about the need to take care of what you have.

“Somebody from the city called my dad to report the boat was sinking,” Hartz said. “My dad called the school to get me out of class.”

School officials don’t document such things, but it must stand as an atypical excuse for extraction.

“They came to me and said, ‘You’re boat’s sinking at the park,’” Hartz said. “It taught me to take care of something well. We got her buoyant, cleaned her up and everything was fine.”

The boat never had a name, but built a legacy in the brothers’ youth.

“One year we took it to (Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show) in Hessel, in the U.P.,” Hartz said.

Gussying up the boat required months of restoration.

“My brother and I took it to where my dad was working in East Detroit and put it on blocks for



winter and totally stripped it and took it up to the boat show,” Hartz said.

The show now is the largest nationally for antique craft.

There were rough times on Lake St. Clair, too.

“We broke the boat jumping freighter wakes,” Hartz said. “As my brother and I became larger individuals, we outgrew the boat quickly. Wooden boats are a little sensitive. We sold it. I’m currently on a quest to find that boat. It went up north. We made very specific repairs to it. If I ever find that hull, I’ll know exactly if it’s that old boat. I don’t know what I’d do with it if I found it, but it will be a fine retirement project.”

Messing around with boats led to Hartz beginning a career more than three decades ago with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The department is now known as the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

Hartz’s title is “District Supervisor, Water Resources Division, Wetlands Unit.” He works in the Warren office which oversees

activity in the counties of Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair.

His career path wasn’t linear.

“I didn’t quite know what I wanted to do,” he said. “I had some growing up to do.”

His interest in natural resources began to coalesce during a class at Eastern Michigan University.

“We went to a corn field in Canton,” Hartz said. “A guy dug a soil pit and pulled out old sea shells. I wondered, ‘What’s going on?’”

It had to do with the geology of the Great Lakes.

“The Great Lakes were much higher before the Ice Age,” Hartz said. “They came into the lake plain, which is basically Monroe, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties. It formed a bunch of beach ridges.”

Modern-day Canton was among areas submerged.

“I thought, ‘Wow, that’s kind of cool,’” Hartz said.

The trip prompted him to start studying streams, geology and wetlands.

“It brought me back to the lake,” he said. “It was a love of the outdoors, but certainly water-centric.”

Hartz’s job description specifies administering and enforcing natural resource laws.

“We educate before we regulate,” Hartz said. “One of our old directors used to say that.”

Understanding what’s best for the area’s water resources is a dynamic process. Everyone is always learning.

“Most people want to tread lightly in making improvements,” Hartz said. “We’re on a new push statewide on inland lakes to move away from steel breakwalls and hard-armoring of shorelines. We’ve learned a lot about that.”

The Canadian side of Lake St. Clair generally has a softer shoreline — natural materials, such as sand, to buffer wave energy — compared with the American side.

“There’s also way more fish over on the Canadian side,” Hartz said.

“The U.S. side has been hardened to protect property and roads,” Hartz said. “Look at Lakeshore Drive. If that lakeshore hadn’t been hardened, the road would have been moved back and back.”

Hardened shorelines allow more reflected wave energy.

“You’ve got way more turbulent water than otherwise,” Hartz said. “Habitat is lost. Much of the important habitat is



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Above, Andy Hartz, wearing a gray sweatshirt, at the wheel of his long-lost Lyman 16. On board are his brother, George, front seat, blue trunks holding a skateboard, and friends. Left, father and daughter, Andy and Allyson Hartz, at EGLE.

from the water’s edge out to 10 feet where biological production occurs. In Lake Superior, which is hundreds of feet deep, there is very little production in the lake. But Lake St. Clair, which is very shallow, is nutrient-rich and productive. The edge, from zero to 10 feet deep, is important for lake penetration and plant growth.”

Lake St. Clair’s lack of depth makes it a prime fishing spot.

“It’s shallow, like a pond between two rivers,” Hartz said. “It constantly gets flushed so the residence time (the time it takes for water to enter and leave the lake) isn’t much. Water swirls around Anchor Bay a little, but the flow from Lake Huron makes it world-class muskie and smallmouth bass fishing. Perch fishing is very good. Ducks come for the same reason.”

Shallow water allows for tremendous aquatic plant growth.

“You’ve got what people call weeds, but weeds are what keep fish, prey and predator fish around,” Hartz said. “Certain ducks eat various vegetation. Other ducks eat snails and things that attach to vegetation.”

Lake St. Clair’s dimensions and depth let different fish communities live in large numbers.

“Usually, in a smaller lake you can’t have muskies and perch together,” Hartz said.

“Then walleye, perch and down the line with what we call rough fish, or non-game fish, like catfish. The catfish get huge.”

All those fish suit Hartz fine.

“I fish and hunt the lake a lot,” Hartz said. “My daughter, Allyson, and I are avid fishermen and bird watchers along the lake in the Pointes.”

He said Lake St. Clair is an accessible fishery.

“You can go to Traverse City and get downriggers and equipment — fishing can be expensive and complicated,” he said. “Techniques can be tricky, but you can almost not know what you’re doing and catch a muskie in Lake St. Clair.”

Allyson shares something else with her father. She also works for EGLE. Her unit deals with dam safety.

“She reports to the state’s head dam safety engineer in Lansing,” Hartz said. “Obviously, she can’t work for me. That would be a conflict. She’s all over the place — Jackson County, Hillsdale County, Monroe County.”

He said veteran and younger employees of the department exchange knowledge for the betterment of both.

“After 34 years working for an environmental agency, the young people I’m hiring and training have helped open my eyes to things I may never have been aware of,” Hartz said.

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public safety department,” he said. “With a quality mix of youth, experience and desire to

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New PSO Luke Mitchell, left, stands with Park Director of Public Safety Jim Bostock.



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Grosse Pointe Farms

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A Farms woman reported five rings worth a total of \$22,000 were missing from her jewelry box after two delivery men delivered a mattress to her Kercheval home in December.

Student loan fraud

Two student loans totaling \$36,606 fraudulently were taken out in a Farms woman’s name in December. The woman has one legitimate loan in her name for her daughter, who is in college.

Intoxicated

After speeding past a patrol car on Mack at 9:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, a 38-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.12 percent.

Fender bender

An 18-year-old Park woman was stopped at a red light on Mack at 2:31 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, when a vehicle struck hers from behind. The driver, an unknown man, asked if she was OK, stated there was no damage and left the scene.

Suspended

A 31-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 10:57 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Sunday, Jan. 11, after driving along Mack without headlights after dark. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Scoping cars

Two strangers wearing ski masks are on the downhill run of life if they expect to keep getting away with breaking into parked cars. They were reported overnight Thursday, Jan. 8, in the 1100 block of Lakepointe. “(A) witness observed (the) suspects checking door handles and gain entry to a vehicle,” police said. “(The owner) was located. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.” Police described the pair as two males wearing ski masks.

Theft prevented

Intervention by a bank employee Thursday, Jan. 8, saved a Park resident from being ripped off of \$7,385.14 by an identity thief. “(The victim) reported (an) unknown person gained access to (the) bank account and attempted to deposit checks fraudulently,” according to police. “Checks were stopped

by the bank.” Tools stolen Numerous tools were stolen out of a work van parked 9 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in the 700 block of Grand Marias. The total value of the loss was estimated to be \$4,000. Taken were a Milwaukee brand RIDGID compact press tool kit consisting of a hammer drill, sawzall, sewer camera and sewer locator.

Converter cut off

It’s been a while since the last theft of a catalytic converter, but one was removed last week from a vehicle parked in the alley of the 1200 block of Lakepointe. The theft was reported at 11:52 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Police said the converter was worth \$300. Thieves often steal converters to be sold to scrap dealers.

Window broken

A passenger-side window of a Ford transit van was broken while parked curbside in the 1400 block of Kensington. Police logged the report at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. — Brad Lindberg Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety

Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunken driving

A 38-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving after an officer clocked his 2025 Ford F-150 driving 57 mph — more than twice the speed limit — on eastbound Vernier near Lakeshore around 11:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9. After failing several field sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test showed he had a blood alcohol content of 0.197.

Drunken driving Pt. 2

A 34-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving after an officer saw him stopped on northbound Lakeshore near Vernier with his door open as he searched for something under the rear of his 2008 Buick Lucerne around 1:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12. The man told officers he was looking for his spare set of car keys, which he keeps hidden on his vehicle. After failing several field sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test showed he had a blood alcohol content of 0.193. He also was ticketed for no registration, no insurance and impeding traffic.

—Ted O’Neil Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

City of Grosse Pointe

Fraudulent withdrawals

An unknown person gained access to a Grosse Pointe woman’s Bank of America account and withdrew \$23,000 between Tuesday, Dec. 16, and Friday, Dec. 19. An additional \$500 also was fraudulently withdrawn from her Coinbase account.

Catalytic converter theft

The catalytic converter was stolen from a 2004 Honda while it was parked at a local hospital between 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, and 6 p.m. the next day.

Just for kicks

A 37-year-old homeless

man was arrested for kicking the passenger-side quarter panel of a 2022 BMW parked in The Village, causing approximately \$1,400 of damage at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10.

Broken windows

The rear passenger-side windows were broken out of five cars parked on the street in the 16800 and 16900 blocks of St. Paul overnight into Sunday, Jan. 11. None of them appeared to be rummaged through or entered, as nothing was taken or missing. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch. —Ted O’Neil Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.



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Serina Schram, left, and Renee Renaud, Grosse Pointe Park’s new public safety dispatchers, are welcomed by Director of Public Safety Jim Bostock.

Experienced rookie joins Park

GROSSE POINTE PARK — At the public safety department, it starts with dispatchers. “Having good dispatchers is the foundation of a good public safety department,” Chief Jim Bostock said. Dispatchers are at the tip of the spear when communicating with the public and forwarding information to officers. “They are the ones who answer the 911 call, the non-emergency line and are usually the first person someone sees when they come into the public safety lobby,” Bostock said. “They are the ones that we count on to give us information when we are on a call.”

It pleased him, then, to announce two dispatchers among the department’s latest promotions and appointments. Serina Schram started the job part-time mid-2025. She completed the Oakland Dispatcher Academy curriculum in November, switched to full-time employment and finished her bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University this past year. “(She) worked in local customer service jobs here in the Park while putting herself through school,” Bostock said. Bostock also welcomed dispatcher Renee Renaud to the department. Although she’s new to

the city, she’s a veteran of the job. “Renee comes with over 20 years of customer service experience and began her career in Grosse Pointe Woods as a dispatcher,” Bostock said. She attended the Oakland Dispatcher Academy in November. “Renee will be training as a part-time dispatcher with a full-time role beginning the end of March to replace the retiring Jodi East,” Bostock said. Mayor Michele Hodges praised Schram and Renaud as “highly credentialed and competent people.” — Brad Lindberg

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I SAY By BMike Adzima

Unified basketball rivalry highlights what makes sports, community great



When we think of sports, most people think in terms of wins and losses or statistics. So much of what makes sports great, however, goes beyond just numbers and standings. What

makes a sport special is the impact it has on a community and how sometimes, moments in sports can bring everyone together. One perfect example of that is whenever the co-ed unified basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South meet on the court. For those who are not familiar, unified sports come from a partnership between Special Olympics Michigan and the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) to help provide opportunities for student-athletes of similar age and

ability to train and compete together. Any unified basketball game, but especially the ones between North and South, creates an amazing environment for everyone involved. Some of the best moments and most electric atmospheres I have witnessed during my time reporting on sports here in the Pointes have come from the North versus South unified basketball games. Students, teachers, parents and fans from around the community have done a great job in recognizing how much these games mean to the

athletes, coaches and volunteers who make them possible. Over the years, I have seen both North and South pack the bleachers with people cheering on the unified basketball teams. Not only are these games a showcase of how sports can bring a community together in support of something fun and meaningful, but they are almost always very exciting and competitive contests. Just a couple of years ago, North's unified team beat South on a buzzer-beater, causing the Norsemen fans to celebrate by storming the

court in South's gym. The halftime dance party, of course, is always a highlight. If you have not yet had the chance to see a unified basketball game for yourself, I highly encourage you to do so. The next chance is coming soon, with North hosting South at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15. I promise that going to see a game and witnessing how it brings the community together is something you will not regret. While the first installment of this year's unified basketball rivalry series between North and South

will be played at North, the second game will feature both teams on the biggest stage in Michigan. The Norsemen and Blue Devils will face off Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Unified Showcase at Little Caesars Arena. Fans who buy tickets will receive access to the showcase Feb. 25, as well as admission to the Detroit Pistons game March 31. Proceeds from the event will help support unified sports programs. To purchase tickets for South, visit Pistons.com/GPSUnified. For North, go to Pistons.com/GPNUnified.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

AUXILIARY POLICE WOMEN NEEDED: A call for auxiliary police women was issued Jan. 13, by the five Grosse Pointe police departments. The auxiliary police women would enlist in an Emergency Reserve Unit for specialized work in the event of a bombing attack. **SCHOOL STATISTICS SHOW ALL BUILDING RECORDS SHATTERED:** According to a report just completed by L. M. Bartlett, Director of Pupil Personnel for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, 1,426 permits for new dwelling units were issued by the various municipalities comprising the Grosse Pointe School District during the calendar year of 1950. This number of permits is an all-time high and exceeds the number issued in 1949 by 591, or 71 percent.

CITY UPS ANTE ON STRAY DOGS: The Grosse Pointe City Council took action Monday night to make it much rougher for owners of dogs that are allowed to roam. An ordinance was approved which raises the fine imposed on owners of wandering, unlicensed dogs from \$2 to \$5. It also becomes mandatory for the owner to purchase a license before the dog can be released.

1976

50 years ago this week

HS EXAM ISSUE RESOLVED: After years of debate between teachers, students and school administrators, the Board of Education resolved the issue of final examination procedures for high school seniors. The new policy, approved by a unanimous vote of the board, calls for all final exams to be weighted at one-seventh of the final grade in

either one year or one semester courses. **POLICE SGT. PARSONS MAKES DARING RESCUE OF POOPED PUPPY FROM LAKE:** Farms Police Sgt. Arnold Parsons has a friend. The new friend is a 20-pound, taffy-colored cockapoo that Sgt. Parsons rescued from the frigid waters of Lake St. Clair last Tuesday. He was on patrol when he monitored a call telling of a young dog floundering in the lake between Crescent Sail Yacht Club and the Harbor Hill property off Lakeshore. He stopped at his home and picked up a long-handled fishing net and proceeded to the rescue scene. Once there, he joined a crowd of about 100 persons watching the plight of the dog.

2001

25 years ago this week

POINTE DPW CHIEFS: PLEASE PASS THE SALT!: A misdi-

rected shipment of road salt last week triggered the latest edition of an all-for-one arrangement among the Grosse Pointes' departments of public works. Teamwork kicked in last week when one of the Park's salt suppliers mistakenly delivered a 103-ton shipment to the City. **FARMS ALLOW HOCKEY AT KERBY RINK:** For the first time the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department has set aside time specifically for the playing of hockey at the city rink at Kerby Field. Department director Richard Huhn said that in the past the Kerby rink didn't have any hockey times, but the sport was so popular that games sprung up anyway. By scheduling hockey, free skaters and hockey players can avoid conflicts. **ACADEMY SELECTS NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL:** The board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Academy unanimously selected Phil Demartini as its new

head of school after a nationwide search. For the past nine years Demartini has been the headmaster of St. Francis School, a preschool through eighth grade independent school in Goshen, Ky.

2016

10 years ago this week

DOG PARK PART OF MACK DEVELOPMENT: Whether you measure the timeline for a dog park to become a reality in human or dog years, either way, it's going to be a long time. That was the consensus of residents attending the Park council meeting Monday night after a vote by council to pursue the development of a dog park on city-owned property at Mack and Wayburn as part of a broader development project for the area. **O'BRIEN AT THE HELM FOR HISTORIC**

SOCIETY: Patricia O'Brien has been a part of the Grosse Pointe community for nearly 40 years. A Park resident and member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, O'Brien recently was named president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Following the untimely death of president Elizabeth "Penny" Soby last month, according to the society's bylaws, O'Brien, who was serving as vice president of administration, was next in line for the post. **SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE:** A home builder won permission this week to play through zoning restrictions on Country Club Drive, where construction is par for the course. Next up is replacing an unoccupied single-story house spanning a 220-foot, double-wide lot at 205 Country Club Drive, with two neighboring 1 1/2-story houses on separate lots 110 feet wide and 171 feet deep.

Farms man bound over on all charges

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following a preliminary examination hearing in municipal court last week, Farms resident Dwayne Howell, 51, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on all six charges brought against him for allegedly raping a 15-year-old

Detroit girl at his home in the 400 block of Belanger in late May 2025. The defendant was a friend of the victim's family and was asked to pick her up when she left school early the day of the alleged crime. The victim testified Howell made verbal

advances toward her during the car ride, commenting on her body, asking whether she liked older men and stating he secretly liked her. So she wouldn't be home alone, Howell later brought her to his Farms residence, where prosecutors and the victim say the

sexual assault occurred. Results of a sexual assault examination kit submitted in court as evidence show it is approximately 3.7 octillion times more likely the DNA orig-

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Denman's recent letter regarding WE GP. WE GP is a 501(c)(3) educational and advocacy organization, not involved in school board elections or school district politics. Our mission focuses on civil and human rights education through community programming, not electoral advocacy. We do not endorse candidates, contribute to campaigns or engage in partisan political activity. Ms. Denman's characterization of WE GP as "focusing on LGBT issues" and being "ideologically aligned with Black Lives Matter" fun-

damentally misrepresents our work. WE GP addresses a broad spectrum of civil rights issues, including healthcare, voting rights, environmental justice, immigrant rights, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, racial justice and disability rights, through educational programming and community building. Our work over nearly 10 years includes hosting the annual GP Pride March (supported by dozens of local businesses and several churches), organizing the 2017 candlelight vigil at The War Memorial in response to Charlottesville that drew an overflow crowd, partnering with The War

Memorial and Ford House on diversity dialogue panels and events, and facilitating conversations that bring neighbors together across differences. As a 501(c)(3) organization, WE GP files postcard tax returns as permitted for smaller nonprofits, with our financial information publicly available through the IRS. We operate with the transparency required of all tax-exempt organizations. We welcome community members who share our commitment to inclusion and civil rights to learn more about our actual work. SHANNON BYRNE Grosse Pointe Farms

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discussions behind the scenes that went on, with even donors as well, to come up with that.”

Of its current membership, about 72 of The Helm’s 500 to 600 members reside outside the five millage communities.

“Our mission is to serve the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods,” Siddall said, “however, we never have wanted to be exclusive to the communities that surround us. So we’ve always had a way for those communities to participate with us.

“The thing I like about this model is, yes, there is a cost if you’re not a millage-paying community, which I think is equitable and fair because the millage communities are contributing. The \$180 can be for you or you and a spouse. I think it’s a reasonable amount and it was adjusted based on what today’s cost of living is. That being said, we still are inclusive of our other communities and offer them the opportunity to participate with us by paying the membership.”

Grosse Pointe Shores residents in November 2024, voted down the millage, which would have cost them about \$126

annually, based on property values.

Taxpayers in millage-paying communities are annually contributing around \$16 in Harper Woods; \$42 in Grosse Pointe Woods; \$64.70 in the City; \$65 in the Park; and \$82 in the Farms.

“We’ve expanded a lot of our offerings with programming,” Siddall noted. “We’ve expanded a lot of our essential services and we’re excited to expand even more when we look at this Adult Day Program in the coming year as well.”

Alongside the membership cost changes, membership now is required for most of The Helm’s programming. Previously, there were various fee structures for member and non-member registration.

“It’s been consolidated and cleaned up quite a bit,” Siddall said, “so although we’re requiring membership, there’s only one fee for some classes and then some classes are completely free, like our Wayne County Community College classes.”

The Helm also has transitioned from a rolling membership to memberships beginning Jan. 1, and ending Dec. 31, which will aid accurate data tracking.

Police link to school security video

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Municipal leaders did their part this week for schoolsafety.

They signed a multi-jurisdictional agreement with public school counterparts to monitor district security videos during times of trouble.

“It gives us advance eyes on a situation or potential situation so we can give good intelligence to officers responding to the scene,” Chief Jim Bostock said.

A united city council Jan. 12 endorsed a joint memorandum of understanding letting public safety personnel tap into

the school system’s live video streaming network during emergencies.

Conditions triggering access fill high-tier nightmare scenarios. Examples include but aren’t limited to active assailants, kidnappings, bomb threats and building lockdowns.

Monitoring during lesser threats requires verbal approval from the school superintendent or comparable person.

The agreement isn’t intended to let police snoop vicariously in and around school facilities.

“All access would be limited to authorized and trained public service personnel and would be guided by this agreement

as well as department directives,” Bostock said. “Access is also compliant with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.”

Bostock said terms were reached in cooperation with school Superintendent Andrea Tuttle.

“Director Bostock and the other (Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods) chiefs have been working collaboratively with the Grosse Pointe Public School System on this much-needed understanding,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Councilman Max Wiener characterized the understanding as giving police “better tools.”

Scoping out emergencies on video gives officers a leg up on what they might be getting themselves into.

“This access would allow the department to have real-time intelligence and incident identification prior to officers arriving on scene,” Bostock said.

“The purpose of this agreement is to establish a clear framework between the district and department to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all members of the school community,” according to the 12-page memo of understanding.

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inated from Howell than if it originated from an unrelated, unknown contributor.

Howell’s retained attorney, Mohammed Nasser, previously entered a not guilty plea on his client’s behalf.

During the close of the preliminary exam in

Farms court Wednesday, Jan. 7, Nasser said he objected to his client being bound over and did not give any further argument.

Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback bound over Howell on two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct — each carrying a possible life sentence — two counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct

regarding a person 13 to 15 years old, one count of accosting a minor for immoral purposes and one count of resisting or refusing to provide samples for DNA profiling.

Howell remains in custody, as Berschback previously set his bond at \$200,000 cash surety, no 10 percent.

At the time of the alleged crime, Howell was out on bond for a separate

criminal court case through which he’s proceeding, with charges including assault with intent to murder and felony firearm, which allegedly took place in Harper Woods in 2021.

Howell was scheduled for an arraignment on the information hearing for the Farms case in Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday, Jan. 14, after press time.

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to withdraw the proposal, which they ultimately did.

Mayor Pro Tem Neil Sroka was the lone voice advocating for a ‘yes’ vote.

“If we say no to this child care facility, we’re not preserving something sacred; we’re likely just opening the door to another commercial use that may or may not meet an urgent community need,” he said. “... The truth is, there aren’t easy options here. If we say no, we’re likely saying no for a very long time.”

The one point with which everyone in the room could agree is the dire and expansive need for child care options in the Grosse Pointes.

“When we moved here, everyone said Grosse Pointe is an amazing place for families,” said Emily Kiggins, a local mother, “and I wholeheartedly agree with that, but I think there’s a caveat — once your child is in elementary school. For the first five years, it is really tough to find the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Rite Aid at 107 Kercheval on The Hill closed its doors July 28, 2024. A proposal to repurpose it into a child care center was not well-received by city council.

community resources you need to fully support that family.”

As presented by the developers, there are 2,297 children from birth to age 4 in the Grosse Pointes. At the same time, there currently is one existing licensed child care center with an 83-seat capacity.

“Your demand ratio is

worse than almost anywhere we’ve seen,” Fenton said, stating there are 50 times more child-care-aged children than there are licensed seats.

The proposed child care center would have brought 179 spaces for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old, which even still would leave the communities underserved

with a ratio of 10 times the demand.

The problem with the proposal, according to those in objection, lay almost entirely with the location.

Council members cited a number of related concerns spanning traffic and pedestrian safety along the St. James Way alley; parking congestion in the lot behind The Hill; proximity to businesses serving alcohol; daycare as an unpermitted use in the business district; and incompatibility with the city’s master plan, which lists goals for The Hill as a diversified retail and dining destination.

“An early education daycare center is contrary to the intended character of The Hill district and is incompatible with the goals of diversified retail and dining establishments,” Councilman Lev Wood said. “The land use is inconsistent with the city’s master plan and is not an approved land use. If we were to pass this preliminary site plan tonight, we’d have to do a use variance and I’m very concerned that we’d be able to pass that because it’s a very, very strict situation.”

When the proposal was tabled in November, it was said to have been done to allow the city time for a traffic study to be conducted on the impact at drop-off and pick-up times, as well as to receive clarification from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission on whether it is allowable to place a child care center within a social district with open intoxicants on the street.

Neither have been done.

“I need, in order to make a good judgment here, a third-party engineering study to study the turning movements at that particular (McMillan) intersection and then also study the traffic flow in the (municipal) lot itself,” Wood said.

The public safety department did supply a graph measuring how many vehicles parked within the municipal lot through a given week.

The lot has approximately 220 parking spaces. The highest volume of cars recorded between 7 and 9 a.m. was 53, while the highest volume of cars recorded between 4 and 6 p.m was 115.

Fenton further made the argument that the impact of a child care center would be far less than a restaurant or any other social use.

“Just purely on volume of cars, with the Rite Aid that was there, your average drug store has 500 to 2,000 or 3,000 visitors per day,” he said, “so if you compare that to an early education facility that has 179 children — and 25 teachers parking in the (Henry Ford) parking garage, not in the parking lot — this is going to be your lowest impact on traffic and parking.”

His colleague, Bradford Egan, added, “And there’s also the opportunity that a parent may have two children that they’re going to drop off for daycare, so that would lower the amount of traffic impact

even further.”

The applicants emphasized they have looked elsewhere and are unable to find another option.

“Grosse Pointe is expensive; there’s no way around that,” Fenton said. “So where else can I find a 15,000-square-foot building at a price point that works where we’re not charging \$1,000 a week for a kid? It does not exist.”

He listed looking into locations including a former AAA building, which was too small and too expensive; a medical office building at 2160 Mack, which was too expensive and wouldn’t fit an outdoor play area; JOANN Fabrics, which the city recently purchased for its own use; and multiple buildings in St. Clair Shores, though the desire is to place a center in Grosse Pointe.

“We have also approached Trombly School and there was no reception at all to selling that property,” Egan noted.

Prior to the proposal’s withdrawal, council also took issue with the lack of representation from N Family Schools, a company based in the United Kingdom, itself.

“There’s no doubt that there’s a need for this,” Mayor John Gillooly said. “Here’s my problem and this will influence my vote: We have not had the benefit of any representative of the owner of N Family School here. That’s extremely unusual. I think it’s unheard of. To me it’s fatal. I want to know who the owner of the building is, quite frankly. I want to look him in the eye and ask him some questions.

“The inability of them to be here either by Zoom or to have submitted a written letter or to have appeared at that podium — I understand they’re in the United Kingdom — but they should have been here if that’s their first venture into early education in the United States.”

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Hearing held to dismiss lawsuit by former GPPSS employee

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — A federal judge will decide if a lawsuit filed by a former employee of the Grosse Pointe Public School System against the district and four board of education members will be dismissed or move forward after an hour-long hearing last Wednesday.

Mary Anne Brush, a reporter for the Grosse Pointe News from June 2015 to December 2020, filed the suit in June 2024, in U.S. District Court claiming her termination from the district violated her constitutional rights.

Aside from GPPSS, the suit names current board members Sean Cotton and Ginny Jeup, along with former board members Ahmed Ismail and Lisa Papas. They filed motions to dismiss the case, which brought about the hearing. Cotton owns the Grosse Pointe News.

The suit claims Brush was terminated from GPPSS “because of her political affiliations and associations with people who politically opposed the ultra-conservative political views held by the majority” of the board.

Brush’s role as the district’s communications coordinator was cut in June 2023, when the board approved the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.

During the hearing, attorney Kenneth Chapie, representing Cotton, and attorney John Kava, representing the rest of the defendants, argued Brush’s position was eliminated due to necessary budget cuts that included a \$4.5 million reduction in spending.

“There were 48 positions eliminated and the (proposed) budget went through five rounds (of discussion) before it got to her,” Chapie said. “The other communications position was left and hers was not filled. It was a luxury position created

due to COVID.”

Attorney Danielle Canepa, representing Brush, argued most of the positions that were cut were roles left unfilled due to retirements and resignations.

“There are a number of questions as to how this position was selected to be eliminated, which is why we think discovery is needed,” she continued. “It is plausible they eliminated her for her investigative journalism and community activism.”

That was in reference to one of the claims in Brush’s suit that she lost her job with the district as “retaliation” for her work as education reporter at the Grosse Pointe News before Cotton bought it.

That stems back to 2019, when Brush said she was “investigating” the Cotton family with the belief it was behind a recall effort against three board members for the decision to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools.

Cotton, in a statement

to the Grosse Pointe News, at the time that he also posted on social media and said he was not speaking on behalf of the board, called the suit “lawfare.”

“The only conclusion that can be drawn is that this is to impact the (2024) November elections for the board of education. The weaponizing of our court system by those that are not happy with the results of fair elections. I had no idea that she was investigating anything that had to do with my family or me. I did not buy the Grosse Pointe News because of Mary Anne Brush.”

Cotton at the time also said it was then-Superintendent Jon Dean who decided to terminate Brush’s position instead of the other employee in the department.

“The budget cuts were not passed to fire Mary Anne Brush, nor did the board vote to fire Mary Anne Brush,” he said. “Her position was eliminated by the superintendent.”

Canepa went on to tell Judge F. Kay Behm that discovery was “essential to find the definitive motivation” behind Brush’s elimination.

When Behm asked if Canepa had proof the defendants were aware of Brush’s politics, she claimed Cotton “fired her twice,” and that Papas instructed her son to have Brush removed from a political event.

When Cotton bought the Grosse Pointe News, it was placed under the umbrella of a new company. All employees of the previous company had to apply for a job with the new company. Some were hired and some were not.

As for Ismail and Jeup, Canepa said they “aided and abetted” Cotton and Papas by voting for the budget in June 2023 that eliminated Brush’s position. She added there were public comments at that meeting that were critical of the decision and said it was political

retaliation.

Kava, however, said discussions about eliminating the position began in May, before those comments were made.

“There’s no clear distinction that they knew her politics,” he said. “There’s no basis in fact.”

He added the four are protected by “legislative immunity” because they were acting as a legislative body when they voted on the budget.

Behm did not indicate when she would issue her ruling.

The suit, while not indicating a monetary amount, seeks the following relief:

- ◆ an order of the court awarding Brush compensatory and punitive damages for the willful violation of her constitutional rights,
- ◆ an order of the court awarding Brush actual and reasonable attorney fees and litigation costs
- ◆ and an order of the court awarding Brush such relief as the court deems appropriate.

North, South celebrate successful Adopt-A-Family holiday program

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools recently announced the success of their 2025 Adopt-A-Family holiday program, providing gifts, food and essential household items to families in need throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System community.

Together, the schools supported more than 55 families and nearly 130 children in 2025, fulfilling individualized wish lists and providing holiday necessities for families across the district.

The South initiative was led by student government chairpersons

Elle Petz, Lauren Cole, Millie Vollmer and Kate Kalmink, who guided the program from planning through distribution. Working closely with advisor Meg Pierce, the leadership team coordinated a school-wide gift-giving effort, engaging students, homerooms, school departments and community partners.

Homerooms, academic departments and athletic teams “adopted” families, purchasing gifts and wish-list items, including big-ticket surprises such as bicycles. Many groups went above and beyond. South’s student government even adopted addi-

tional families not originally assigned.

Each family also received a themed family bag, supported by South’s student government and community partners, including South Food & Pastries, South Medical Club, Blanketed With Love, Metropolitan Bakery, Randazzo’s Fruit Market, Velvet Peanut Butter, Diane Zedan, Pat Painter, Melissa Petz and Meg Pierce. Family bags included pantry staples, toiletries, snacks, homemade cookies and a Kroger gift card.

South participants

raised more than \$12,000 in donations to support the effort, distributing more than \$13,500 in gifts and essentials to 69 children across the district’s north-end community.

“This year’s chairpeople worked tirelessly and demonstrated leadership beyond their years,” Pierce said. “Their compassion, organization and persistence made this year’s program one

of our strongest yet.”

Under the direction of student association advisor Jonathan Byrne, North engaged students and staff in similar efforts, supporting 30 families and 65 students, with North’s student association spending nearly \$4,000 toward holiday support, in addition to individual classroom donations.

North families received a variety of

handmade gifts and food contributions, including homemade blankets from WILLOW Club, soup and cookie mix jars from North’s National Honor Society, hand-sewn stockings from FCE classes, plates of cookies prepared by culinary arts students and Kroger gift cards and fresh fruit.

Students and teachers

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VIDEO:

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Throughout the document are itemized public rights and protections of privacy, such as:

- ◆ “This agreement pertains only to temporary livestream access of district video camera systems by designated law enforcement agencies during specific, limited and defined emergency situations.”
- ◆ “The system does not permit recording, downloading, exporting or continuous monitoring

by law enforcement. ... Access situations automatically timeout after 60 minutes unless reauthorized. The officer must terminate the connection immediately once the emergency ends.”

- ◆ “Facial recognition, biometric identification or analytics technology are strictly forbidden.”
- ◆ “Non-emergency access (to investigate past crimes, for instance) requires a subpoena, warrant or written district consent consistent with applicable law.”
- ◆ “The department shall not make or main-

tain recordings from the access it is provided to the district’s video camera systems during emergency situations.”

- ◆ “Recorded footage will be released only in response to a lawful court order, subpoena or warrant.”
- ◆ “The district may revoke the department’s ability to remotely access the district’s video camera system at any time and for any reason.”

Implementing the agreement required all parties to obtain up to \$5 million in various insurance coverage.

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Woods spa recognized among best in county

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Aretée Day Spa was named one of the top 10 day spas in Wayne County for 2025 by BusinessRate, a company that ranks businesses using several metrics including Google reviews regarding volume and sentiment analysis and competitive benchmarking against competitors. “It was so organic and unexpected,” owner Olga Tecos said. “It’s nice to be recognized.” The letter the spa received announcing the award, “Congratulations on this outstanding achievement — earned not by application or nomination, but by the authentic feedback of your own customers.” Tecos, who has been in

the business 45 years, said it’s the clientele that drives things. “We have clients who have been with us for decades,” she said. “They started bringing their kids here and now they’re bringing their grandkids in for their first haircut.” While Aretée is heading into its 20th year, Tecos also owned La Moda for 33 years before closing it during the pandemic. “We used to do the hair over there and the massages and such here,” she said. “Now we do everything under one roof.” One of Aretée’s more popular features before the pandemic was spa parties, both for women and young girls’ birthday parties. “After COVID people weren’t getting together as much, but those are starting to make a come-



COURTESY PHOTO

Spa parties at Aretée Day Spa are a popular group activity.

back,” Tecos said. “It’s very laid-back and quiet. They can bring in their own food or we can cater it for them.” The parties feature massages, facials, manicures and pedicures.

Half-day, full-day and ultimate-day packages include the same, along with things like hot towel massages and a hot-oil manicure with paraffin dip. There are similar packages available for

men and each includes a lunch option. “We have a very large male clientele,” Tecos said. “Most of them come in for haircuts, but they also get massages. The girls will ask what’s both-

ering them as far as if it’s a backache or stiff shoulders or whatnot.” The spa also has held art classes in the past to raise money for various charities. “We like to think outside the box and get involved in the community,” Tecos said. “When you do good, it comes back to you tenfold.” Tecos added that her staff of 14 deserves all of the credit for the award. “I’ve traveled with my husband on business trips and have gone to spas in places like Singapore and Paris,” she said, “and I feel so confident in my girls. They are second to none.” Aretée is located at 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit aretee-michigan-spa.com or call (313) 423-0087 for more information.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Culver’s opened in the old Comerica Bank space in December.

Culver’s now open on Mack

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Eric Matoy opened his first Culver’s location near his home in Washington Township two years ago, since he was spending plenty of time at the eatery anyway. “We’re a family of five and it’s literally the only place that all five of us could go that everyone was really happy with,” he said, recalling the family would end up at Culver’s several times a week. “Folks with kids understand if the kids aren’t happy, the parents aren’t happy. We could eat in a restaurant, we could make it at home, we could get takeout — and somebody was unhappy. So we’d go to Culver’s many times a week.” He, at the time, was looking to exit a 20-year career in the automotive industry over frustrations that he was being prevented from properly taking care of his team. When trying to implement employee-retaining measures, “I was told I didn’t know how to run a company,” Matoy said, “so I said, ‘Thank you very much. I’ll start my own.’” The trajectory toward Culver’s started as a joke. “While hanging out with some friends of mine, we joked we should sell chicken tenders and ice cream,” Matoy said. “And then my wife suggested Culver’s because we go there all the time. I laughed, because I didn’t know anything about a restaurant. “But I had a bad day at work and I applied. ... In the

end, we decided to do business with each other and here we are. I went from a job I didn’t enjoy to something I truly like every day.” Matoy opened his second location at 18845 Mack, at the corner of Hillcrest, in the old Comerica Bank building, in December. The quiet soft opening without much fanfare was intentional, he said, in an attempt to give his team a chance to get their feet under them, but not entirely successful, as it still was a struggle to keep up with the immediate demand. His decision to open a second location, again, was driven by his children. “I have three kids,” Matoy said, “and the original plan is that there’s one for each of them.” The proximity to Grosse Pointe was chosen because of friends who live in the area and

his daughter, who plays for the St. Clair Shores Saints as a goalie on the boys team. “Because of the ties to this area, that’s why the second one is down here,” said Matoy, who now has a 45-minute commute to work. The fast casual diner is known for its custard and ButterBurgers, which, alongside all Culver’s offerings, are cooked fresh and made to order. “Our chicken takes over five minutes to cook,” Matoy said. “So if you order a crispy chicken sandwich, it’s going to take a few minutes to get it. ... And if you want a deluxe with no tomato, it’s not a problem because we haven’t made it yet anyway. It’s all built just for you.” The location is open for dine-in, drive-thru and online orders and delivery. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

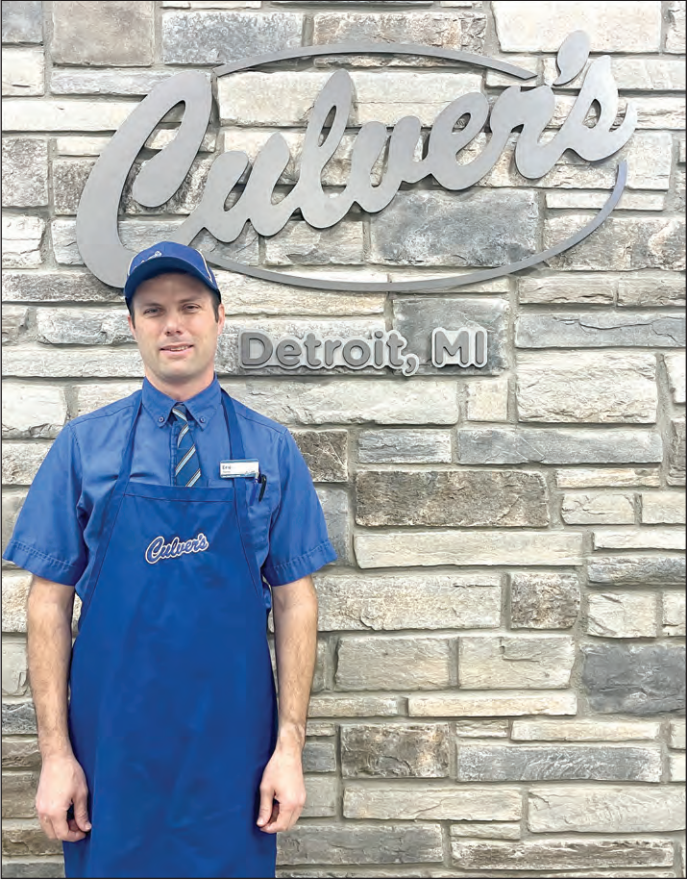


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Eric Matoy is the owner and operator of the new Culver’s location at Mack and Hillcrest.

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embraced the program enthusiastically and families expressed appreciation through calls, texts and emails; some even pledging to return the generosity when they are able.

Adopt-A-Family has been a North tradition since the early 1970s, established by founding student association adviser Don Dungan. North and South united their efforts in 2013, building a collaborative commitment to serve families from nearly every school in

the district. “I am utterly impressed by the outstanding commitment of our Adopt-A-Family leadership teams,” South Principal Cindy Parravano said. “They demonstrated empathy, dedication and made a powerful difference for families this holiday season.”

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“Almost, Maine” scene partners, from left, include Wyatt Setty and Cara Motzkus; Tim Stone and Rebekah Ryan; and Wyatt Setty and Cara Motzkus.

Love, loss explored in ‘Almost, Maine’

GT’s Purdon Studio Theatre production runs Jan. 30 to Feb. 8

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Six actors will take audiences through nine vignettes of “quiet magic” as Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Purdon Studio Theatre performs, “Almost, Maine.”

The black-box production takes place Fridays through Sundays, Jan. 30 to Feb. 8, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Set in a remote, snow-covered town where love seems to hover just out of reach, “Almost, Maine” unfolds through tender, humorous moments that capture ordinary people navigating extraordinary feelings — new love, lost love, hope, heartbreak and the courage it takes to be vulnerable.

“It’s a series of nine vignettes that all take place at the exact same time, the same day in the fictional town of Almost, Maine,” said director Kevin Fitzhenry, a long-time Grosse Pointe Theatre member. “It’s different love stories, about love and loss and discovering who you are. Nine couples are in various stages of love; they could be getting together or breaking up.”

He said the production, “celebrates the quiet, imperfect, deeply human moments of connection that we don’t always stop to notice. It’s a play about love in all its forms — new, awkward, hopeful, broken and rediscovered — and it treats those moments with honesty and humor rather than cynicism.”

“Almost, Maine” is

familiar to Fitzhenry, who directed it at De La Salle Collegiate High School, where he serves as director of marketing and communications.

“It was our first show back post-COVID,” he said. “It’s a show I was intently familiar with. They needed someone to step in and direct and I was more than happy to do so.”

The production, he said, is one of the most widely produced plays in the world, because of its small cast and the flexibility with casting.

“It originally was written for four characters,” he said. “We’ve got six. Everybody gets to do three scenes.”

The characters resonate because of their authenticity.

“They aren’t heightened caricatures,”

Fitzhenry said. “They’re people who struggle to say the right thing, who misunderstand one another, who want to be loved but aren’t always sure how to ask for it. Audiences see themselves, their friends or their past relationships reflected onstage, which creates a powerful connection.”

The small cast — just two people take the stage per scene — is perfect for a black-box production, which strips away the glitz of a main-stage production and focuses on actor-driven performances.

“It’s an intimate show,” Fitzhenry said. “It lends itself to the nature of the Purdon Studio.”

The show is a seasonal fit as well.

“It takes place in northern Maine,” he said.

“Some of the scenes are outside in the cold, snow and ice.

“It really is a nice, simple, sweet story,” he continued. “... It’s a very relatable show, too. Anyone who’s experienced love and loss can relate to these characters.”

The cast includes Colin Martin, Bronwen Mischel, Cara Motzkus, Rebekah Ryan, Wyatt Setty and Tim Stone.

In addition to directing, Fitzhenry is the sound and set designer. The show is produced by Kathleen Lusk. Erin Getzi is the stage manager and costume designer, while Eric Leszczynski will handle lighting.

“The play reminds us that love doesn’t arrive perfectly packaged,” Fitzhenry said, “and that

The details

What: Purdon Studio Theatre’s “Almost, Maine”
Where: Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms
When:
♦ 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31
♦ 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1
♦ 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7
♦ 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8
How: For tickets and information, visit gpt.org/pst.

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Scene partners, from left, include Colin Martin and Bronwen Mischel; Tim Stone and Cara Motzkus; and Wyatt Setty and Colin Martin.



Scene partners, from left, include Tim Stone and Bronwen Mischel; Rebekah Ryan and Colin Martin; and Bronwen Mischel and Wyatt Setty.

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Junior League of Detroit’s 313 Reserve is March 13

The Junior League of Detroit will host 313 Reserve — an elevated wine, bourbon and cigar tasting experience — from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Roostertail, followed by an exclusive VIP afterglow from 10 to 11:30 p.m. at Flyleaf, 92 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Designed as a celebra-

tion of Detroit style, community and philanthropy, 313 Reserve will feature curated tastings, entertainment and Detroit-inspired hospitality, including special guest appearances from Detroit Lions legend Robert Porcher, who will join guests during the VIP experience.

“313 Reserve gives Detroiters a beautiful

way to connect, celebrate and support meaningful work across our city,” said Sandra Davis, JLD president. “The funds raised directly support women, families and neighborhoods — and that remains at the heart of our mission.”

One of JLD’s signature fundraising initiatives, 313 Reserve brings

together civic leaders, philanthropists, young professionals and community partners to support programs that advance women’s leadership and strengthen neighborhoods across Detroit.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, Jan. 15, online at detroit.jl.org.

VIP tickets are \$100, and include the full tast-

ing experience, meet-and-greet with sponsors and special guests, interaction with Detroit sports personalities and access to the Flyleaf VIP afterglow. There are only 100 VIP tickets available.

General admission tickets are \$75, and include tastings, entertainment and the full 313 Reserve experience, but not the afterglow.

Tickets purchased at the door of the event, if any are available, are subject to an additional \$10 fee.

Funds raised through 313 Reserve support scholarships for young women, community assistance grants and partnerships and service initiatives benefiting Detroit neighborhoods.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, PSO Luke Mitchell, PSO Emily McGrath, Sgt. Stephen Thiel, PSO Seth Herbert and Lt. Colin Connaire stand with the food that was donated on New Year’s Eve.

Special delivery

Since 2016, residents of Grosse Pointe Park have been bringing meals to the Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers on duty Christmas Eve, Christmas morning, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s morning.

Beth Kurta, the Park resident who started the act of kindness, said it

has become one of her favorite holiday traditions and she is grateful for those who have made it part of their family tradition as well.

The officers said they appreciate the food the community brings for them.

“It was wonderful to have a home-cooked

meal for the men and women who couldn’t be home with their families over the holiday,” said Lt. Colin Connaire, a 22-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. “We are very lucky to work in this kind and supportive community.”

— Renee Landuyt

Red Cross: Help prevent a winter blood shortage

The American Red Cross is teetering on a blood shortage this winter, which could lead to a disruption in lifesaving care. Donors are urged to make an appointment now.

The Red Cross blood supply is under pressure after a busy holiday season coupled with winter weather made it even tougher to ensure hospitals have the blood products needed for critical care. Without immediate action, doctors may have to make difficult decisions about which patients receive blood transfusions and who will need to wait. Donors with types O, A negative and B negative blood are especially needed.

Those who give now through Jan. 25 will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LX in February in Santa Clara, Calif. This marks the seventh year the Red Cross and National Football League are partnering for National Blood Donor Month in January and urge people to kick off 2026 with a blood donation.

The winner of the Super Bowl LX tickets and their guest will enjoy access to pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare to California, three-night hotel accommodations, plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For more details, visit redcrossblood.org/superbowl.

A Michigan blood donor won the tickets to the 2022 Super Bowl.

Donors can give blood at Red Cross blood drives or Red Cross blood donation centers in Michigan for a chance to win the Super Bowl tickets.

An appointment for a whole blood donation lasts about one hour, though the actual donation takes eight to 10 minutes. Donors may donate every 56 days — up six times a year. An appointment for a platelet donation takes about two hours. Platelet donors can give every seven days — up to 24 times a year.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, membership in The Helm is waived for people living in Harper Woods, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods. Residents of non-senior service millage communities must pay a \$180 per household membership fee to The Helm to use its services and participate in programming. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

- ◆ Health for Her at The Helm: Understanding the Epidemic of Childhood Illiteracy, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21.
- ◆ Guitar for Beginners, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 22, with Stuart Benbow.
- ◆ Out to Lunch Bunch: Shogun Restaurant in St. Clair Shores, noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Attendees are responsible for the cost of their own lunch. Bus transportation costs \$8.
- ◆ The movie “Enola Holmes” is shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Cost is \$4 and includes snacks.
- ◆ Body Alignment, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 26, with Gwendolyn J. Scales.
- ◆ Awesome Abs, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 26, with Gwendolyn J. Scales.
- ◆ Sing Your Way to Health and Happiness, 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 26, with Anita Green.
- ◆ Canasta, noon to 4 p.m. Mondays.
- ◆ Wise Guys Conversation Group, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays.
- ◆ Texas Hold ‘em Poker, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.
- ◆ Knitting for Charity, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Pinochle Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Crafting for Charity, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.
- ◆ Mahjong Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays.
- ◆ Bingo and Treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
- ◆ Ping-Pong Group, 3 to 5 p.m. Fridays.
- ◆ New Games at The Helm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays

- and Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ◆ Brave Belle’s Book Club, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 101 Teas to Steep Before You Die, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Non-Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ High School Exam Study, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Additional study sessions at Central are planned noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20 and 21; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22.
- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: Squirrel Appreciation Day, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ “Under the Cover of War: The Holocaust and WWII,” 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at

Library

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

- ◆ Funny Acting Comedy Workshop, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Blood drives: The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
 - ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile, Roseville.
 - ◆ 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 - ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
 - ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Blood drives

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit warmemorial.org.

- ◆ Puzzle Palooza, 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15. Costs vary.
- ◆ Traveling Acupuncturist Pop-Up, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.
- ◆ VetConnect Seminar Series: Support for Those Who Served, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22.
- ◆ Heroes’ Movement gala, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Tickets are \$125.
- ◆ Tea and Treasures: A Toast to America at 250 with Detroit Opera, 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Ticket prices vary.
- ◆ Vet-to-Vet, 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5.
- ◆ War Memorial History Tour, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

POST Detroit

POST Detroit, 14500 Kercheval, Detroit, hosts several workshops during January. To sign up for the following, visit mutualadoration.com:

- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Puff Pipes, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Match Striker Set, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 17 and 24. Cost is \$125.
- ◆ Therapeutic Art Workshop: Neurographic Art Making, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Make a Goo with Melissa Dettloff, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21 and 28. Cost is \$100.

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Chamber kicks off new year with annual awards breakfast

New programming in store for 2026

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Applications still are being accepted for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s Young Entrepreneur Scholarships and Small Business Awards, both of which will be presented during the chamber’s annual breakfast and awards, which take place 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“This event is important to get people re-engaged after the new year by coming together to celebrate the community and meeting new people,” said Abigail Barroso, the chamber’s director of engagement. “It’s important to reinvest in the community. That’s the whole mission of the chamber. Through these scholarships and grants, we’re giving back and celebrating our members, who are important to us. That’s what we’re all about.”

Through its Young Entrepreneur Scholarship, the chamber hopes to award high

school juniors or seniors who are interested in starting or furthering a business.

“Anyone who has a business established, whether it’s babysitting or lawn care, or if they have a vision to develop a business or an app that will make a difference in the community, they can share about it in a two-minute commercial-format video,” Barroso said.

Applicants have until Wednesday, Jan. 21, to submit a written application, business plan and promotional video. Details may be found at grossepointechamber.com.

Winners are selected by chamber board members.

This is the fourth year the chamber has presented scholarships for young entrepreneurs. Last year, seven students applied and three were awarded.

A similar application process is required for Small Business Awards.

“They submit a short application to tell us about their business, how long they’ve been in business, what they do,”

Barroso said. “And they submit a video submission about why they’re looking for additional funding.”

Applications for the grants are due Wednesday, Jan. 21. More details may be found on the chamber’s website.

During the breakfast, each applicant will share with attendees about their business and how they hope to use the additional funding.

“Then the audience chooses which member business has shown they’re most deserving of the grant money,” Barroso said.

This is the third year for the small business grants. Last year, all five small business applicants received grants.

Funds for the scholarships and grants are provided by the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, which raises money throughout the year with fundraisers, including Legacy on the Lake and Community Impact Day, as well as through donations.

All are welcome to attend the event, during

which the chamber will announce new programs and member benefits for 2026, as well as distribute its 2026 membership directories.

Presenting sponsors are Corewell Health and Nancy and Sean Cotton. Gold sponsor is Ford House. Silver sponsors are iCryo, FranNet, Everingham Law Office, Citizens Bank and M.Le Nails Spa Lash. The hosting sponsor is The War Memorial.

Additional sponsorships are welcome.

Tickets to the breakfast are available until the week before the event and may be purchased online at grossepointechamber.com or by calling (313) 881-4722.

More in store

During its annual breakfast and awards, the chamber will introduce new programming for the year, as well as highlight some annual favorites.

“There’s been a lot of demand for training members with marketing and tools for social media management and for using AI, so we’ll be

offering those trainings in our boot camps this year,” Barroso said.

Boot camp dates are to be determined.

Another much-anticipated program the chamber will implement this year is called Proxi.

“It’s a mapping program, using Google Maps, but we’ll put our members in it, so people can check in when they’re visiting a business,” Barroso said.

Tying the program in with the country’s 250th birthday, the chamber will encourage users to visit 250 member businesses this year, she added.

“They just create an account and then mark the places they visit,” she continued. “This will be great when we have Restaurant Week.”

Another tie-in to America 250 will occur with the chamber’s second annual Community Impact Day, slated for May 13, during which volunteers perform acts of service, from gardening to house painting to picking up trash.

“Our goal is to get 250 volunteers,” Barroso said.

Companies, organizations, nonprofits and oth-

ers in need of assistance are encouraged to submit their projects to the chamber.

Other 2026 events include:

- ◆ Restaurant Week: A Taste of America — March 1 to 7
- ◆ Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast — May 7
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Art Festival — Aug. 1
- ◆ Nonprofit Mixer — Aug. 20
- ◆ Power of Pink health expo — Oct. 13
- ◆ Santa Claus Parade: Stars, Stripes & Sleigh Bells — Nov. 27

“We also have our ongoing gift card program,” Barroso said. “For 2025, we sold over \$8,000 in gift cards and reimbursed close to that amount. That’s money we’re keeping local. It’s a great gift and it keeps people supporting our business.”

Grosse Pointe gift cards are sold in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 and may be used at various shops in the community, for purchases of apparel, gifts, home goods, fitness programs, restaurants, spas and other businesses. A list of participating businesses may be found at grossepointechamber.com.



Rink ready

During a mid-December visit to Pier Park, Mike Thibault spotted this “cool sight” — the rink being flooded for a season of ice skating and hockey.

The early-morning stroll wasn’t a casual stop for Thibault and his dog, Josie. The Australian cattle dog is the park’s official goose-chasing pooch and an employee of Thibault’s goose abatement business, Goose Pointe. She also keeps watch over The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Club and Lake Front Park.

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Full slate of WCCCD classes on tap at The Helm

A new semester of Wayne County Community College District classes kicks off this month at The Helm. Participants must be 60 or older and a resident of Wayne County. Membership at The Helm is not required.

Returning favorites are:

- ◆ Beginning and Intermediate French — 9:30 to 11 a.m. or noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 to May 5, or 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 23 to May 8
- ◆ Ballroom Dancing — 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21 to May 6
- ◆ Guitar for Beginners — 4 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 22 to May 7
- ◆ Sing Your Way to Health and Happiness — 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 to May 4
- ◆ Body Alignment — 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 to May 4, or Thursdays, Jan. 29 to May 7
- ◆ Awesome Abs — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 to May 4, or Thursdays, Jan. 29 to May 7

Due to increased popularity, Body Alignment and Awesome Abs are now on Mondays and Thursdays. Students are allowed to participate in one of each

class one day per week.

“These classes have been so popular, we have had to add classes,” The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall said. “This happened a couple of years ago with French class. It grew so popular we had to add classes. Students can only take one of each class per week. It’s a great way for returning students to continue with the class and allows us to reach even more people.”

Two new WCCCD classes have joined The Helm lineup beginning with Cooking Lite, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 to May 5, and Art Journaling for Seniors, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 31 to May 5.

Cooking Lite focuses on creating delicious low-fat meals. Menu planning and supplies will be provided.

In Art Journaling for Seniors, students use drawing, painting and collage techniques to express thoughts, feelings and ideas. No art skills are needed as this class is about self-expression and fun.

Registration is required for all classes. For more information and to register, visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

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OBITUARIES

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Cecelia Frances Klein Barr

Cecelia Frances Klein Barr, 94, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025.

Cecelia was born Jan. 21, 1931, in Detroit, to Gene Brown Klein and Edna Giovanda. After graduating from Redford High School in January 1949, she immediately began working in the Guidance and Placement Department of the Detroit Board of Education. She administered aptitude tests and the General Educational Development (GED) test to young adults and veterans from World War II.

In August 1955, she met Robert Wilson Barr at Jack and Jill Ranch in Rothbury. They were married at Calvary Methodist Church (now Redford Aldersgate) June 16, 1956. The young married couple purchased a home in St. Clair Shores, where their three daughters were born. Cecelia became a full-time homemaker. Cecelia and Bob were active members of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church and Bob was a church officer.

In 1971, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods. During their daughters’ childhoods, Cecelia returned to work. She held administrative positions at University Liggett School, Scientific American and Junior League of Detroit. Upon retirement, she was made an honorary member of the Junior League of Detroit. Cecelia and Bob had a fun life of traveling and playing golf with their many friends. After Bob died in 2001, she continued to lead an active social life in Grosse Pointe with friends and neighbors, maintaining her home and yard until she was 90 years old, which gave her great pride and joy. She loved flowers and gardening and was an active member of the Deeplands Garden Club.

She moved to Fairfield, Conn., in 2021, and spent her final years at Sturges Ridge of Fairfield-Assisted Living and Memory Care, where she continued to keep active and make many new friends.

Cecelia was predeceased by the love of her life, Robert Wilson Barr, who passed away Oct. 11, 2001, in Sydney, Australia. She also was predeceased by her eldest daughter, Jeanne Carey (Steve) of Falmouth, Mass., who passed away Aug. 20, 2024; and her only sibling, Betty Klein Kosal, who passed away Feb. 10, 2013. She is survived by her beloved children, Susan O’Donovan (Gerard) of Fairfield, Conn., and Sheila Holman (Scott) of Washington, D.C. She was the grandmother of Allison Firely (Adam) of Scituate, Mass., Megan Carey (Ian Duncan) of Brooklyn, N.Y., Robert O’Donovan of Fairfield, Conn., Patrick O’Donovan of Somerville, Mass., and Laine and Wilson Holman of Washington, D.C.; and the lucky great-grandmother of Charlie and Rose Firely of Scituate, Mass. She also is survived

by her nieces, Margaret Kosal of Atlanta, Ga., and Siobhain Weston (Larry) of East Grand Rapids; and nephew, Scott Gordon (Suzanne) of Switzerland.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial donations may be made to Planned Parenthood, bit.ly/4qGn1YD.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Margaret “Peggy” O’Connor

Margaret “Peggy” O’Connor, 68, of Detroit, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, embraced in the love of her family.

Peggy was born in Grosse Pointe to Patrick O’Connor and Claire Ryan. She is survived by her siblings, Claire O’Connor (Jim), Kevin O’Connor (Laura) and Patty Kade (David); former husband, Mike Andrzejczyk (Frann); children, Patrick Andrzejczyk and Erin Andrzejczyk (Ricardo); granddaughters, Mariana and Itzayana; as well as nine nieces and nephews, two grand-nephews and one grand-niece.

She was predeceased by her parents, Pat and Ann; brothers, Sean O’Connor and Terrence O’Connor; and daughter, Meghan.

Peggy was a novelist and writer and a proud fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings. She was a classic cinema lover who saw “It’s A Wonderful Life” so many times she could recite every line. She also was a “collector” of people. Everywhere Peggy went, she met kindred spirits who became her lifelong friends, from the oncology nurses who cared for her after her diagnosis in 2023, to her old neighbors on Chalmers Street she met in the 1960s, to her many colleagues, both old and new, with whom she worked throughout her long career.

After graduating from Servite High School in Detroit in 1975, Peggy earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Detroit in 1979. In 2013, she earned a master’s degree in marketing from the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

She worked as a reporter, sports editor and society page editor for the Grosse Pointe News from 1979 to 1989. After leaving journalism, she continued to use her gift for writing as a communications and publications director for many distinguished education institutions, including University Liggett School, Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bellevue, Wash., University of Detroit-Mercy and others. In retirement, she served as the parish office manager for St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe

Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207, svdpdetroit.org/Donate

A funeral Mass was held at St. Ambrose.

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Lydia Helen Eugenio

Lydia Helen Eugenio, 93, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, at home with her two devoted daughters, Gale and Julie, by her side.

She was born May 22, 1932, in Detroit, to Joseph and Adeline Nowak, both now deceased.

Lydia was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Roy Eugenio. She is survived by her five children, Donald Eugenio (Elizabeth) of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Gary Eugenio (Carol) of Sarasota, Fla., Gale Merrill of Grosse Pointe Farms, Bryan Eugenio (Celeste) of Chicago and Julie Ahee (Chris) of Grosse Pointe Shores; 13 grandchildren, Nicholas Eugenio (Blair) of Durham, N.C., Kristin Eugenio of San Francisco, Morgan Ferraro (Peter) of Philadelphia, Katie Berschback (Michael) of Grosse Pointe, Kimberly Cox (Michael) of Cincinnati, Maggie Burton (Josh) of Sarasota, Fla., Susan Perellis (Brett) of Glenview, Ill., Michael Merrill (Jennie) of Grosse Pointe Farms, Chelsea Currier (Matt) of Chicago, Chloe Eugenio of Chicago, Connor Eugenio of Chicago, Christopher Ahee (Theresa) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Lauren Aliahamad (Mark) of Grosse Pointe Shores; and 15 great-grandchildren, Georgia, Ford, Parker, Henry, Emma, Cameron, Blake, Macklin, Dempsey, Christopher, Leonardo, Antonino, Hussein, Markie and Lucas.

Lydia was a devoted wife for 63 years who supported her husband, Roy, through dental school at the University of Detroit and during his service in the U.S. Air Force. They also were partners in raising their family. She was a nurturing mother to five children, who threw her curveballs throughout life, but she never backed off the plate. She was the pillar of her family, which was built on a foundation of faith, love and understanding.

Lydia carried this over into extra innings by her role as a supporting grandmother. She was always there to pitch in wherever needed — no warm up, just available to support her grandchildren and even their parents, if that was what they needed. She continued this legacy of love by being there for her 15 great-grandchildren.

Throughout her journey, Lydia touched many lives with her gentle spirit, unwavering faith and love. Although her loved ones will miss her smiling face, home-cooked meals and loving



Cecelia Frances Barr

nature, they cherish the times they had, the memories made and the love shared.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 23, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, solanusc Casey.org/help-us-serve/donate/.

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Andrew David Maltz

Andrew David Maltz, 75, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was a much loved and devoted father, husband, brother, uncle and cousin.

Born March 23, 1950, in New York City, Andrew grew up in Weston and Westport, Conn., where he spent his childhood going to Compo Beach on the Long Island Sound, as well as trout fishing, exploring and swimming in the estuary and deep pools of the Saugatuck River.

After graduating from Staples High School, Andrew attended Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. His education continued at the University of Kentucky, where he was awarded a master’s degree and Ph.D. in counseling psychology. His doctoral research on autism led to continued engagement in the treatment of developmental disabilities. Andrew pursued a pediatric psychology internship at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. He also staffed the Educational Assessment Clinic at the University of Kentucky and the Adolescent C o u n s e l o r Comprehensive Care Center in Lexington.

After returning to Children’s Hospital of Michigan in 1979, Andrew was a staff psychologist with the Department of Psychiatry until 1986. He also was a consultant in the autism programs of several public school districts.

Andrew’s clinical practice focused on pediatric psychology with a specialty in developmental disabilities and autism in children and adolescents, pediatric residency training and providing diagnoses, education, therapy and direction to many families.

During a long and successful career, Andrew contributed his expertise, experience and knowledge to other professionals, families and educators through research publications and formal presentations. Early in his professional career, he also became an advocate at the state level for the recognition of autism as a unique disability requiring special education recognition



Margaret O’Connor



Andrew David Maltz

and services.

Andrew was a consultant for the Federal Defenders’ Office in the U.S. District Court where he evaluated and provided diagnostic clarity and assistance when autism was a possible consideration.

After retiring in 2019, Andrew developed a consuming interest and later a passion for Native American flute music. He joined an international group of musicians and spent hours acquiring the skills to play, perform and compose. His interests extended to collecting Middle Eastern tribal weavings and South American textiles and artifacts.

Andrew will be greatly missed and forever remembered by his devoted wife of 46 years, Nanette; loving children, Lisa and Jonathan; dear sister, Emily Maltz (Jean-Michel Artigaud); brother, John Maltz (Barbara Katz); sisters-in-law, Terry Wright, Anne Michelle Wesley (Jim) and Kathy Wright; as well as his wonderful nephews, niece, cousins, friends and neighbors. Andrew also leaves behind his much loved dog, River, who opened doors and gardens to friendships and excellent company.

Above all, Andrew will be remembered by all who knew him for his sense of humor, kindness, selflessness, generosity and unwavering spirit of perseverance and courage.

Andrew was preceded in death by his parents, Betty Ann Zeoli and Edward Maltz; and brother-in-law, Hugh C. Wright.

His family is especially grateful to the exceptional staff of the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia, who took extraordinary care of Andrew and his family. His family thanks their amazing friends and neighbors for their generosity, love and support. His family also wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Christopher Lao, Dr. Muhammad Shurafa, Dr. Shinichi Fukuhara and the late Dr. Jack Schneider for the care that they took with Andrew.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Andrew’s memory may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207; the Samuel and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center Surgical Fund, 1425 E. Ann, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; or the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh,



Lydia Helen Eugenio



Shirley Marie Amore

Livonia, MI 48154.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Building, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, email wrightmaltz79@gmail.com.

Shirley Marie Amore

Shirley Marie Amore, 87, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026, in Grosse Pointe.

Shirley was born Nov. 13, 1938, in Detroit, to George and Phyllis (nee Richardson) Wozniak.

Shirley attended Michigan State University and developed a passion for education and reading. Later in life, she thrived in her career as an executive assistant for a book publishing company.

Shirley’s greatest love in life was her family. She was devoted to her four boys and six grandchildren. Shirley was an enthusiastic hockey mom who rarely missed a game. She embraced the Grosse Pointe youth hockey community and served as team manager over several seasons. She also had a curiosity about other cultures and loved to experience adventure through travel, visiting many states in the U.S. and several European countries. She also was an accomplished seamstress who was passionate about transforming cloth into beautiful garments.

Shirley’s legacy is carried on through her loving family. She was a cherished mother to her sons, Benny Amore (Dana), Christopher Amore, Anthony Amore and Michael Amore (Amanda), and the dearest grandmother of Paris, Aerin, Niella, Lillian, Giuseppe and Isabella. Shirley also is survived by her younger sister, Alice Wozniak Adkins. She was predeceased by her dear parents, George and Phyllis; and former husband, Giuseppe.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., with a scripture service at 7 p.m., at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, before a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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OBITS:

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David B. Oetting

David B. Oetting, 63, unexpectedly passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025.

David was the son of Martin and Dorothy Oetting, both now deceased. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1980. David worked in the restaurant catering industry and also was a residential painter. He is survived by his three brothers, Mark, Jeff and Gregg.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with a sharing of memory service at 6 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Anthony Giorgio

Anthony Giorgio, 93, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 26, 2025, in the company of loved ones.

Born and raised in Detroit, Anthony lived a large and meaningful life rooted in family, hard work and service. In 1963, he founded All State Fastener Corp., a major global supplier in the fastener industry, as well as Vintage Wine Co., in 1978. Both businesses are proudly multigenerational and family-run. A classic “American Dream” story, Anthony’s career started from the ground up and was born from grit and professional acumen. A natural visionary and leader, he taught not only sound business principles but the importance of relationships and fostering communities rooted in integrity, respect and loyalty.

Together with close friends he founded the Adios Children’s Charity in 1990. Through initiatives and events, Adios aims to provide financial support to charities that enrich the lives of children in need. A dedicated benefactor and volunteer, Anthony was a long-standing member of the St. John Hospital Guild, among other organizations. He served in the Korean War suitably as a chef.

Anthony will be remembered by all who knew him not only for his wisdom and guidance, but also his sharp humor and wit. He traveled broadly and especially enjoyed hunting trips to Africa and seasons spent in south Florida with family and friends.

As a member of Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, one of the oldest gastronomic societies in the world, he cultivated an expansive culinary palette. He found great joy in simple yet spirited moments spent in good company, which usually involved exceptional meals, good wine and music. He began many of his Sunday mornings making homemade pasta sauce to be shared with his family after a full day of cooking. Above all else, his family was the foundation of his life and his greatest joy.

Anthony’s presence was larger than life and his absence will be deeply felt by those whose lives he touched. He is survived by his five children, Paula Monforton (Marty), Rosanne Bertakis (John), Michael Giorgio



David B. Oetting



Anthony Giorgio



Paul Lynn McNeill



Diane Carol Andriotakis



William L. Morandini

(Michelle), Nick Giorgio and Anthony Giorgio (Chris); 15 grandchildren, Cristina Buhe (Jonathan), Nicole Monforton, Nick Monforton, Nolan Monforton (Pria), Marissa Monforton, Cara Monforton, Marianna Bertakis, Christa Meier (Jordan), Alexandra Bertakis, Carina Bertakis, Angela Giorgio, Frank Giorgio (Alexandria), Trina Baldwin (Dan), Lauren Giorgio and Tony Giorgio; five great-grandchildren, Isabella Buhe, Jackson Buhe, Mila Meier, Eliana Meier and Frank Giorgio Jr.; and sister, Mary Venditti (Joseph). Anthony was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann Giorgio; and sisters, Theresa Giorgio and Josephine Borillo (Pete).

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. before a 10 a.m. memorial Mass Friday, Feb. 13, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America, 322 Eighth, New York, NY 10001; or the Children’s Charities at Adios, 480 Parkland, Clawson, MI 48017.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Paul Lynn McNeill

Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Paul Lynn McNeill, 69, passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026, from complications related to a recurrent brain tumor.

Paul was born May 26, 1956. He graduated from Richland High School in Richland, Wash., a city originally built to house workers supporting the Hanford Project, one of three sites involved in the development of the atomic bomb. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington State University and an MBA from the University of Washington, followed by completion of the Executive Program at the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business.

Paul served with distinction in the U.S. Navy from 1978 to 2005, and retired as a captain. During his career, he served as a lieutenant commander (LCDR) aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) in the Philippine Sea, then transferred to the Naval Supply Center Puget Sound in Bremerton, Wash., as a comptroller until 1994. He attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and upon completion in 1995 became the commanding officer of the Allied Command Atlantic Communications Logistics Depot (ACLANT CLD) in Yorktown, Va., a NATO command. In 1998, Cmdr. McNeill transferred to the staff of Commander Task Force 53 (CTF-53), serving as requirements officer, deputy commander and acting commander. In 1999, he transferred to Manama, Bahrain.

Upon returning to the

U.S., Cmdr. McNeill served as comptroller at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia. In 2000, he transferred to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va., as comptroller. In 2002, he was recognized for leading 230 Naval Special Warfare and technical support personnel in providing a full range of logistics and other support services to the Group Staff, four SEAL teams, a SEAL Delivery Vehicle team, three overseas NSW units and various deployed SEAL platoons and NSW task units. He managed 160,000 items of special operations and civil engineering support equipment valued at more than \$63 million, a \$5.4 million annual operating budget and a \$15 million military construction program supporting 11 component commands on two continents. Other assignments followed prior to his final role, but they remain classified. His last assignment before retirement was as business officer for Navy Region Northwest in Kitsap County, Wash., where he was responsible for the operation and management of naval shore installations.

In recognition of his service, Cmdr. McNeill received three National Defense Service medals, two Navy Meritorious Service medals, two Navy Commendation medals, two Navy Achievement medals, two National Service medals, one Navy Expeditionary medal and five service ribbons.

Upon retirement from the U.S. Navy, Paul served as comptroller for the Kitsap School District in Kitsap County, Wash.

In 2007, Paul relocated to Harper Woods to be with his partner, Rosemary Gugino. He became the supervisor of Piquette Square for Veterans in Detroit, providing affordable housing for 150 homeless veterans.

For fun, Paul joined the Indian Village Tennis Club and volunteered as treasurer. He was an active member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit. A lifelong NASCAR fan, he took part in the Randy Wallace Driving Experience, driving car No. 7 at Michigan International Speedway. Paul is survived by his partner, Rosemary; brother, Jeff McNeill (Christine); children, John (Tiffany), Michael (Revellee), Sarah McNeill-Johnson (Marcus) and Matthew (Rachel); and grandchildren, Elijah, Zechariah, Zipporah, Zaidan, Ciaran, Brendan and Nizhoni. He was predeceased by his stepson, David Salem.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, followed by a luncheon at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, dav.org.

Diane Carol Andriotakis

Diane Carol Andriotakis, 79, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025, at Henry Ford St. John Hospital.

Diane was born Nov. 17, 1946, in Detroit, to Forrest Lowell Davis and Dorothy Lorraine (nee Cosner) Davis. She spent her youth in Roseville and graduated from Roseville High School.

She attended Wayne State University’s newly formed School of Nursing for several years before transitioning to the world of business. She started as a service representative at Michigan Bell Telephone. During her 26 years with the telephone company, she was promoted to positions of increasing responsibility and landed her dream job of director of public relations in the 1980s.

Diane was an avid gardener with a special talent for design and the selection of colorful plantings that surrounded her Grosse Pointe Woods home to the delight of passersby. Following in her mother’s footsteps, she shared this love by gifting flowers and sharing her knowledge with others. She also had a love of music, especially singing, and spent many romantic years accompanying her husband, Jim, while he played the guitar. Later, she and Jim joined the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus where she served on the board of directors for 20 years and spent 18 years as president. She also spent five of her many performing years sharing the stage with her son.

Family history was important to Diane. She assumed the role of family historian and collected documents, stories and photos which she readily shared with others. Christmas was her favorite holiday, so she often was called “Christmas Carol.” Her home was filled with many cherished decorations she collected over a lifetime.

Diane is survived by her husband of 58 years, James; son, Moody Andrews (formerly known as Christopher James Andriotakis); grandchildren, Thalia Grace Andrews and Theodore Raphael Andrews; sister, Deborah Jean Worden (Steve); sisters-in-law, Pamela Andriotakis-Gromadzki (Artur) and Tina Marie Andriotakis Heintz (Antoine); and numerous

cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. She will lie in state from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, until an 11 a.m. prayer service at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. She will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or the Hellenic Museum of Michigan, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit, MI 48202.

Arrangements entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

William L. Morandini

William L. Morandini, 87, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026.

He was born Feb. 2, 1938, in Detroit, to William Morandini and Helen (nee Rensi) Morandini. He was the first of three boys. Bill grew up in Redford and graduated from St. Mary of Redford High School. He then enrolled at the University of Detroit, where he majored in English and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960.

Following graduation, Bill spent the next four years in the U.S. Navy, after which he was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant. His service included stations in the U.S. and abroad, with several years at sea.

Bill met his wife of nearly 60 years, JoAnn LaLonde Morandini, in Detroit, while visiting friends during a leave from service. They were married April 16, 1966, in Marine City.

Upon completion of his military service, Bill continued his career with U.S. Customs Service, where he held several positions in Washington, D.C., and Detroit. He retired as the Great Lakes regional customs director, whose collective ports represent the fourth largest in the U.S.

Bill and JoAnn built a life full of family, friendship, love, laughter and shared interests together with their four children, living first in Detroit, then Long Island, N.Y., Charlottesville, Va.,

Laurel, Md., and finally Grosse Pointe Park, which became their home for 44 years (during which they spent more than 10 years wintering on Sanibel Island, Fla.). In each location they lived, Bill and JoAnn created a nurturing home and formed deep, lasting friendships. Bill’s interests became family interests as he embraced culture in all its forms, including his Disney super fandom, fishing with his children and grandchildren, Red Wings hockey, movies ranging from “Ben Hur” to “We’re the Millers” and a love of literature spanning from ancient history to science fiction. From museums, operas and symphonies to gardening, camping and maple syrup making “Up North,” Bill shared a deep curiosity and love of learning that his family and friends will carry with them always.

Bill also was a man of faith. He and JoAnn were 44-year members of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in Grosse Pointe Park, where Bill served on the parish council and was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bill was predeceased by his parents; and brother, James Morandini (Kay). He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, JoAnn Morandini; two daughters, Patricia Morandini (Kendrick Oliver) of London, England, and Kathleen Morandini (David Rosenberg) of Stamford, Conn.; two sons, Joseph Morandini (Sandra Hammel) of Grosse Pointe and Michael Morandini (Timothy Dorsey) of Santa Fe, N.M.; grandchildren, Esmé and Elias Oliver, Nathan, Julia and Benjamin Rosenberg, Seth and Sam Morandini and Adelaide Peabody; and brother, Donald Morandini (Samie Pellegrini) of Helena, Ala.

Bill’s loving nature, empathy and wry but reserved wit will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a true gentleman.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, before a 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. A reception will follow in the church vineyard and activity center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Manna Community Meal, 1950 Trumbull, Detroit, MI 48216, stpetersdetroit.com.

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OBITS:

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Michele Lynn Navarre

Michele Lynn Navarre, 71, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026.

Michele was the beloved spouse of Deborah Kline; loving sister of James Navarre III (Susan), Yvonne Ziegler (Mike) and Michael Navarre (Vicki); cherished aunt of Sara, James (Renee), Casey, Dustin (Kelly), John (Shawnee), Michael Jr. (Maggie) and Alexander; and great-aunt of Gabriella, Genevieve, August, Lucy, Malachi and Delphia.

Visitation will be held at 12:30 p.m. before a 1 p.m. memorial service Saturday, Jan. 17, at Unity of Royal Oak, 2500 Crooks, Royal Oak.

Share a memory at temrowski.com.

Paul Rentenbach

Paul Rentenbach, 80, passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, from complications of congestive heart failure. His wife of 58 years and other family members were able to be with him in his final moments.

Paul was born June 30, 1945, in Detroit, to Robert F. Rentenbach, M.D., and Elizabeth H. (nee Henderson) Rentenbach. He was the oldest of four brothers. His family moved to the City of Grosse Pointe when he was 7 years old. He attended Kerby Elementary School, Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe High School. Paul met his wife, Jackie, at Grosse Pointe High. As president of the Class of 1963, Paul planned class reunions all the way through the 60th reunion.

Paul graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, along with minors in accounting and Soviet studies from the University of Michigan in 1967. That summer, he and Jackie were married. This past year, they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

His academic achievements led him to Harvard Law School, where he earned his Juris Doctorate degree in 1972. He contributed significantly as an editor for the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

Paul joined Dykema Gossett PLLC, in Detroit, in 1972, and quickly ascended the ranks to become a senior partner, focusing on corporate finance. Over a 39-year career, his expertise extended across a wide array of specialties, including mutual fund creation and regulation, corporate governance and securities law compliance. Under his guidance, Dykema's corporate finance, municipal finance and investment management practice groups flourished. He played a pivotal role in corporate and municipal finance, particularly in mergers and acquisitions, capital raising and governance matters. His invaluable insight earned him a spot in The Best Lawyers in America for more than 13 years, recognition in Chambers USA



Michele Lynn Navarre

and the accolade of being named a Michigan Super Lawyer by Law & Politics. Additionally, he served on the boards of Crowley, Milner & Co., and Royal Bank Group Inc., further showcasing his leadership and strategic vision.

In his retirement, Paul shifted his focus to "service over self." From November 2010 to 2024, he was a valuable member of Matrix Human Services, a Detroit-based organization tackling poverty, HIV/AIDS and community development. His roles there spanned from board member to treasurer to chief legal officer and Head Start policy council member, highlighting his versatile skills and dedication to social causes.

Paul also was a member of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe since 2005, where he held the positions of president, treasurer and secretary, contributing to various philanthropic efforts and helping provide college scholarships to local high school students. He also served on the board of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. His tenure with the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Public Library signifies his commitment to educational and civic engagement. His dedication to law and community service has left an indelible mark.

His family would describe Paul as their fearless leader and greatest guardian. Some of his family's fondest memories include early Sunday morning bike rides from Grosse Pointe to Detroit, often stopping to check out historical sites and firehouses. Summers in the backyard and at Camp Michigania also were times Paul and his family cherished. Paul also was an avid long-distance runner, completing 14 marathons and biking adventures across England, Death Valley and the Erie Canal.

As a friend said when the news of Paul's passing was shared, "All we really have is the power to improve the life of others. Through his public service and building a wonderful family, Paul did his job tenfold."

Paul is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jacqueline; daughters, Lauren Rentenbach and Erin Rentenbach; grandchildren, Sylvia Hunt and Tobias Hunt; brothers, John Rentenbach (Peachy) and Matthew Rentenbach (Kathy); nephews, Kevin Rentenbach and Elliot Rentenbach; and cousins, Frances Bruchez and Arthur Mitchell. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Elizabeth; brother, Mark Rentenbach; and son, Eric Rentenbach.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3901



Paul Rentenbach



Nicole Julie Hurd

Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201, bit.ly/3YAETZ2; or Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, bit.ly/3LmGi2h.

Memorial service details will be shared at a later date.

Nicole Julie Hurd

Nicole Julie Hurd, 81, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025.

Nicole was born Nov. 24, 1944. She was adopted by Victor and Julia DeBaeke. They provided her a life filled with education and experiences. A friend of hers helped her track down her birth family before the age of the internet, helping her find a wonderful brother and sister. Her friends all knew her as Nikki. She had so many wonderful lifelong friendships. She kept in close touch with people she met when she was 4 years old at The Academy of the Sacred Heart (now The Grosse Pointe Academy). They remained some of the most important people in her life.

There are many who knew her as Mrs. Hurd. Her students at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School or Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School all learned about English, as well as life, from Mrs. Hurd. She also was there to support and educate the friends of her sons. She opened her home to friends who were going through hard times and gave them a place to feel like they were part of the family.

To four young boys, she was Grandma. She always lit up when visiting or talking about them. She was so proud of the people they were growing to become.

To three very lucky men, she was Mom. She probably never fully knew how much her sons understood the sacrifices she made for them, but they truly did. They appreciated everything she was able to give them.

She was extremely special to all those whose lives she impacted. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial Mass will be held at noon Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a teacher of the giver's choice through Donors Choose, donorschoose.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.



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Spreading the word

From left, David Yaki and Sherry Wells stand with Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary President Mark Heppner at Ford House during the club's Jan. 7 meeting. Rotarians Wells and Yaki spoke to attendees about their Rotary eClub Esperanto, whose members from six continents meet virtually. The "hook" to this online meeting is the participants only speak the Esperanto language. Esperanto, a "constructed" language invented in 1887, is designed as a world-wide universal second language. Esperanto's simple structure is designed to make it easier to learn than natural languages, like English or French. Wells and Yaki, who spend their summers in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, are two of roughly 2 million Esperanto speakers worldwide. The couple have worked for decades to spread the word about Esperanto throughout Canada and the U.S.

A local community service and fellowship club, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary welcomes residents to join its Tuesday morning breakfast and presentations at Ford House. For more information, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com.

EVENTS:

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◆ Ceramics Workshop: Botanical Nesting Plates, 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. Cost is \$125.

◆ Craft Cocktails Workshop: For Old Fashioned Lovers, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. Cost is \$75.

◆ Mixed Media Abstract Collage Workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Cost is \$75.

◆ Jewelry Workshop: Brass + Bead Assemblage, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Cost is \$75.

◆ Hand Lettering Workshop: Intro to Brush Pens, 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Cost is \$75.

Ford House

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

◆ Family Workshop: Paper Marbling, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 17. Costs vary.

◆ Trivia Night, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Admission is \$10 for Friends, \$12 for the public.

◆ Lecture: Creating a U.S. Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. Cost is \$12 for Friends, \$15 for the public.

◆ Storytime: "Giraffes Can't Dance," 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3.

◆ Drop-In Studio: Decorate a Heart, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

◆ Ford House After Dark, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. Cost is \$25 for Friends.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

American Legion

American Legion Post 303 hosts its next meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All veterans are welcome to

attend to learn more and explore membership opportunities.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Visitors Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. It's next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 20. Guests are welcome.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Sherry Wells and David Yaki, active members of the Esperanto Fellowship of Rotary, speak. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

The 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, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Women's Retreat: Beyond Resolutions: Cultivating Real Change, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Space is limited.

◆ Tightwads and Spendthrifts: Navigating the Money Minefield in Real Relationships, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.

◆ Aging with Insight: Finding Local Housing Options for Seniors, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at helm.life.org.

◆ Grief Support Group, noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 10, March 10 and April 14, at the Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper; and Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 31 and April 28, at the Ewald Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

GPAA

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

◆ White Line Block Printing with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Material fee is \$20. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Jan. 28.

◆ Introduction to Black and White Scratchboard Art with Mary Taitt, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 18 and 25.

◆ Golden Cloud Workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 12 and 19.

Sunrise on Vernier

Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a support group at 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call (313) 642-2000.

Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves Any Body, 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 fulllotusyoga.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.

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Detroit Artists Market announces 2026 exhibition schedule

Detroit Artists Market’s 2026 exhibition season features eight exhibitions exploring themes of memory, identity, public space and materiality. The year brings together process-driven artists, ceramic designers, student scholarship finalists, local artist members and a roster of featured artists selected for their unique perspectives and compelling practices.

DAM launches its 2026 exhibition schedule with Process + Perception, a show highlighting process-driven artists whose layered two- and three-dimensional works invite viewers to slow down and look closely. Curated by 2021 Kresge Artist Fellow AndyT, the exhibition features collage, assemblage, painting and weaving. Participating artists include Chelsea Ayumi Koga, Amy Feigley-Lee, Cathy

Jacobs, Heather Macali, Katie Mongoven, Luzhen Qiu and Jeanette Strezinski.

Alongside Process + Perception, the Featured Artist Gallery will showcase textile works by Rachel Brunhild, whose meditative practice connects breath, body and material.

“The Featured Artist Program has been a great experience,” Brunhild said. “I was given thoughtful insight and many different approaches into the business of art from the supportive community at DAM. I am so excited to share my work this coming January.”

The opening reception for Process + Perception and Brunhild takes place 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at DAM, located at the corner of Woodward and Forest. The exhibition runs through Feb. 21.

Upcoming exhibitions

♦ March 6 to 28, “THRESHOLDS,” organized by the National Council on Education of the Ceramics Arts, is a design-focused ceramic exhibition exploring ceramic furniture as a mediator between the human body and architectural space.

The Featured Artist is Alexandra Collins, who blends historic painting techniques with digital tools to reimagine perception.

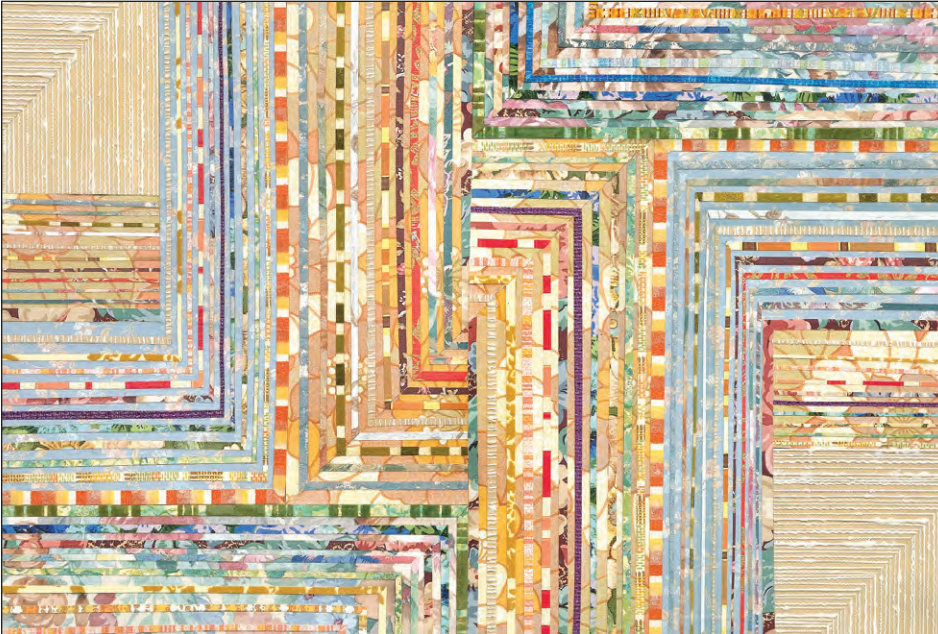
♦ April 17 to May 16, Scholarship Awards & Exhibition — Cranbrook Academy of Art. Since 1966, this annual program awards three scholarships for artistic excellence, showcasing outstanding works from CCS, Cranbrook and Wayne State students.

The Featured Artist is Julianna Sanroman, a



“Orbital,” by Cathy Jacobs.

COURTESY PHOTOS



This untitled abstract by Amy Feigley-Lee will be displayed during Process + Perception.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Paramveer Swaich

How to handle the common cold

After a season of togetherness and travel, as we make our way back to our school and work routines, cases of the common cold are on the rise.

The common cold is one of the most common upper respiratory problems the average individual will come across during the winter months. The common cold is an umbrella term that usually describes a viral upper respiratory infection. Influenza and COVID are some of the more common viruses, but there are many others that can cause similar symptoms such as RSV, rhinovirus, adenovirus and norovirus.

Apart from Tamiflu and Paxlovid (for influenza and COVID-19), there are very few medications doctors can prescribe that directly attack the virus. Instead, doctors will recommend medications, most of which are over the counter, to help with the symptoms that result from a viral infection.

Some of the most common symptoms are low to mild fever, chills, dry cough, runny or congested nose, headaches and muscle aches. Tylenol is acceptable to treat headaches and fever. For muscle aches, NSAIDs such as Motrin are effective and can provide relief quickly. For a persistent dry cough, there are many over-the-counter cough syrups and suppressants available. These can lead to sluggishness the following morning and most physicians would recommend trialing honey (one teaspoon in warm milk or

hot tea) before bed. In addition, a humidifier in the room in which you sleep also can be helpful.

One of the most effective ways to prevent transmission of common cold viruses is proper hand hygiene. According to the CDC, we may be touching our faces up to 23 times an hour. This makes the transmission as rampant as it can be and one of the best ways to combat that is frequent handwashing. Always wash your hands before eating or preparing food, after using the bathroom, after coughing or sneezing and after handling any garbage.

Finally, one of the best ways to protect yourself is to get you and your family vaccinated yearly for influenza. While vaccination is not a 100 percent guarantee you will not catch the common cold, it does provide modest effectiveness (40 to 60 percent) and helps reduce transmission of the influenza to higher risk populations. As always, consult your physician for more information about the common cold.

Dr. Paramveer Swaich, D.O., is a family medicine physician with Corewell Health East-Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit corewell-health.org.

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multimedia artist using narrative to explore transformation, immigration, heartbreak and memory.

♦ May 29 to June 26, “Hot DAM!” DAM’s signature member show features more than 40 artists across mediums, juried by a guest curator from Detroit’s art community. An open call for art launches in March.

The Featured Artist is Megan Major, whose digital and cyanotype works explore the tension between ecological resilience and human impact.

♦ June 17 to Aug. 15, “Friends: Furry & Fictional” is an open-call exhibition celebrating real and imagined creatures and humans’ relationship to them.

The open call launches in April.

The Featured Artist is Jarie Saad Ruddy, who reimagines family history through layered mixed-media collages.

♦ Aug. 22 to Sept. 20, “Negative Space,” curated by Veronica Bielat, takes a rare look at unrealized public art proposals while sparking dialogue around funding and community priorities.

The Featured Artist is Erin Theroux, a multimedia artist exploring the surreal, the psychological and the fleeting nature of experience.

♦ Oct. 9 to 31, “The Intimacy of Memories,” curated by Sydney Frakes. This immersive, multi-sensory exhibition engages smell,

sound, taste, touch and sight to explore nostalgia and the emotional landscape of memory and culture.

The Featured Artist is Miranda Kyle, whose work transforms childhood arrangements of kitchen magnets into intricate visual storytelling.

♦ Nov. 20 to Dec. 23, “Art for the Holidays,” a beloved DAM tradition since 1936, featuring more than 100 local artists offering original artwork — ceramics, jewelry, prints, paintings and more — for inspired holiday gifting. The open call launches in August.

The full 2026 exhibition schedule is available at detroitartistsmarket.org.

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Fundraiser faux pas can be fixed



Dear Gabby: At the school fundraiser auction, one couple bid \$2,000 on a wine basket and tour just to “support the arts.” I panicked and bid \$3,000. I don’t drink wine and now am on the hook for a private vineyard tour, own two cases and a cheese board shaped like Michigan. Help!

— Overextended in the Park

Dear Overextended: Congratulations! You are now a philanthropist.

Re-gift the prize at the next fundraiser and call it “full-circle giving.” If questioned, sigh deeply and say, “It’s about the children.” This phrase absolves all financial misjudgements. Just remember, you can’t write it off twice.

— Gabby

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



Married life has lost it’s luster

DEAR ANNIE: I’m writing because I feel embarrassed even admitting this, but I’m starting to dread parts of my own life that I worked hard to build.

I’m 52, married for 24 years, and we have two grown kids who are mostly launched. Our son is across the country and our daughter lives close enough to drop by for Sunday dinner. I used to look forward to this “quieter season,” but instead I feel like the silence in our house is highlighting how far apart my husband and I have drifted.

From the outside, people would say we’re lucky. My husband is

decent, we’re financially stable, and our friends think we’re “solid.” But lately, I feel lonely in a way I can’t quite explain. We talk about logistics all day long: who’s picking up groceries, whose turn it is to visit his mother, what we’re doing this weekend.

He’s not unkind, but he’s distant. Most nights he falls asleep on the couch with the TV on and his phone in his hand. I go upstairs alone and scroll through old photos of us when we seemed like a team.

What hurts is how invisible I feel. I’ll get dressed up, light a candle, even make his favorite meal, and he’ll

barely look up. When I try to share something personal, he changes the subject or turns it into a joke. If I suggest a date night, he says he’s tired or suggests we invite another couple. I’ve started telling myself, “Don’t expect too much,” but then I catch myself tearing up in the car after a perfectly normal dinner.

I don’t want to threaten divorce. I don’t want to nag. I also don’t want to spend the next 20 years starving for affection and calling it normal.

How do I bring this up in a way that actually changes something? And if he still doesn’t meet me halfway, how

do I decide what to do next? — Lonely in a Full House

DEAR LONELY: First, there’s nothing embarrassing about wanting tenderness, attention and real companionship in your own marriage. You’re not asking for a parade. You’re asking to feel seen.

Empty nesting can expose what busyness used to cover. When the kids are grown, there’s no schedule to hide behind, and “we’re fine” starts to feel like a quiet kind of heartbreak.

Pick a calm, ordinary moment and speak plainly. Don’t be accusatory, but say something



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

truthful like, “I miss you. I feel lonely even when we’re in the same room. I don’t want us to become roommates.” Then ask a direct question that requires more than a shrug: “Are you willing to work on this with me?”

Be specific about what would help, whether it’s one planned date a week, phones away at dinner, going to bed at the same time a few nights or going on a walk together where you actually talk. Small habits rebuild closeness faster than one grand speech.

If he jokes or deflects, gently bring it back: “I’m not teasing. This matters to me.”

And if he’s willing but doesn’t know how, a couples counselor can give you both tools and a neutral place to speak.

You don’t have to threaten divorce to ask for change. You just have to stop pretending you can live on crumbs.

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

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The family — and food — behind Fishbones

Ted Gatzaros immigrated to the U.S. in 1962, at age 17, from Greece, by way of New Jersey, with \$200, limited English and a strong desire to work. His first job, as a dishwasher at Gus’s Coney Island in Detroit, was followed by a painting gig in the same building: the First National Building downtown.

“I’ve never seen anyone work like you,” he was told, as he developed a strong work ethic and business sense.

Ted’s next job was owning a small diner within those same walls, with fellow painter, Greek immigrant and future business partner, Jim Papas. The diner was called The Pickle Barrel. Eventually, the partners ventured over to Greektown and, in 1980, opened a Monroe Street favorite: Pegasus Taverna.

The late, great Ted Gatzaros held many roles in life. Building a family with his beloved wife, Maria; son, Nico; and daughter, Ellena, was his greatest role of all.

Get comfortable as we dive into the success this family has created over five decades and counting.

In the early 2000s, while eating at the then-newest restaurant on The Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores, Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, I was introduced to one of the funniest, smartest, friendliest business owners. Twenty-five or so years later, Nico Gatzaros is still one of my most cherished friendships.

Last week, I asked him to tell me the Fishbones story — even though my time spent at his family’s establishment over the years can



Patriarch of the Gatzaros family, Ted Gatzaros

speak for itself.

On Sept. 14, 1998, Nico and family opened the second Fishbones location at 23722 Jefferson, at the start of The Nautical Mile. A popular restaurant corner for many years, Hucks, Perni’s and Elizabeth’s by the Lake all stood here until the Gatzaros family tore down the structure and rebuilt their vision from the ground up — just shy of 10 years after Ted opened the first location at 400 Monroe in Greektown, in 1989.

My first questions: Who chose the name Fishbones? And why the New Orleans-style fare?

“Mom picked it and it stuck,” Nico said. As for its menu, he added, “So when we first opened in 1989, there was so much of the same old, same old going around town and we wanted something unique. And on top of the uniqueness, there’s so many people that came from the South to work for the Big Three during the ’50s and ’60s, they never really got an opportunity to have that style of food too much. So with that in mind, we tried that and it was absolutely a smashing

success.”

Along the same topic of uniqueness is the decor of the three Fishbones locations.

“I would describe it as elegant, yet festive,” Nico said. “We’ve got architecture and decor in there that no one else has in a restaurant. The tall ceilings make people’s dining experience feel different, not crammed in.”

The tiled floors surrounding the large three-sided bar, which serves all libations, including non-alcoholic options, resemble the keys of a piano. In fact, an ode to New Orleans-style music can be seen throughout. Everybody knows about the crocodile that greets you at the entryway. Sometimes he has New Orleans beads for patrons coming and going.

Both Greektown and St. Clair Shores also feature one of Nico’s must haves: gigantic fish tanks. Kids love gazing into the tanks and counting the fish they can find while waiting to be seated. Greektown’s most

iconic feature is the stunning atrium fountain. Nico told me to stay tuned as it will be up and running again within the calendar year after some renovations. This location also added a new stage for live entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings. St. Clair Shores offers live entertainment Thursday through Saturday starting at 7 p.m. and the acoustics at both locations are top-notch.

All locations have the same menu, which recently was updated and its surf ‘n’ turf has returned to St. Clair Shores. Nico said the barbecue shrimp appetizer is his personal favorite. When asked what the most popular seafood dish is, I already knew the answer: Seafood Pasta Orleans.

“Created in our own kitchen 36 years ago,” Nico said, this dish is outstanding: fettuccine sautéed with shrimp, crabmeat, crawfish, mushrooms, fresh tomatoes and scallions in a pesto cream sauce with asiago cheese. It’s definitely not



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

something you’d find on any ol’ menu. If you’re not a seafood eater, this dish also is available with chicken and equally delicious. The jambalaya also ranks high as well. I’m personally a huge fan of their signature Gumbo YaYa. It was the first thing I ever tried there and it’s the only place I order it. And don’t get me started on the bread rolls with whipped garlic butter. On any given Friday night, our table would go through at least two baskets.

In 2003, two things were added to Fishbones SCS that were game changers for this location. One: the biggest and best outdoor patio on Jefferson, in my opinion. The gatherings and memories that have been made on that patio in the last 20-plus years are ones to remember. Some of the best sporting events have been watched on the patio big screen, with the best crowd in town.

The second game changer of 2003 was the addition of fresh sushi.

“I did sushi in St. Clair Shores because I personally loved it and I found it unbelievable that I had to drive 45 minutes away to get sushi when I lived in Grosse Pointe,” Nico said. “I said, I can’t be the only guy in town craving sushi. I saw an open avenue and I took it and it’s still rocking 23 years later.”

He may not know this, but Nico made me try sushi for the first time. Some of my friends enjoyed it and I was too scared to try. He handed

me a piece of a classic California roll because I liked crab. It was a success. While I’m still a cautious sushi eater, my fear is gone as Fishbones offers the biggest variety to choose from; I stopped counting at 40 rolls. Sushi chefs Sam, Benny and Johnny have changed the bar-sitting experience, as you can watch them prepare fresh sushi orders that are served at a rapid pace. According to Nico, the Big Malaka roll is a house favorite. It includes shrimp tempura, seasoned egg, krab meat, avocado and masago. Eight pieces per roll in this big guy.

Nico also told me that almost everything is USA sourced.

“We’re an American company selling American products and the quality is outstanding,” he said. “I strive for that in a major way. Our alligator and crawfish come from Louisiana. Our catfish comes from Mississippi.”

He even said he is now bringing in 1,000 pounds of salmon and red snapper and filleting it in house, by hand, because he was no longer satisfied with what some vendors were presenting. The guest compliments to longtime Fishbones head chef, Will Hatcher, have been plenty.

Fishbones also has excellent burgers, salads, sandwiches and po’ boys to enjoy as well. The attention to



The Gatzaros family’s restaurants.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



It seems like everyone has a stash of Liquid IV or the latest hydration powder on hand these days for when a crisis hits, like an illness or injury; sporting prep like those long practices in the heat; and, quite frankly, hangovers.

I could not resist trying Drip Drop, because they got me with the “3X electrolytes” and “less sugar” claims. Perhaps one of my resolutions for 2026 could be “Stop being a sucker.”

Anyway, back to Drip Drop. According to its packaging and marketing, Drip Drop was invented by a doctor who wanted to defeat dehydration using

“ORS science,” which “works by using glucose to help the intestines absorb water and electrolytes more efficiently than water alone, making it a vital treatment for preventing severe dehydration, particularly in children,” according to online research.

Drip Drop was voted the “Best Tasting” hydration drink by Men’s Journal and I would probably agree with that. It is less salty and less sweet than most. The package



comes with 32 portable packets just like most other brands and the flavors are all equally good in my opinion — other than grape, which is OK, but never my favorite flavor.

I like to bring these things on sports weekends, vacations where we all get dehydrated for one reason or another — like too much champagne, too much skiing, too much sun, someone gets the flu, etc. I like that it’s sort of like a multivitamin. It has magnesium, zinc and vitamin C, as well as the very fad-o-rific tur-

meric, among others.

Drip Drop claims to have three times the electrolytes of other brands and I guess that’s great. But if you are talking about one making you feel any better than another, I guess I’m not in tune with my body enough to make that distinction. I think they are all beneficial and other than taste, they are all pretty much equal.

Because Drip Drop does taste good, has pretty decent ingredients and uses less sugar, I’m giving it 4.5 alligators. It’s good and does the job, but I wouldn’t run out to purchase it unless you are

running low on Liquid IV and wanted to try something new. It’s available on Amazon for \$32 at tinyurl.com/5cv3r6tm.

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



4.5 Out Of 5

Nourishing slow-cooked beef

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

This recipe is inspired by my sister-in-law, who once followed a very strict Paleo diet. She would buy half of a cow from a local farmer each year. Needless to say she had to come up with a thousand and one beef recipes.

This is one. It stuck with me because of its glorious, simmering smell that fills up the house. There is lots of rosemary and garlic, along with tomatoes and balsamic vinegar added to create a savory and flavorful juice.

The words “heartly” and “comforting” come to mind, but the word that does it the most justice is “nourishing.” It’s a really easy and nourishing meal that is hands-off and all cooked

in the slow-cooker. The best part is the ingredients are clean and simple.

Beef is expensive. I tend to only buy it when it’s on sale. Luckily, there seems to be at least one type of beef cut on sale each week, so you need to be adaptable. This past week, beef shoulder roasts were on special. I picked a top round, which is essentially a pot roast — a heavily worked muscle. It’s very lean and can turn out dry and tough. Because of this, slow-cooking is the best method. I skipped browning the roast entirely, yet it still developed deep, beefy flavor and a firm, shreddable texture.

You could serve this over egg noodles or

mashed potatoes, but I chose a simply roasted sweet potato. I wrapped them in aluminum foil and placed them in the oven until they were soft. The bright orange flesh was a nice change from the beige carbs I usually pick.

This is a great Sunday roast or easy weeknight dinner. Leftovers are a welcomed addition to any lunch. Skip the powdered packets and effortlessly whip up this nourishing meal tonight.

Cheers, Mombeau

Balsamic and Rosemary Slow-Cooked Beef Roast

3 lb beef top or bottom round roast

- 14.5 oz can of diced tomatoes
 - 6 cloves smashed garlic
 - 6 sprigs rosemary
 - ½ cup balsamic vinegar
 - 2 tsp salt
 - 1 tsp pepper
 - 4 medium sweet potatoes
- Rub the salt and pepper all over the beef roast and place in a slow cooker set to high heat. Pour over the tomatoes and balsamic vinegar. Sprinkle the garlic and rosemary sprigs over the top. Cover and cook for six hours. Remove the lid and shred the beef. Turn the heat down to warm until dinnertime.

For the sweet potatoes, preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Wash their skins and prick the top with a fork. Wrap each one in aluminum foil and place in the oven for one hour.

To serve, open the foil and make a slit down the center of the potato. Fluff with a fork and add a big scoop of beef to the top along with the juices.



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detail in these kitchens is very important to Nico and his favorite business partners, Maria and Ellena — his mother and sister. Approximately five years ago, they did a full kitchen upgrade from floor to ceiling and everything in between at the SCS location.

“Everything is brand new, top of the line,” Nico said.

They even added a walk-up carry-out entrance off of the back parking lot. All Fishbones locations offer gluten-free options, catering and can accommodate private gatherings in separate spaces. I also will note that if you frequent the Southfield area, you can enjoy Fishbones West, at 29244 Northwestern Hwy. It’s got the same atmosphere and the same great regular menu.

The city of Detroit holds a special place in the hearts of the Gatzaros family. Their patriarch started his life in the United States there and some of his last memories were made there. In 2012, 21 years after its closing, Nico and his father reopened and refurbished the legendary London Chop House at 155 W. Congress, in the Murphy-Telegraph Building. People thought they were crazy seeing as the city was still in decline at that time, but Nico and his father knew better. Ted purchased the building in the 1970s and London Chop House was the tenant in the basement. This gem of a historical restaurant

still holds the same ambience as it did in the early 1940s.

“Good bones,” Nico said, “hardly had to do anything.”

Aside from a new kitchen, walking down the stairs into the main dining room, which seats 140 guests, is like walking back in time in the best way. Ted Gatzaros was able to enjoy this rebirth only for a short time before his passing in early 2013, but a part of him is always present.

London Chop House has multiple spaces used for private entertaining, business gatherings and a dedicated cigar lounge, all in the same building. The reopening of this location brought an extreme talent to the Gatzaros’ International Marketplace Inc.: Grosse Pointe native RJ Scherer, who then was an executive sous chef and now is the executive chef across the board. He runs his scratch kitchens with skill and perfection, like well-oiled machines. The steaks and chops at London Chop House are an updated ver-



Left, London Chop House classics. Right, Fishbones favorites, clockwise from top left, jambalaya, burger, Seafood Pasta Orleans and Gumbo YaYa.



sion of what they once were, with the same flavor you remember. Its seafood dishes make your mouth water while enjoying live music nightly at a pleasant volume, while sipping on a glass of red, a heavy pour of bourbon or perfectly shaken martini.

Scherer, alongside longtime employee and Nicos’ best friend, Bjorn Lagerfeldt, also serves as operating manager for London Chop House and the restaurant group’s most recent addition in January 2025, Ostrea Detroit. The idea of this concept came from Chef RJ and was designed by Nico and his mother. It’s located at 536 Shelby, same building as London Chop House, with shared valet parking. Ostrea brings an elevated seafood experience that combines a romantic touch while also an ideal setting for dining among friends, family and colleagues.

If you enjoy oysters, this is definitely your place.

With at least six styles to choose from, delivered fresh daily from the East Coast, Chef RJ prepares them to order, as well as many other entrees such as seared scallops, grilled octopus and a bucatini pasta I hear is excellent. I’ve promised Nico and RJ that I will be visiting their new place soon. Now it’s in writing, which holds me extra accountable.

One of my last questions for Nico was about the success his family has had in the restaurant/hospitality industry all these years. His

answer was quite simple: “Focus on the mission, pay attention to the details and Mom is the boss: She’s always right.”

Whatever you all are doing seems to be working out just fine, my dear friend.

With the Detroit auto show upon us, I highly suggest Fishbones Greektown, London Chop House and Ostrea Detroit as excellent dining options while visiting downtown. I highly suggest reservations as well. Looking back, I feel pretty lucky to have been someone

who has witnessed so much of the journey Nico and his family have been on over the past 25 years of our friendship. It’s truly amazing what they have accomplished together with their angel above.

Check out their full menus and regular business hours on their social media pages.

Facebook: Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, Fishbones Greektown, Fishbones West, The London Chop House and Ostrea Detroit. Instagram: @Fishbonesscs, @fishbonesgreektowndetroit, @fishboneswest, @londonchophouse, @ostreadetroit

* Fun fact: The award for the longest working employee goes to the one and only Bjorn. He and Nico were hosts at Pegasus in the early ’80s, more than 40 years ago, and have been inseparable ever since. International Marketplace Inc., wouldn’t be the same without you, Bjorn!

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New year, new you: The rise of personalized wellness



Oli at Home’s Mike and Lindsey Oliver, above.



Oli at Home brings beauty and wellness services right to your residence.

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

The start of a new year always brings renewed motivation, but 2026 is shaping up to be something different. Across Michigan and beyond, people are not just setting resolutions. They are stepping into a new era of biohacking, longevity practices and science-backed self-care.

From mobile medical aesthetics and IV therapy to sauna recovery, NAD+, hyperbaric oxygen and noninvasive body sculpting, wellness trends are shifting toward smarter, more personalized and more convenient solutions. Today, taking care of yourself is not just a luxury. It is a lifestyle grounded in technology, neuroscience and the belief that feeling your best should be accessible and achievable.

Healthcare is becoming more private, more mobile and more patient led. Instead of long waiting rooms and rushed appointments, people want care that is intentional, customized and delivered on their terms. And Michigan’s wellness community is answering that call.

Whether it is optimizing your immune system, refreshing your skin, improving energy, sculpting your body or building recovery habits that actually stick, there is a growing ecosystem of local businesses offering transformative ways to elevate your health.

This year is all about reclaiming how we look, feel and function without the overwhelm. These Michigan-rooted companies are redefining what modern wellness looks like in 2026. They are bringing the experts directly to your home, pairing medical-grade treatment with real education and creating environments where people feel supported rather than rushed. It is healthcare built for real life. And it is helping thousands of people across the state create a stronger, calmer, healthier version of themselves. As you step into the new year with clear intentions, let this be the reminder: You deserve care that fits your life, honors your goals and helps you build habits that last.

Whether you are exploring aesthetics, recovery, vitamin therapy, weight loss programs or cutting-edge regenerative treatments, your path to feeling your best starts right here with the Michigan innovators leading the wellness movement forward.

Oli at Home

Oli at Home is a modern medical practice built around one idea. Patients deserve expert care delivered in a way that respects their time and their life. Their board-certified physician assistants and nurse practitioners treat patients in the comfort of their homes across Michigan. The experience is private, convenient and centered on real medical expertise.

Oli was launched in 2023, by husband-and-wife team Michael and Lindsey Oliver with a simple goal: Raise the standard of care. Make it personal again. Since then, thousands of patients have trusted their

team for Botox, Jeuveau, chemical peels, microneedling, skincare guidance and long-term treatment planning.

The Oli at Home difference is their dedication to spending time with their patients. They listen and build plans that match the goals and pace of the individual.

Every appointment begins with a complimentary virtual consult with a physician assistant or nurse practitioner. Each provider is trained extensively through an internal program, built in partnership with the leading pharmaceutical companies in the industry. Then, the treatment itself happens at your own home, which creates a level of comfort and trust not found in a traditional setting.

Each new year brings a fresh chance to take care of yourself. Oli at Home helps patients do that while feeling confident, comfortable and in control of how they show up in the world.

The in-home services include Botox, Jeuveau, chemical peels, microneedling, filler, skincare guidance and long-term treatment plans. Thousands of patients trust the Oli team because the experience is simple, private, comfortable and rooted in real medical care.

“People want great medical care. They want it delivered by someone they trust. They want an experience that feels human. That is why we built Oli at Home,” Lindsey Oliver said.

The company covers all major metropolitan areas across the state, including metro Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Kalamazoo. Visit their website at oliathome.com.



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The team at Oli at Home are fully-trained physician assistants and nurse practitioners, bringing safe and comfortable medical services to you.



iCryo Recovery and Wellness center is located on Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms.

iCRYO

Whether your goals include improving energy, boosting recovery or shaping a stronger body, iCRYO offers science-backed services designed to help you step into the best version of yourself. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, NAD+, medical weight loss and body sculpting are just a few of iCRYO’s self-improvement offerings. No matter where you are on your wellness journey, iCRYO provides the resources and personalized care to help you look, feel and perform your best. This year, commit to prioritizing yourself — your health, your energy and your goals. A healthier you begins now and iCRYO is here to help you make it happen.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT)

If you’re looking to increase mental clarity, speed up healing or enhance overall performance, HBOT provides an oxygenated atmosphere inside a pressurized chamber. This supports cellular repair, reduces inflammation and helps you feel revitalized from the inside out.

NAD+ infusions

NAD+ is essential for energy production and healthy aging, but levels naturally decline over time. iCRYO’s NAD+ services help replenish this vital coenzyme to support better focus, improved metabolism and enhanced recovery. It’s a powerful way to recharge your system for the year ahead.

Medical weight loss support

Achieving a healthier body often requires more than motivation alone. iCRYO’s medical weight loss programs pair expert guidance with effective tools to support sustainable progress. Customized plans help you improve your relationship with nutrition, boost energy and reach your goals with confidence.

Body sculpting solutions

For those looking to refine their shape, body sculpting services offer non-invasive options to target stubborn areas. These treatments help contour, tighten and enhance your natural look — perfect for giving your fitness efforts an extra boost.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy at iCryo, right, involves a pressurized chamber with an oxygenated atmosphere. The treatment assists in cellular healing and promoting optimal physical and mental performance, among many other wellness benefits.



EMSculpt, above, is a non-invasive service that targets problem areas to help tighten the body and fine-tune your overall look.

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Eleven Detroit offers in-home IV infusions on demand — wherever you may be in your busy day. Above, founders Abby Monette, left, and Kelli Craun designed the business to serve clients who have demanding schedules that might not permit them time to come to an office. This team comes to you!

Eleven Detroit

For those looking to take their wellness routine to the next level in the new year, Eleven Detroit offers one of the most convenient and impactful ways to support total-body health. Founded by a Grosse Pointer who saw a need for accessible, high-quality wellness services in the community, Eleven Detroit brings mobile IV therapy directly to your home, office, gym or event. No travel, no waiting rooms — just professional, on-demand care delivered wherever you are most comfortable.

Eleven Detroit specializes in customized IV drips designed to boost hydration, strengthen immunity, increase energy, support recovery and enhance overall well-being. Its menu includes targeted blends for fatigue, athletic recovery, seasonal immunity, beauty and glow, headaches, dehydration and more — each drip delivered by registered nurses for safe, elevated, medical-grade care. Because IV therapy bypasses the digestive system, you absorb nutrients more effectively, making you feel the benefits faster.

What truly sets Eleven Detroit apart is its commitment to convenience and community. This local Grosse Pointe–founded business was built on the idea that taking care of yourself should be seamless, flexible and accessible — especially for busy families, athletes, professionals and anyone looking to feel their best. Whether you’re recovering from travel, prepping for a big week, supporting your immune system during cold season or simply investing in your wellness, Eleven Detroit brings the treatment to your doorstep.

As we step into a “New Year, New You” mindset, its mobile services offer an effortless way to prioritize your health. Pair an Eleven Detroit IV drip with your existing self-care routine or use it as the perfect reset to kickstart your year. Wellness has never been easier, more local or more personalized.

RAMP Athletics

As you step into the new year, RAMP Athletics will help you reset, recharge and rebuild wellness from the inside out. Whether your goal is to boost immunity, recover smarter, feel stronger or simply take better care of yourself, their combined services create the perfect pathway to a healthier, more energized you. This season is all about prioritizing your wellbeing — and they’ve built the ultimate toolkit to support you every step of the way.

The community sauna experience is the heart of that reset. Designed to bring people together in a warm, calming environment, the sauna helps improve circulation, release tension and promote deep relaxation. And your first session is completely free, making it easy to start the year with a moment dedicated entirely to your health. Pair your sauna time with

a cold plunge or massage for an even more transformative recovery session.

For those looking to elevate their routine, RAMP Recovery lets you stack their modalities like a pro. Mix and match sauna, cold exposure, compression, mobility work and more to create the perfect recovery flow for your goals. It’s the ideal way to combat stress, speed up healing and feel stronger — inside and out — throughout 2026.

To support full-body wellness, IV therapy is available through Michigan Immune Defense, delivering hydration, vitamins and immune support directly into your system. Whether you’re bouncing back from a tough workout, boosting immunity during cold season or simply wanting to feel your absolute best, your first IV visit comes with 10 percent off.

This year, give yourself permission to prioritize your health. RAMP Athletics and Michigan Immune Defense make it easier than ever to establish consistent wellness habits that last.

Stronger immunity, faster recovery and a calmer, more energized you all start right here.



The community sauna experience at RAMP Athletics is a core service to their wellness reset program.

Top 5 wellness podcasts to kick off 2026

Here are Top 5 wellness podcasts to kick off 2026 — science-based, inspiring and perfect for the “New Year, New You” mindset:

1. Huberman Lab (hosted by Andrew Huberman) — A deep dive into neuroscience, performance, sleep and longevity. Find it and the following podcasts at: hubermanlab.com.

“The Science of Making & Breaking Habits” (Episode 53) explains the neuroscience of habit formation and elimination — how long it really takes, how to reduce “limbic friction” and how to make a habit context-independent. It’s a deep dive into habit science, from brain wiring to practical steps you can start in January.

“How to Increase Motivation & Drive” focuses on how dopamine and reward systems drive motivation — useful for setting (and sticking to) your new-year goals. A powerhouse episode to help you get momentum behind a fresh start.

2. The Happiness Lab (hosted by Laurie Santos) explores the science of habits and well-being — great for mindset shifts in the new year.

“How to Kick Bad Habits (and Start Good Ones)” at pushkin.fm, shows how to

break unwanted habits and flip them into good ones — with practical steps and habit-loop insights. (omny.fm) Ideal for those who want a fresh start this year without relying purely on willpower.

3. The Habit Coach (hosted by Ashdin Doctor) — Short, practical episodes on habit-building and behavior change.

4. Be Well By Kelly (hosted by Kelly LeVeque) talks about nutrition, whole-foods living and balanced wellness choices.

“The Tiny Changes That Lead to Massive Results” (Apple Podcasts) focuses on small habit tweaks — “tiny changes” that build into big outcomes for nutrition, wellness and lifestyle. This is a user-friendly episode for those wanting incremental change.

5. The Dr. Gabrielle Lyon Show — A strength-centric, wellness education podcast especially good for folks ready to level up in 2026.

“Unlocking the Secrets of Whole Foods” (Episode 136) explores how nutrition, muscle and whole-body health link into bigger wellness habits and sustainable change.

Perfect for a “reset your body this year” angle in your wellness initiative.



Sleep matters to overall health more than you realize

A state of quality sleep is necessary to give the body and mind time to recharge and prepare for the next day. Though such benefits are widely recognized, a significant percentage of individuals across the globe are failing to get sufficient rest — a dangerous reality that could be putting people at risk for various diseases and conditions.

Lack of sleep is such a prominent problem that the research team behind a 2024 study published in the journal, *The Lancet: Diabetes & Endocrinology*, dubbed insufficient sleep as a “neglected public health issue.” That study surveyed 2,000 adults in the United Kingdom and found that 90 percent of respondents reported current sleep problems, with two-thirds of those individuals indicating they had experienced their issues for more than six years.

It’s not just adults suffering from sleep issues. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the modern 24-hour lifestyle and pervasive use of electronics and social media is normalizing insufficient sleep among children and adolescents.

Sleeping problems are not to be taken lightly, since sleep deficiency has been linked to heart disease, kidney disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke, obesity and depression. Children who are not getting enough sleep may experience difficulty paying attention, which could adversely affect their academic performance, and might be prone to misbehavior. Of course, many of these side effects can be avoided by getting sufficient sleep. With that in mind, adults, parents, children and adolescents can consider these strategies to get a better night’s sleep, courtesy of the Sleep Foundation.

Mattresses and pillows matter

Replace an old mattress. Old mattresses can be lumpy and uncomfortable, making it harder to fall and stay asleep. A bad mattress also can contribute to back and neck issues. The wrong type of pillow can put you out of alignment and create pain, as well as tossing and turning.



Pay attention to lighting

Block out light at night. Light exposure adversely affects your circadian rhythm, so keep external light out of your bedroom and dim lights as bedtime approaches. Avoiding bright light as you transition to bedtime can contribute to the production of the hormone melatonin, which facilitates sleep.

Limit screen time at bed time

Avoid devices an hour before bed. The light emitted by tablets, smartphones and laptops can suppress melatonin production, making it hard to fall asleep. Make the hour before bedtime each night a device-free time.

Create an optimal sleep temperature

The Sleep Foundation advises setting a bedroom temperature thermostat to between 65 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent feelings of being too hot or too cold when going to bed.

A cooler environment promotes sleep and can prevent waking up during the night due to being too warm.

Have a steady sleep routine

Wake up and retire at the same time each day. Keeping a routine trains your body and mind to get tired and arise at set times, promoting ongoing adequate hours of sleep.

Wind down

Begin to relax 30 minutes before bed. A pre-bedtime routine focused on relaxation can facilitate sleep. The Sleep Foundation notes activities like quiet reading, low-impact stretching, listening to soothing music and mindfulness meditation can help you ease into sleep.

Work out to tire out

Exercise each day, but avoid intense activity close to bedtime. Daily exercise has been found to promote sleep, but intense exercise right before bed can make it hard to settle down. A healthy exercise routine provides oxygen to the body and burns off energy — which will pay off at bedtime. Make this the year you pay attention to the basics of self-care and wellness, including the sleep your body needs.

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get healthier
in 2026!

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Griffin played by Everett Blunck in the 2024 movie “Griffin in Summer,” written and directed by Nicholas Colia.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Griffin in Summer”
2024 - Not Rated
1 hr 33 min
★★★★☆

If you’re at all like me, you have fond memories of your middle school years. And you probably remember there was always one kid in your class that didn’t quite fit it. You know, the one who was head over heels

smarter than everyone else — a real brainiac and in a league of their own. You just knew (s)he was destined for greatness. The recent film “Griffin in Summer” is a delightful tale of one such child.

This quirky little movie is the writing and directing debut for Nicholas Colia, and what a fine piece of filmmaking it is. It stars Everett Blunck

who plays the irritating 14-year old nerd Griffin. He’s smart, precocious and light-years ahead of his classmates. But there’s something about him that’s endearing as well. You want to hang in there and see how things work out for him.

Griffin is an aspiring young playwright. He’s not just any playwright, he writes tragedies that are comparable to Arthur Miller’s or Eugene O’Neill’s. In other words, angst-ridden dramas about domestic struggles. We first encounter him at the school talent show. While his classmates perform cheery little numbers, he recites the closing scene from his latest drama, “Regrets of Autumn.” The title alone should be a giveaway to how serious his play is. After he comes



Chloe and Brad at the bar.



Brad’s girlfriend Chloe (Kathryn Newton).



Movie poster for “Griffin in Summer.”



on stage, Griffin lowers the mic and proceeds to act out the roles of an alcoholic housewife and her philandering husband. When he delivers the closing line from the wife, “Those weren’t miscarriages, Walter, they were abortions!” the audience is stunned into silence. They proceed to quietly applaud.

This sets the stage (sorry, bad pun) for the rest of the film. Griffin’s dream is to move to New York City as soon as he graduates from high school and become a famous playwright. He’s convinced that’s his destiny. But in the meantime, he wants to put on his new play with his friends. The only problem is, school has just let out for the summer and his pals want to do summertime things. They certainly don’t want to spend upwards of 60 hours a week rehearsing his play. This is further complicated when his best friend and director/producer Kara (Abby Ryder Fortson) announces she’s going on vacation to her boyfriend’s family’s cottage in Maine. So the rest of his crew, Winnie (Johanna Colon), Tyler (Gordon Rocks), and Pam (Alivia Bellamy), will have to carry on without her.

Undeterred, Griffin plows ahead completing his script. His mother Helen (the always delightful Melanie Lynskey), while usually quite supportive, is having troubles of her own. She suffers from depression and treats it with “alcohol and Klonopin” as he points out. Her husband is constantly away, supposedly on business trips. When Griffin overhears her discussing their relationship, he suspects that his parents’ marriage might soon be over. Ironically, it appears that his home life is beginning to resemble the play he’s working on.

The film takes a drastic turn when Helen hires Brad (Owen Teague), to fix up their pool area and tend to other needed repairs around their house. Brad is a 25-year-old hunk who’s a cross between a young Marlon Brando and James Dean. He’s a total knucklehead and not the sharpest tool in the shed, so to speak. His only claim to fame is that he’s a performance artist who recently lived and performed in NYC.

Needless to say, Griffin is totally smitten with him. When he shows him a video of his latest avant-garde piece — which is absolutely over-the-top



ridiculous — Griffin is all in. Brad can simply do no wrong.

Brad hangs around the house and does very little actual work. When Griffin offers him his father’s high end collection of booze, he’s more than happy to quaff it down. Griffin remains full of hope that Brad actually likes him. But this fantasy is shattered when Brad reveals that he has a girlfriend. Enter Chloe (Kathryn Newton). She a delightful, free-spirited young girl, and we learn that they’ve been dating since high school. It adds just one more twist to this complicated tale.

I thoroughly enjoyed this oddball little indie film. It’s an interesting combination of a coming of age and coming out of the closet drama. I thought all the actors were perfectly cast. I’ve noticed that in quite of few movies like this, the young actors were rather sub-par. Not here. All of them were thoroughly believable and natural.

I look forward to seeing what the talented rookie director Nicholas Colia does next. If this film is any indication, he certainly has a promising future ahead of him.

Note to parents: The film is unrated, but I’d probably rate it PG-13 due to language and underage drinking.

Currently streaming on Hulu and to rent on Amazon, Apple TV, and Fandango.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually buy it!

If you have any movie suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com.



The producer/director Kara (Abby Ryder Fortson).



Griffin checks out Brad’s girlfriend.



Helen (Melanie Lynskey) has a chat with Brad (Owen Teague).



Rehearsal time.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

1/15 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

1/8 Solution

Contract Bridge

TO FINESSE OR NOT TO FINESSE

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 10 4

♥ K 8 6 4 3

♦ A 9 6

♣ J 3

WEST

♠ 9 5

♥ 10

♦ K 10 2

♣ K Q 10 8 7 6 4

EAST

♠ A J 7 6 3

♥ 9

♦ Q J 8 5 4

♣ 5 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 8 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A 9

The bidding:

West 3 ♣ **North** Pass **East** Pass **South** 3 ♥

Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

In the absence of any pertinent clues to the contrary, a finesse is essentially a 50-50 proposition. However, this figure can change dramatically as a result of information declarer may gain during the bidding or play. For example, an opening bidder would be far more likely than his silent partner to hold a missing king, queen or ace.

Consider this deal where a shrewd declarer playing in four hearts found a way to avoid taking a finesse that was likely to fail. He won the club lead with the ace and could see three cer-

tain losers — a club, a diamond and the ace of spades — plus a potential fourth loser to the jack of spades.

South knew that the normal way to attack spades was to lead low toward dummy at a suitable point in the play and finesse the ten, hoping West had the jack. However, South was unwilling to put all his eggs in that one basket before he learned more about the opposing hands.

At trick two, he cashed the ace of hearts and then played the ace and another diamond. East won with the jack and led a club to West's queen. West then returned the diamond king, ruffed by declarer.

By now, South knew that West had started with one heart, at least three diamonds and presumably seven clubs for his three-club bid. West therefore had at most two spades, which in turn meant that East had at least five. East was therefore much more likely to hold the jack of spades than West.

So, instead of leading a spade to the ten, South led a spade to dummy's king. East took the ace (it would not have helped him to play low) and was then forced to yield the contract. If he returned a low spade, South would let it run to dummy's ten, and if he returned a diamond instead, South would ruff in one hand and discard his spade loser from the other.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, January 15, 2026:

You are idealistic, public-spirited and empathetic. You aspire to perfection and intuitively sense what is right and wrong. This year you will reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power, leadership and recognition for your accomplishments. You might get a promotion or an award.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

A parent, boss or someone in authority might do a favour for you today or give you a gift of some kind. Be open to this possibility. Whatever happens could evolve into making you feel more secure about what you're doing and how you're living. It's a good day to learn something new! Tonight: Explore!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Surprise opportunities might fall in your lap today. This is also a very romantic day! You might strike up a flirtation with someone "different," or even fall in love with someone of an age difference (or they might be more settled and established). Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Keep an eye on your banking and financial transactions because something unexpected could impact them. Very likely, it will be to your benefit. This could be a gift or something you're happy to see. It also might give you some long-term benefit. Meanwhile, romance is passionate! Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

There's a surprising aspect to your relationships or friendships today, so be on your toes. You also might sit down and have a serious discussion about the division of labor or shared expenses. An exciting new contact might occur. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a playful, fun-loving day, which is why you want to socialize or do something different. You're also ready to accept responsibilities that are related to any task that you're doing or at your job. However, something unexpected might occur. Perhaps a flirtation. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Something surprising or exciting might happen today. You might get an invitation to socialize. You might meet someone new and different who is unusual. Parents should be vigilant because it's a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Tonight: Relax at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Something unexpected might please your family. You might buy something high-tech or attractive. Someone unexpected might knock at your door. You're also ready to do something to solidify your home base and secure your future. Tonight: Important conversations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a pleasant day. New places, new faces and new ideas might give your day an unexpected lift! Serious discussions might help you to solidify social plans, vacations or ways of educating and dealing with your kids. Money is on your mind. Tonight: Check your possessions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight edge over everyone else. Why not ask the universe for a favor and see what happens? Meanwhile, keep an eye on your money and possessions because something unexpected could occur. On the upside, you might get a gift. Tonight: You win!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Find some quiet time today to take a breather. Nevertheless, social occasions might make sudden demands on your time, especially if you feel you must respond out of a sense of courtesy or social obligation. Spontaneous shopping for wardrobe items will delight you. Tonight: Seek privacy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A secret love affair or a flirtation might happen today. A discussion with a female friend or a member of a group could impact your future plans. Perhaps this is because something going on behind the scenes can now stabilize your finances in some way. Tonight: Talk to a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

It's a popular day! Unexpected flirtations and encounters with others will make this a pleasant, fun-loving day for you. Stay light on your feet so that you can be flexible and ready to jump in any direction. You might hang out with someone older or take time to fill social responsibilities. Tonight: You're noticed.

BORN TODAY
Civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. (1929), actress, director Regina King (1971), actress Andrea Martin (1947).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 15, 2026

ACROSS

1 African snake

6 Cabbagey side dish

10 Soft-serve vessel

14 Opposite of rural

15 Part of the ozone layer that's shrinking

16 Enthusiastic

17 Film franchise that parodies the horror genre (In this answer, unscramble letters 3-6)

19 Big theory

20 Ken Jennings, for "Jeopardy!"

21 "Thanks, I ___ you one"

22 California's San Fernando ___

24 Winter hrs. in Pittsburgh

26 Ingenuous

28 "I'm gonna begin ... now!" (... letters 3-11 into a name that starts with "C")

33 Organ with a canal

34 "Drag Race" challenge filled with insults

35 They're waved by magicians

38 Guiding belief

40 Small earring

42 Lopsided victory

43 Websites like Brickipedia

45 Location of the radius

47 One-street

48 Grocery store section with greens (... letters 6-13 into a name that starts with "I")

51 Garment worn with a choli

52 Portuguese for "year"

53 Marry

54 Low-scoring shutout in soccer

56 Penultimate Greek letter

58 Sacred bird in ancient Egypt

62 Poet Limon

63 Leave without paying (... letters 3-6)

66 "Totally tubular!"

67 Simplifies

68 Wash off

69 Cunning

70 Ginger cookies

71 Lieu

DOWN

1 Soft food

2 With the bow, in music

3 Execs' degrees

4 Trade without money

5 "___ luck?"

6 ___-and-tell

7 The apartment in "The Apartment," e.g.

8 "Beef" star Wong

9 Crop-destroying beetle

10 San Francisco vehicle

11 Track shape

12 Number of things in a nonet

13 Pushing the boundaries

18 New York's is "Excelsior"

23 Profess

25 Caress

27 Genuine

28 "Just a ___!"

29 MLB's Pine Incident

30 "Is everyone all set?"

31 Maggie in the Senate

32 Has the answer

36 Two-purpose

37 Eyelid irritation

39 "Mangia!"

41 Attracted

44 Language of the clue at 39-Down

46 Comedian

48 Property destroyer

49 Shepherdess in a nursery rhyme

50 "Ta-da!"

51 Skyrockets

55 "Beware the ___ of March"

57 Back talk

59 The ___ of one's existence

60 "Barbie" actress Rae

61 Leave fur all over

64 Surveillance org.

65 Co-workers of RNs

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Dancing Queen by Ryan Judge

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COMICS

Charles M. Schulz

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FAST-FOOD CHAIN!

SCHULZ

Bizarro Dan Piraro and Wayno

Good first effort, but next time, try saying "gently used" rather than "pre-dented."

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Andy Capp

I CAN SAY FOR SURE, ANDY, THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL SEE YOU HERE IN THIS POLICE STATION

IS THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE FINALLY REALISED THAT TO KEEP BRINGING ME IN IS A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE, SARGE?

Reg Smythe

IT'S BECAUSE I'M RETIRING TODAY

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

Flying McCoys Glenn McCoy

EARTHLINGS EXHIBIT

WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE MISSING LINK TO PROVE A RELATION BETWEEN MULLET HUMAN AND MAN-BUN HUMAN.

B.C.

CAUTION A HEAD

ONCE AGAIN, THE IDIOTS AT THE DMV FORGOT TO RUN THEIR SIGN COPY THROUGH SPELL-CHECK.

1-6-26

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni

SPUD

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Reality Check Dave Whamond

MARVEL RUNS OUT OF ALTERNATE UNIVERSE IDEAS FOR THE SPIDER-VERSE!

YOU'RE A WAY BETTER DRIVER THAN ME! HOW DID YOU DO THAT IN ONE TRY?

PARALLEL PARKER

1-15

WHAMOND

APOLOGIES TO MARVEL

Beetle Bailey

YOU ARE USELESS

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS BERATING, INSULTING AND ABUSING ME?

BECAUSE YOU NEED ENCOURAGEMENT, GUIDANCE AND NURTURING

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SPEG + MORT WALKER

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS BERATING, INSULTING AND ABUSING ME?

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SPEG + MORT WALKER

The Lockhorns Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO CRASH A SHOPPING CART?

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Mother Goose and Grim

CHRISTMAS WAS LAST MONTH-- I KNOW

WHAT ARE THEY STILL DOING HERE?

Mike Peters

SANTA WON'T SPRING FOR NETFLIX

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MIKE PETERS

Crankshaft

I THINK THIS WAS A CLEVER AND SNEAKY WAY TO GET DAD TO TAKE HIS BLUE BOMBERS HELMET OFF.

THANKS.

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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis

IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO EAT PIZZA THROUGH A FACE MASK!

BATIUK & DAVIS

Dennis the Menace Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton

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Carpe Diem

STITCHES...

VOCAL CORDS...

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Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

The worst thing about being snowed in is that we can't tell him to go outside and get some fresh air ...

But it's our only tool as parents!

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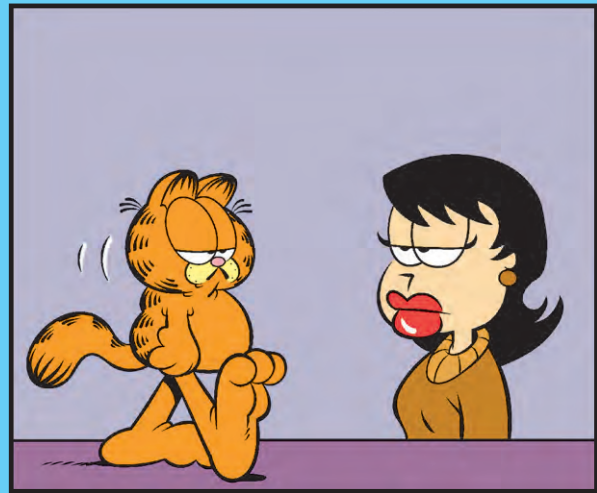
"MY MOM'S HEARING IS SO GOOD SHE EVEN HEARS WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY."

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Garfield

Jim Davis



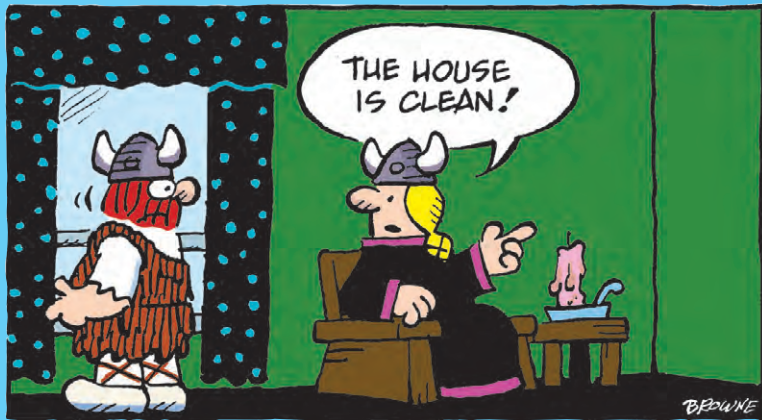
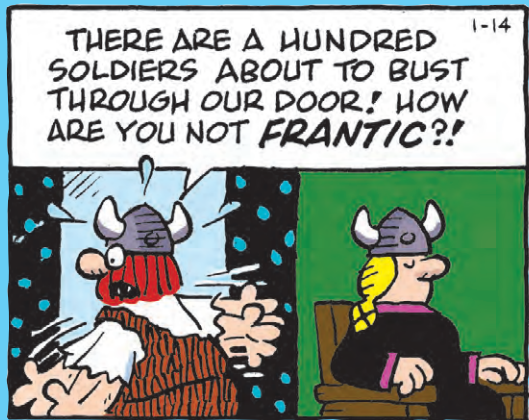
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Bob Webber Jr. and Gary Hallgren

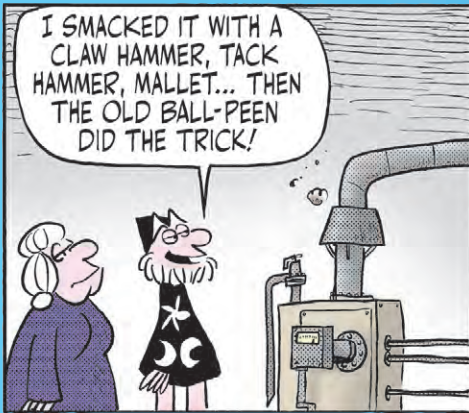
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John McPherson



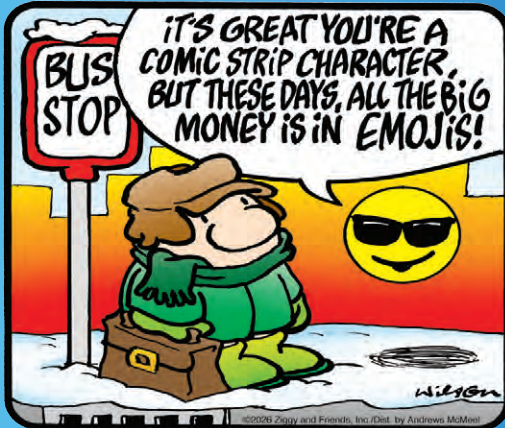
Wizard of Id

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



Ziggy

Tom Wilson



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



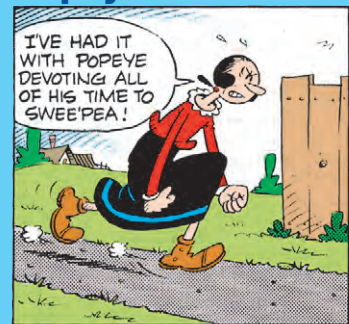
Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



F Minus

Tony Carrillo



[illegible]

What is a dream you have?
It can be a dream about something for yourself, for your community, for your school or the world?

ANSWER: A star-spangled banana.

What is a dream you have?
It can be a dream about something for yourself, for your community, for your school or the world?

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Zingas to represent Pointes at Olympics

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last weekend, at the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in St. Louis, Mo., a lifelong dream was realized for Grosse Pointe Farms native Emilea Zingas and her partner, Vadym Kolesnik. It was there the two were named one of the pairs that would represent the United States in ice dance at the upcoming 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan, Italy.

“We got a standing ovation after our free dance on Saturday and I think that was the moment that it fully hit me that we were going to the Olympics,” Zingas said. “I was trying not to really think that way before then, because going into the National Championships, there are a lot of things that go into the Olympic selection. We had placed really well and had a lot of points in that selection process because of our performances earlier in the season. ... We knew we needed to do one job and skate cleanly, so we relaxed a bit and shook away the nerves and allowed ourselves to enjoy those moments. ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Farms native Emilea Zingas, left, and partner Vadym Kolesnik will be one of the ice dance pairs competing for the United States at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan, Italy.

Finding out that we made the Olympic team was truly surreal.”

Zingas and Kolesnik finished second in the ice dance final standings at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Saturday, Jan. 10. That performance, along with points the pair had accu-

mulated throughout other recent competitions, was enough to punch their ticket to the Olympics as two of the 16 skaters making up Team USA.

The trip to the Olympics is the culmination of years of hard work for Zingas and Kolesnik,

who have been skating together since early 2022. Before then, Zingas competed in singles competitions, making it to the ISU World Championships in 2021 as a singles skater, and had not thought much about skating with a partner. However, one prac-

tice with Kolesnik was all it took to make her realize skating with a partner could take things to another level.

“I was competing in Germany and our now-coach saw me there and thought I might be good at ice dance,” said Zingas. “... It took some convinc-

ing, but eventually, I went to the rink and tried out with Vadym. Since then, it clicked right away and there was something inside of me that knew I could do it and that this was the right path for me.”

The Olympic dream being realized for Zingas is a special feeling because, like any athlete, it was something she had her sights set on since she was a kid. Growing up in the Pointes and beginning her skating career in the community is something Zingas has always valued immensely. She knows the heights she has reached would not have been possible without the support of the community.

“I always felt supported and that people were interested in my skating career, which was really special,” she said. “It’s a place in the world that likes hockey and likes skating. A lot of kids learn to skate, which I think is really important. All of my teachers, my piano teachers, my violin teachers, everyone has been reaching out and congratulating me. It’s a

See ZINGAS, page 4D

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Borowski helps lead charge in North’s girls basketball success

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Eva Borowski is a leader. Whether serving as a co-captain of the Grosse Pointe North varsity volleyball team, the only senior on the roster of the girls basketball team or a starter on the softball diamond, the senior Norseman seems ready to step up in any situation as she embraces her status as a veteran on North’s teams.

Being a leader is something with which Borowski has become more comfortable her senior year; however, it started as a responsibility that came out of necessity. While she is the only senior on North’s girls basketball team this year, Borowski also was the most veteran player on the roster last season as the only junior, putting her in a spot where the responsibilities of a veteran leader fell solely on her.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eva Borowski

School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Basketball

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throughout the season was really fun and enjoyable. I didn’t know if I would have expected that going in, but all the girls are so eager to get better every day and we all get along so well. I do enjoy having that role and leading by example every day.”

One major benefit of having a young Norsemen team last season is sharing an almost identical lineup of teammates this season. That continuity and consistency



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Eva Borowski sets up a play for North in a game against Chippewa Valley Dec. 17.

has paid dividends so far in the 2025-26 campaign for both Borowski and North as a whole.

The Norsemen have jumped out to a 6-0 start this season as they get

set to begin MAC Red Division play this week. In those six games, Borowski has averaged 22 points, 7.7 rebounds, 6.2 steals and 3.2 assists.

What has been the key to Borowski becoming a

dominant force in her senior season? A different approach to the off-season seems to have helped.

“I hadn’t played AAU

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Everything Eva

- Averaging 22 points, 7.7 rebounds, 6.2 steals through 6 games with North girls basketball
- Member of North varsity volleyball, girls basketball and softball teams



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South bests Roseville in thrilling MAC Red opener

Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is hard to find another league in Michigan as competitive on a nightly basis for boys varsity basketball as the MAC Red Division. Grosse Pointe South and Roseville proved that Thursday, Jan. 8, in the opening game of MAC Red play. The Blue Devils and Panthers battled with little separation for all four quarters, but South was able to come

out on top 56-54. “The league is loaded from top to bottom this year and we knew we had to protect our home court,” South boys basketball head coach Stephen Benard said after the win. “... We were so ready and prepared for this game. We left a lot of points out there, but it was a great game. They’re a well-coached team and a really good team and we’re happy to get the win.”

The Blue Devils and Panthers played about as evenly as two teams could play last Thursday, proving the depth of the MAC Red. The two teams traded blows throughout the game, with Roseville holding a narrow 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter. The back and forth continued for the rest of the first half, with the Panthers still on top by just one point, 28-27, going into the halftime break.

South was able to get scoring help from throughout the lineup as the game went on. Sophomore Jamison Spratt ended up leading the team with 14 points, while junior guard Kooper Richards had 13; these contributions helped South edge ahead 41-40 going into the fourth quarter. The fourth quarter came down to some clutch moments, including South freshman Sam Conn hitting a three-



Sam Rouleau attempts a three-pointer for the Blue Devils.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

South’s Jamison Spratt breezes past a Roseville defender on his way toward the basket.

ATHLETE:

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since I was young, so I had mainly stuck to just playing on the school team, but last spring I joined an AAU team for a few months,” Borowski said. “Getting to play with new girls, I learned a bunch of different tactics. I put in a bunch of work in the offseason. ... My main goals were to improve my ball-handling and my shooting with more range.”

Borowski hopes those improvements to her game and her production on the court continue to show as the Norsemen get into the heart of the basketball season. The MAC Red can be one of the most competitive divisions in the state and North will have to battle its way

through 10 division games over the next couple of months.

That may seem like a daunting task for a young team, but North was a young team last year, too. That has Borowski believing that she and her teammates are battle-tested enough to make a statement in the league this winter.

“We think we can do big things in our league, even though we’re in the MAC Red, which has some tough teams,” she said. “We’ve come a long way since last year and since we didn’t lose any seniors, everyone’s improved. Most people played in the offseason, too, so we know we can upset teams that we maybe aren’t expected to beat.”

Wherever the Norsemen end up at the end of the basketball



Borowski steps up to the plate for North varsity softball last season. She has been a varsity starter for North’s volleyball, girls basketball and softball teams.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

season, Borowski is going to cherish every opportunity she gets to

put on the uniform in her senior year. She then will make the quick

transition from winter to spring and begin preparing for one last season

with North’s varsity softball team.

It is something Borowski is looking forward to as one final campaign wearing the green and gold alongside some of the closest friends she has made throughout her years and various sports seasons at North.

“That’s what I love the most about playing three different sports is the people,” Borowski said. “... I love getting to see people throughout the year. Sometimes, if I don’t have any classes with the girls from the softball team, I don’t really see them until it’s softball time. When that season comes, it’s refreshing to be with a new set of people for a few months and get to hang out and do something we all love together. The teammates are what make being part of these teams so much fun.”

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, meeting as the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will consider a variance at 809 Shoreham in order to add an addition to an existing, non-conforming single-family residence. Variances are requested from Section 50-3.1.B:

- The side yard setback of 8 feet (least one); 5.4’ is proposed.
- The side yard setback (total of two) of 20 feet; 15.5’ is proposed.

The ZBA hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00pm, at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236). The application is available for inspection at the City Clerk’s office between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwmj.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmj.us.

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Paul P. Antolin
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Buzzer-beater propels Knights over Shrine

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There was a big-game feel inside the gym at University Liggett School last Friday night, Jan. 9. The Liggett varsity boys basketball team was hosting Shrine Catholic, with fans filling the stands for Mental Health Awareness Night, put on in partnership with the Mental Huddle Foundation, which specializes in empowering mental health awareness in sports.

The night was set up to be special and the game itself did not disappoint. A somewhat sloppy first half by Liggett led to a second-half comeback, finished off by a dramatic winning shot at the buzzer to give Liggett a 49-48 win.

“The whole community rallied behind these kids and that’s the biggest thing,” Liggett boys basketball head coach Jaylen Rutherford said. “Them just settling down and making the right decisions and the right reads was really the difference — and their will to win and to compete for one another.”



Liggett’s Justin Gibson led the Knights with 17 points in a win over Shrine Friday, Jan. 9.



University Liggett varsity boys basketball coach Jaylen Rutherford and Knights players on the bench wear shirts from the Mental Huddle Foundation for the team’s Mental Health Awareness night Friday, Jan. 9.

‘The whole community rallied behind these kids and that’s the biggest thing.’

JAYLEN RUTHERFORD, LIGGETT BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

Both Liggett and Shrine seemed to struggle a bit at the start of

last Friday’s game. Both sides were struggling to get some shots to fall in the first quarter, with Shrine ahead by a score of just 11-8 after the opening frame.

The output by both teams remained the same in the second quarter, as it became clear points could be at a premium. Shrine stayed out in front, going into halftime ahead 22-16.

The second half was a much different story from the first, especially for Liggett. The Knights took more advantage of scoring opportunities coming out in the second half and more than doubled their offensive production from the first half in the third quarter alone. Heading into the fourth quarter, Liggett was able to pull ahead just slightly at 36-34.

That seemed to set everything up for a close, exciting finish. Liggett and Shrine continued to trade shots in the final quarter, with Shrine able to hold a narrow one-point lead late in the final seconds.

Liggett had its first chance at a game-win-

ner on a layup attempt by Justin Gibson, but the shot bounced off the rim and into the hands of Shrine. Liggett was able to foul quickly, which caused Shrine to have to inbound the ball

on the baseline next to their own basket.

In a desperate final attempt, Liggett sophomore Henry Kurtz got a hand on Shrine’s inbound pass. Gibson was able to pick up the

ball and attempt another layup, which missed, but Kurtz was there to grab the rebound and put the ball through the basket just before the buzzer to seal a dramatic win.

“I was thinking that we need someone on the inbound because they’re going to try and go long and try to run the clock out,” Rutherford said. “... (Kurtz) ended up getting the tip and Justin had the attempt and (Kurtz) followed it right up and it was everything I wanted for him.”

Gibson finished the game as the Knights’ leading scorer with 17 points. Niko Cooksey added nine points, all coming from beyond the three-point line.

The win helped Liggett improve to 5-3 this season and remain undefeated in Catholic League play. The Knights visited Everest Collegiate Tuesday, Jan. 13, after press time. The team is on the road again for its next game Thursday, Jan. 15, against Cardinal Mooney.



Niko Cooksey tries to make a pass out of the corner for Liggett around Shrine’s Grant Poulton.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 15, 2025 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board held on November 20, 2025 and the Planning Commission meeting held on December 17, 2025.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 134099 through 134171 in the amount of \$340,612.66 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,703.33 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of January 2026. (3) approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$6,437.50 in conjunction with the Poupard/Fraser Square Project #180-313. (4) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8,192.32 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of December, for IT support services for all departments, and the purchase of a laptop. (5) approve payment in the amount of \$34,000.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks. (6) approve payments to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$12,940.00 for assistance with sidewalk salting and snow removal in various areas of the City, and clean up of plant beds at City Hall. (7) . approve payment in the amount of \$22,341.00 to Drive Creative Services, LLC for the printing of the City’s annual calendar and for the printing of the January/March 2026 edition of the Insider. (8) . approve the appointment of Timothy Davis to the Planning Commission for a term ending January 2029.
- 2) to approve payment to Super Construction, LLC in the amount of \$60,620.00 for Progress Payment No. 7 on the DWSRF Lead Water Service Replacement Project #180-331.
- 3) to approve the service agreement between City of Harper Woods and the I Heart Dogs Rescue/Animal Haven, with an annual cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 4) to approve the proposal submitted by BDS Environmental for the abatement of asbestos materials in conjunction with the City Hall renovation project in the amount of \$10,160.00.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, January 15, 2026

City of ~~Grosse Pointe Woods~~, Michigan
NOTICE OF ADOPTION TO AMEND
THE ZONING MAP

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods ordains:

1. The City’s Zoning Map is amended for the property at 1925, 1927, 1929 Vernier Road (Parcel ID 007-99-0003-000).
Zoning change:
From RO-1, Restricted Office
To C, Commercial Business
2. The City’s Zoning Map is amended for the property at 21800 Marter Road (Parcel ID 001-99-0001-000).
Zoning change:
From R-3, Planned Multiple Family Residential
To CF, Community Facilities

Any Zoning Map or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed; these Map Amendments will take effect 10 days after their enactment.

These Zoning Map Amendments were adopted by City Council by authority of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on January 5, 2026, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at (313) 343-2426 or e-mail: building@gpwmichigan.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

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Girls hockey teams earn big wins at MGHSHL Showcase

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The girls varsity hockey teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School returned to action on the ice last week following a break for the holidays. The first games of the new year picked up the excitement right where it left off and featured both a crosstown rivalry and the opportunity for all three teams to showcase their talents in one of the season’s biggest showcases.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils took the ice for the first time in 2026 on Thursday, Jan. 8, jumping into the new year with a matchup against crosstown rival University Liggett. It was the third meeting between the two squads this season and, for the third time, South emerged victorious, taking down the Knights 4-1.
Kylie White opened the scoring to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead in the first period. Sophia Husek added a pair of goals in the second period to extend South’s lead. Gianna Salvaggio scored Liggett’s lone goal in the third period, but Sydney Eickhorst added another for South



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Sydney Eickhorst, pictured in a game earlier this season against Grosse Pointe North, scored for Grosse Pointe South in the team’s close, 2-1 win over Traverse City in the MGHSHL Showcase Saturday, Jan. 10.

to put the exclamation mark on the win.
South then turned its attention to the weekend for a matchup with Traverse City in the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League (MGHSHL) showcase at Big Boy Arena in Fraser. The Blue Devils were able to avenge their only two losses of the season, which came against Traverse City during a November road trip, by earning a 2-1 win in Saturday’s showcase.
Eickhorst scored early for South as the game was tied 1-1 after the first period. That tie remained going into the third period, but Audrey Reynolds ended up netting the game-winner for the Blue Devils in the final frame.
The MGHSHL Showcase also featured a skills competition to close the event. Eickhorst finished first in the Division 1 agility challenge for South.
The win over Traverse

City helped the defending state champion improve its record to 11-2 this season. The Blue Devils hosted St. Mary’s after press time Tuesday, Jan. 13, and take the ice again Friday, Jan. 16, against the Eastside Bulldogs.
Liggett was matched against Washtenaw United and the Knights put on a dominant performance with a 6-0 victory.
Avery Welsh scored a hat trick for Liggett in the win. Kate Ricci added two goals of her own and Stella Smiatacz also found the back of the net, while Knights’ goalie Madeline Hexter recorded the shutout.
Ricci also was victorious in the showcase’s skills competition, finishing first in the Division 1 hardest shot contest.
Liggett returns home for its next game Thursday, Jan. 15, hosting Greater Flint United at McCann Ice Arena. Puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen saw plenty of action in their return from the holiday break. Things began with a close 5-4 loss to Cranbrook Wednesday, Jan. 7, but picked up two days later with North dominating in an 11-3 win over Ann Arbor Skyline-Huron Friday, Jan. 9.
The momentum rolled over into the next day for North as they met Regina in the MGHSHL Showcase. Paige Martin and Ava Villani netted a pair of goals each for the Norsemen in a 5-1 win, with Twila Shappy-Behn recording North’s fifth goal.
Abby Owczarek finished first for North in the Division 2 fastest skater challenge during the showcase’s skills competition.
The Norsemen faced Bloomfield-Birmingham Wednesday, Jan. 14, after press time. North is home Saturday, Jan. 17, hosting Livonia United at East Side Foundation Hockey Arena, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

ZINGAS:

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full-circle moment because this dream that I’ve had since I was a young girl is not just my dream, but I feel like a lot of people in the community have had this dream for me.”

“I think that somebody needs to do research on the water there, because there are too many Olympians coming out of Grosse Pointe,” Kolesnik added.
For Kolesnik, his Olympic dream being realized with Team USA is part of a journey that began a decade ago when the United States became his new home. Born and raised in Ukraine, Kolesnik moved to Michigan by himself to pursue a future in figure skating. The community around the sport in Michigan supported him and he now has worked his way up to the biggest stage.

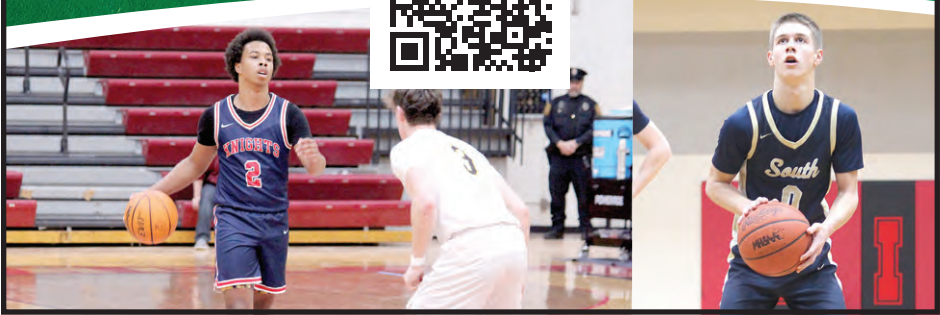
“I moved here when I was 15 by myself without my parents,” Kolesnik said. “... I was here by myself fighting every day to survive and make this possible. I want to thank everybody in the U.S. who supported me and made this dream come true for me. It’s a huge honor to represent the United States.”
While the Olympics will certainly be the biggest and most watched event in which Zingas and Kolesnik will have skated, the two are no strangers to competing on the international level. The pair is scheduled to compete in the ISU Skating Four Continents Championships 2026 in Beijing, China, beginning

Jan. 21, just a couple of weeks before the Olympics are set to begin in Italy.
This is the first time both Zingas and Kolesnik have made the Olympic team, but they seem determined to not let it be the last. They also know competing for a medal will be their biggest challenge yet, but enjoying every minute of being on the world’s biggest stage is something they will not take for granted.
“We just want to enjoy the moment,” Zingas said. “... There are a lot of amazing teams and we’re going to try really hard. We’re going to enjoy the process and take in the moment and it’s going to be really, really special.”



The winter sports season is heating up. If you’re looking for a place to keep up with all the action, look no further than @GPNewssports on Instagram.
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Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik have been competing together as an ice dance pair since 2022.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Wrestlers face off at Norsemen Classic

The Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North varsity wrestling teams went head-to-head Saturday, Jan. 10, as part of the 2026 Norsemen Classic. The Blue Devils ended up victorious over North in the match by a score of 41-35. Above left, North's Marshall Pata and South's Liam Willson grapple during their match at the Norsemen Classic Saturday, Jan. 10. Above right, Tristen Link from North puts a hold on South's Alex Skuzenski.

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

SAILING

The Grosse Pointe South sailing team took first place in the Bronze Fleet at the 2026 Rose Bowl Regatta in Long Beach, Calif. Jan. 4. From left: Ciara Nordstrom, Connor Smith, coach Christina Noland, Peter Horst and Ana Kozak

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SOUTH SOFTBALL CLINIC

Grosse Pointe South softball coaches and players will host their 2026 Softball Clinic Saturday, March 14, in the main gym at South. The clinic is open to athletes from kindergarten through 8th grade and will focus on fundamentals such as basic throwing, fielding and hitting techniques. The clinic costs \$75 and payment can be made in cash, by check or Venmo. For more information, contact coach Bill Fleming at Gpsouthsoftball@gmail.com.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 2026 SOFTBALL CLINIC

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- If you have any questions, please email Varsity Softball Head Coach Bill Fleming at gpsouthsoftball@gmail.com

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GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Grosse Pointe North varsity girls basketball team picked up a pair of wins last week. The first came last Wednesday, Jan. 7, with the Norsemen taking down Bishop Foley 53-29. The team followed it up with another win Friday, Jan. 9, beating Port Huron Northern 54-26. North hosts crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m.

Grosse Pointe South's varsity girls basketball squad suffered a 54-42 loss to Fraser last Friday, Jan. 9, with Morgan Duff scoring 11 points and Ciara Pongratz scoring 10 for the Blue Devils. South was able to bounce back with a 60-41 win on the road over Walled Lake Western Monday, Jan. 12.



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