



COURTESY WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

A site plan concept of a renovated Mary Ellen Stemfle University Center.

WCCCD boosts healthcare courses

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — The namesake of the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center on Vernier Road endorsed a curriculum expansion into job-gobbling fields. “These programs are in line with the college’s mission for providing really good jobs that are needed now and in the future,” said Stempfle, former chairwoman of the Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees.

“The college recently launched a new educational initiative aimed at significantly enhancing our offerings at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center,” said Roy Edmunds, the college board’s District 1 representative from Grosse Pointe Park. “This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities to our community.” “We’ll have diagnostic technology, medical lab technician and optometry in the education center,” said Denis Karic, provost of the center and a Park resident.

“If I were a student,” said Stempfle, a former City of Grosse Pointe resident now retired with her husband to western Michigan, “I would seriously consider Wayne County Community College and the programs they provide because when you get out, you are in demand.” Part of the administration’s initiative is updating and reconfiguring the center on the Harper Woods campus

in and around the former Fitness USA gym and Beacon East movie theater near the intersection of Beaconsfield. “We are repurposing several spaces to foster a more dynamic campus-like environment that supports learning and student engagement,” Edmunds said. “These improvements will enable us to expand our course offerings at the Vernier Road location and enrich the overall student experience.” “This project has been a long time coming,”

Karic said. “This expansion at the University Center will increase our course offerings to accommodate more local students, whether it’s a student in Grosse Pointe that wants to do dual-enrollment coursework, or a senior student that wants to take a continuing education course. We’ll have all that available and give high school students a head start at college at reduced cost.” Tuition per credit hour is \$112 compared with \$212 per hour for

Pointe residents attending Macomb Community College. Also at the center are undergraduate and graduate-level partnership programs with four-year universities, including University of Michigan Flint, Michigan State, Wayne State, Northwood, Ferris State, Madonna, Walsh College and Kansas State. “Senior citizens over 60 can take continuing education classes at Wayne County Community College

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Chili cook-off returns to Pier Park Winterfest

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — To the delight of many, the Farms’ chili cook-off is returning to the Pier Park Winterfest for the first time since 2020, when it was discontinued due to a lack of participant interest. “I’m really happy they’re bringing back the chili cook-off,” City

Manager Shane Reeside said. “We haven’t had the chili cook-off since the pandemic, so people have wanted to see that again.” Participants are limited to 15 and must submit a completed entry form — found on the city’s Facebook page or by emailing meickhorst@grossepointe

by Wednesday, Jan. 28. “Anybody who wants to can sample the chilis and then they can put their ticket in whichever one they think they like the best,” said Lynn Roose with the parks and rec department, adding the winning chef

will earn a prize. Winterfest takes place noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, with judging for the chili cook-off open between noon and 1 p.m. Festivities also will include ice-carving demonstrations and ice sculptures, ice skating,

putt-putt golf on ice, entertainment by band Nick Kuhl and the Gang, and grilled cheese sandwiches served at The Cheese Bowl food truck. New this year are anticipated ice skating performances and demonstrations. “It’s always just fun to

see the park get busy with people again in the winter,” Roose said. “You kind of miss it from the summer.” Winterfest is free for Farms residents and their guests, with no registration required. — Laurel Kraus

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sooner we’ll have a community engagement session,” said Chad Craig, recreation director. “We may have two engagement sessions during the project planning.” “We’ll present survey results to the public along

with community engagement sessions to ensure the public’s needs are met, too,” said Councilman Patrick Gleason, liaison to the recreation commission. “We want residents to know they have a chance to be engaged as we develop the parks for the next stage of recreation aspects as a whole. It’s their parks.” Formal engagement was scheduled to begin this week with a virtual workshop hosted by the recreation commission held exclusively online via Zoom Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, after this week’s Grosse Pointe News deadline. City administrators announced the session Friday, Jan. 16, after last week’s deadline. The purpose of the planning project — variously characterized as a master plan, five-year outlook or asset-management plan — is “to articulate a shared vision that defines the intended role, priorities and long-term direction of the parks and recreation system,” in the words of a consultant retained to assist in the process. “My biggest goal is looking for the next five years and at what capital improvement projects

and assets we have,” Craig said. “An asset inventory part of the project can show our residents the condition of amenities we have and what’s going to be our focus in getting those up to expectations moving forward.” The importance of asset management in the parks department has grown in correlation with the age and cost of sustaining features of Windmill and Patterson parks: swimming pools, boardwalk, gymnasium, movie theaters, meeting spaces, gazebo, concession stand, gardens, restrooms and more. “My biggest goal is to get things to where we want and what we need to invest in them to keep things moving forward,” Craig said. City officials retained their engineering consultants, OHM Advisors, last year to shepherd recreation department asset planning. OHM’s \$30,000 proposal occupied the lower echelon of seven bidders ranging from \$14,600 to \$95,575. “OHM has been working behind the scenes on a lot of things that are now going to be presented at community engagement sessions

coming up soon,” Craig said. “Our recreation commissioners and residents are going to start to see the wheels of this project start turning and moving quickly over the next couple months.” Patrick Droze, an engineer and principal at OHM, outlined the scope of work during a meeting of the recreation commission Jan. 14. “We went over governance, the future, completing an inventory and assets and getting cost estimates for park assets,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. A timeline of OHM’s duties conclude with the final draft submitted to the commission, city council and administrators in or around May. “We’ll use that for budgeting and capital improvements,” Sizeland said. “If we want to do another five-year plan after that, we can.” Work taking place now consists of inventorying and evaluating the condition of park assets. “There will be an open house, like we did with the planning commission with zoning at the Tompkins Center or city hall,” Sizeland said. “We want to hear the public’s wishes.”

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Winter doldrums got you down?

Enter to win a two-night stay at The Perry Hotel in Petoskey

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After Mother Nature’s unexpected dump of the white stuff last week, not to mention many weeks of winter still to come, some Grosse Pointers might be ready for a change of scenery.

Enter the Cabin Fever Getaway, sponsored by Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, the Perry Hotel and the Grosse Pointe News. We want to hear from you why your family needs a weekend getaway.

Here’s what we have in mind: Submit a short paragraph or two about why your family needs a weekend away. We want to read your most humorous take in 75 to 100 words on why you desire, deserve or are desperate for some out-of-town time.

Here’s what you’ll get: A much-needed new perspective for the new year at the historic Perry Hotel in downtown Petoskey.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Perry Hotel awaits the winner of the Grosse Pointe News’ inaugural Cabin Fever Getaway contest.

readers chose it as their favorite long-weekend location in northern Michigan in the 2025 Best of the Best contest. “We’re always excited to have a great offering for folks from all over the state for a getaway to northern Michigan,” said

Drew Smith, general manager of the Perry Hotel. “It’s never a bad time to visit.” The Perry Hotel, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is offering a two-night stay for up to four people and a \$250 gift card toward

dining purchases, “which is always a great way to start an adventure here,” Smith added. But the adventure just begins at the Perry Hotel. “Petoskey is a wonderful, year-round destination, especially in the winter months,” Smith

said. “Northern Michigan, specifically Petoskey, is a four-season destination. We have a robust, year-round community here. It’s a favorite destination for a lot of folks traveling out of Grosse Pointe and other areas across the

state.” Those hoping to beat the winter blues by having a blast outdoors can find snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snowmobiling opportunities throughout the area. Those hoping to keep the excitement contained indoors have options as well. “Many people use the Perry Hotel as a starting point, to have a spot close to all the ski resorts and outdoor recreation,” Smith said. “We also have lots of indoor opportunities in our shopping district. The only downtown hotel, the Perry Hotel has lots of shops and dining within steps of the property. You can park your car at the Perry Hotel and you’re near many opportunities right here in downtown Petoskey.” Those staying onsite are invited to visit the Noggin Room Pub, a favorite après ski locale that offers a cozy atmosphere. See **CONTEST**, page 8A

Council: Ditch the phones

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Now that the new city council has met a few times and the behavior of its members has started to coalesce, the mayor is relieved to infer there’s no wrench-thrower in the mix. “I think this council is professional,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

Her confidence is mutual. It formed the basis this month of level-headed discussion and passage of an updated council code of conduct. “Following the November 2025 election, the council will review and adopt a set of rules and conduct,” said City Manager Nick Sizeland during the Jan. 12 council meeting. “The original council rules and code of

conduct was adopted in 2020, after the 2019 election.” Most of the updated, 18-page guide to good legislative manners is commonsensical. The main point prompting discussion was a new restriction on members using cell phones, emails and text messages during sessions. “In past councils, we had that problem,”

Hodges said. “This council, I see us being professional and willing to honor that (constraint).” Hence an addition to the new rules: “Members of council are encouraged to refrain from engaging in electronic communications with each other or members of the public during a regular or special meet-

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JAN. 26

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park DDA meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Infrastructure Committee meeting, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Winterfest at Ghesquiere Park, noon to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest, noon to 4 p.m. at Pier Park, with a Chili Cook-Off from noon to 1 p.m.

Woods, former officer sued over ’22 crash

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A St. Clair County woman is suing the city and a former public safety officer for a 2022 car accident she says left her with “serious impairment” and “permanent disfigurement.” Yvonne Leath filed her suit in Wayne County Circuit Court at the end

of 2025, seeking in excess of \$25,000, plus attorney fees. Her suit says that the morning of Oct. 26, 2022, Leath was driving southbound on Mack when her 2020 Honda CR-V was struck by a patrol vehicle driven by former Woods Public Safety Officer Martin Mitchell. According to the crash report, which the Grosse Pointe News obtained via a Freedom of

Information Act request, and crossed the northbound on Oxford Mitchell was driving westbound on Oxford

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Pointe native’s life comes full circle

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

John Wesenberg, a retired executive chef, says he lives his life by the French culinary term “mise en place,” meaning everything in its place.

In literal terms, it means having everything gathered, prepared and organized — including ingredients and equipment — before starting to cook.

In figurative terms, it can be seen across stretches of Wesenberg’s life from early on until now. Like the fact he began his apprenticeship toward becoming an executive chef at Lochmoor Club, where his grandfather caddied as a teenager. Or the fact he’s known his wife since preschool.

“I wasn’t really sure what I wanted to do, but cooking interested me,” he said. “The general manager told me to get my hair cut ... it was down to my shoulders ... and come back the next day. He said he’d put me on the dishwasher to see if I could prove myself.”

Wesenberg said he was told that could last six months.

“I was pretty diligent, so after about 60 days they moved me into the kitchen,” the Woods native said. “That kitchen was meticulous. It was a great place to start.”

That was 1984 and Wesenberg slowly “moved up the line” in terms of responsibilities.

“A kitchen is kind of like a brigade system, similar to the military,” he added. “There are a lot of logistics involved and it’s highly efficient.”

He said he clearly remembers working Thanksgiving Day in 1987.

“It was a 20-hour day,” he laughed. “I was already making time and a half because of how many hours I’d put in that week, plus double time since it was a holiday. I made enough to put a downpayment on my new car and so did four others in the kitchen.”

Wesenberg said he would have graduated in 1980 from Grosse Pointe North High School, but needed to start making money. He quit school and got his GED, eventually earning a bachelor’s degree in culinary arts.

One of the first places



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, John Wesenberg, his wife Kesa Hopkins, grandson Jaia Kattelus, son-in-law Matt Olson and daughter Violet Hopkins, during Christmas 2010, the first in their new home on Anita. Violet Hopkins, Olson and Kattelus drove from Montana to celebrate.

he worked before Lochmoor was Eastside Charley’s, part of the Muer group of restaurants. A visit to Florida in the late 1980s to see his father and stepmother led him to move there.

“I could make more money and it had a lower cost of living,” he said. “Plus, it was on the water.”

He ended up getting a job at Charley’s Crab in Fort Lauderdale, another Muer brand.

“Growing up here on the water, I loved it,” he said. “You could go surfing before work. Everyone kept a bar of Ivory soap in their car and they had public showers on the beach.”

Over the years and at various restaurants, Wesenberg also has had the chance to encounter celebrities.

“Michael J. Fox used to bring his family to Charley’s all the time,” he recalled. “He was so nice to everyone. Aretha Franklin, on the other hand, never tipped!”

Still in Florida, Wesenberg moved on to Top of the Tower in Boca Raton.

“It was very swanky,” he said. “President Bush, the first one, loved it there.”

Cooking at Top of the Tower, Wesenberg not only encountered a celebrity, but one who sought him out.

“One night this guy

pokes his head into the kitchen and asked who made the tournés (a French culinary technique with carved, decorative mushrooms) and it was Ray Bradbury,” he laughed. “He said it was the best he’d ever had and that included in France. I told him I’d read every one of his books and loved them.”

Moving back to Michigan, Wesenberg returned to the Muer fold, this time at Meriwether’s Restaurant in Southfield.

By 1992, however, he was at Fishbones downtown.

“I met my brother there for a drink and the executive chef overheard us talking that I was looking for something new,” he said. “He told me, ‘I know some people.’ There’s a timing for everything.”

Wesenberg became executive sous chef, overseeing all of the various stations in the kitchen from a central vantage point.

“It’s both a dance and mathematical,” he explained. “The timing has to be perfect.”

Because of that attention to detail, kitchens have an unwritten rule: Don’t tap the head person on the shoulder. It happened to Wesenberg twice.

“One day I feel this tap on my shoulder so I ignored it,” he said. “Then, tap, tap, tap. I

turned around and it was Ted Gatzaros, the owner. He was laughing his head off and said he just wanted to see what I would do.”

The next time was an even bigger surprise.

“Same thing, tap, tap, tap and I ignore it,” he said. “Again, tap, tap, tap and I turned and yelled ‘What the blank do you want?’ It was Robert Plant from Led Zeppelin! He was in town doing some recording. Turns out he loved bowling, so he and our bartender went to Rock-n-Bowl every day that week.”

Wesenberg also had stints at Franklin Street Brewing Co. and The Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores.

“One day somebody came into the kitchen and said a group of ladies wanted to see me,” he said. “It was a bunch of my old teachers from Mason. They remembered every one of our names and were asking how’s this one doing and how’s that one doing.”

In the late 2000s, while he was executive chef at Union Street in Detroit, from which he retired in 2018, a familiar name came back into Wesenberg’s life, Kesa Hopkins.

“We’ve known each other since preschool and dated a bit in high school,” he said, “but then went our separate ways. She and my sister

reconnected in some sort of North alumni chat room and she asked if I wanted Kesa’s phone number. I looked at it for a week or two before I called her and we talked for six hours. It was fascinating.

“We decided to do things old school and write letters instead of

emailing or texting,” he added. “We still talked on the phone, but I think people have forgotten how nice it is to get a letter. It’s how it was growing up.”

Wesenberg invited Hopkins to visit for two weeks in the summer of 2009.

“She asked what if we don’t get along and I told her she could rent a car and bail,” he said. “I ended up proposing to her before she left.”

In deciding who should move where, Wesenberg said Union Street was doing well despite the recession.

“About 60 percent of 4-star restaurants had closed, but we were OK,” he said. “She moved back that October.”

Hopkins is a nationally adjudicated artist and award-winning kitchen designer who previously worked in Paris and Berlin.

“She gets up at 6 a.m. every day and paints before work,” Wesenberg said.

The couple bought their house on Anita in the Woods in 2010 and got married in July 2012.

“It feels good to be home,” Wesenberg said. “So many great memories growing up here and getting a top-notch education. Things weren’t as divisive back then.”



A history buff, especially of World War II, John Wesenberg began building models during the pandemic. This one, of an M26 Pershing Tank made in Warren toward the end of the war, won for best made in Michigan military subject at the 2025 Southeast Michigan Modelers Exposition. In the background is a recent abstract oil on canvas work by his wife, Kesa Hopkins.

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the city, maintaining a customer service hotline, required photo identification for transactions, displayed disclosures and fraud warnings and, most impactfully, transaction limits, preventing a scammer from stealing \$8,200 in one fell swoop, which happened to a 70-year-old Farms woman last August.

“It’s going to add so much more protection to the residents of Sterling Heights,” said Cassie Thierfelder, manager of advocacy for AARP, whose members are disproportionately affected. “By adding those daily and monthly transaction limits, you’re helping to prevent someone from losing their entire life savings in one act of fraud.”

Where the Farms ordinance has transaction limits for new customers — \$1,000 in any 24-hour period and \$5,000 during the first 14 days someone is a new customer — the Sterling

Heights ordinance set daily limits of \$1,000 for new customers, daily limits of \$2,000 for all other customers and monthly limits of \$10,000 for all customers.

“They took our ordinance and they actually tweaked it and they made it a little bit stronger,” said Farms Councilman Lev Wood, who shepherded the original ordinance, along with fellow council member Sierra Donaven. “They’re a bigger city than we are, so they really made some upgrades that we can maybe talk about in the future through the ordinance committee.”

Harper Woods, in turn, set identical new customer transaction limits to the Farms, while additionally legislating that all other customers have a daily transaction limit of \$5,000 and

monthly transaction limit of \$10,000.

“Hopefully no one gets scammed, but if they do, the loss will be less than \$1,000 as

‘(Sterling Heights) took our ordinance and they actually tweaked it and they made it a little bit stronger. They’re a bigger city than we are, so they really made some upgrades that we can maybe talk about in the future ...’

LEV WOOD

Grosse Pointe Farms City Councilman

opposed to someone losing \$5,000 and \$6,000,” Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle said, “and some people have lost even more.”

The scam against primarily seniors is so rampant in Sterling Heights the police department has established a crypto task force.

“Hopefully this (ordinance)

spreads far beyond just Sterling Heights and Grosse Pointe Farms,” Taylor said.

The concept is to effectively create a buffer zone of southeast Michigan communities with such an ordinance, whereby scammers will become unable to call residents and send them to a cryptocurrency machine anywhere near.

“In order for us to actually have effect, to help our residents, the best thing we can do is put pressure on our neighboring cities and townships to have them all do the same thing,” Wood said, “so that when a bad guy calls a resident in Grosse Pointe Farms and says, ‘Take your \$20,000 to Novi,’ instead of someplace in St. Clair Shores, they’re going to say, ‘No, forget it. I don’t want to do that.’”

“What we need is a buffer of cities in the southeast Michigan region that will keep our residents hopefully protected.”

City of Grosse Pointe

Clean getaway

Two black men dressed in all black stole about \$240 worth of items, including a large amount of Dial soap, from a store in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11.

They fled in a silver Oldsmobile.

Tote theft

A 68-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 10:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, as he fled on foot after placing \$40 worth of items in a tote bag and leaving a store in the 17000 block of Mack without paying.

Maumee fire

A house fire occurred in the 17000 block of Maumee at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, originating in an exhaust fan in an upstairs bathroom.

With assistance from the Farms and Park, the fire was located, extinguished and confined to the bathroom and an adjacent closet in a bedroom next to the bathroom.

No injuries were reported and the City's department stated it was an excellent job by all.

Caught fleeing

While fleeing on foot at

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, a 50-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for stealing about \$50 worth of items from a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

Out tires

All four tires and wheels were stolen from a 2025 Chevy Trax, which was parked in the 17500 block of Mack, between 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, and 3 p.m. the next day.

The vehicle was left resting on concrete blocks.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen phone

A 62-year-old Farms woman believes a DoorDash driver stole the new phone that was meant to be delivered to her Sunday, Jan. 11.

The delivery route was tracked to Detroit before she received notification the phone had been delivered, though it had not.

Stolen for purpose

A 2025 gray Chrysler Pacifica stolen from the 300 block of Merriweather overnight into Tuesday, Jan. 13, was then used in the robbery of an ATM in Macomb County.

Bank scam

A 69-year-old Farms woman at 10:12 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, was advised by a scammer claiming to be with the Chase Bank fraud department to remove \$1,000 from her savings account and deposit the cash at a store in the City.

Driveway argument

A 39-year-old Waterford woman and 46-year-old Clinton Township man who share a child chose to pull over and park in a driveway in the 400 block of Lexington to argue at 3:04 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, prompting the homeowners to call the police.

The woman, who was driving, was found to be intoxicated, for which she was arrested.

The man, who had begun walking down the sidewalk in search of an Uber when officers arrived, was arrested on a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Helping hands

A faulty ceiling fan was determined to be the source of an attic fire to which Park firefighters lent mutual aid last week, to a residence in the 17200 block of Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Park authorities dispatched one engine at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12.

“Officers assisted in extinguishing the fire,” Chief Jim Bostock said.

Converter II

The second catalytic converter this month was stolen last week from a vehicle parked curbside in the 1200 block of Maryland.

Police said the victim

said the theft happened at an undetermined time Monday, Jan. 16.

A converter was stolen Saturday, Jan. 10, under similar circumstances two blocks away in the 1200 block of Lakepointe.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch

—Ted O’Neil

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen medication

Prescription medication was stolen from a porch in the 1300 block of Hampton sometime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9.

Computer fraud

A resident in the 19000

block of East Emory Court saw his computer hacked Friday, Jan. 16, after giving a caller he thought was from Xfinity a code that was sent to his cell phone.

The scammer then took control of the man’s computer and showed him a document claiming he owed \$18,000 to the FTC for child pornography charges. The caller got upset and hung up when the man started taking photos of his screen.

After checking with his bank, there was a charge for \$400 on his debit card.

Drunken driving

A 41-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for drunken driving around 4 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, after an officer spotted her vehicle idling in the middle of the road at Prestwick and Mack.

After failing several field sobriety tests, her preliminary breath test registered 0.184 percent blood alcohol content.

—Ted O’Neil

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

Park’s breakwall work to take a month

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Pleasure boaters departing Windmill Pointe Park marina this year will cast off in calm waters for the first time in years.

Gaps in the outer breakwall near the entrance, which currently let waves and freighter wakes roll into the otherwise sheltered facility, are being plugged this winter.

“We’re ironing out a

start date,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. “The project will basically take less than a month or so.”

“It will be finished before the marina opens for the boating season April 15,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

“The breakwall has been a challenge for us for quite a few years,” Craig said. “Repairing it is going to be super beneficial, especially for boaters on piers four and five, to protect that

area from surges coming in.”

Contractor E.C. Korneffel Co., submitted a low bid of \$512,000 to install new walls on both sides of the existing structure, bind everything with tie-rods, fill the middle with aggregate and cap the top with six inches of

concrete.

“Our harbor master, Tom Fraser, contacted seven contractors,” Craig said. “Of those, three came out to bid on the project.”

For Korneffel representatives, the visit was old hat. They made repairs in recent years to the Grosse Pointe

Yacht Club harbor.

“That turned out really nice, so we felt comfortable that they know the area and they know what Lake St. Clair is like,” Craig said.

“We’re confident that what they did there, they’ll do here,” Sizeland said.

He expects work to

begin after the threat of winter ice floes, which typically pile up and sometimes over Windmill’s breakwalls.

“The schedule is based on the buildup of ice on the river,” Sizeland said. “I wouldn’t be surprised if the project starts in March or April.”

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ing. A good rule of thumb to avoid this issue is setting your cell phone in front of you and face down and silenced.”

Councilman Marty McMillan sought more emphatic wording.

“We shouldn’t be going back and forth with cell phone use,” he said. “It’s

disturbing to me when I see a council person checking their email or voicemail.”

Others felt the wording sufficed.

“It’s pretty clear what the expectation is,” Councilman Max Wiener said.

“If you see someone playing around with a phone, tell them to stop,” Councilman Tom Caufield said.

CRASH:

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bound lanes of Mack, stopping in the cross-over before proceeding west, where he hit Leath.

Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene, the report states, and Leath and Mitchell were checked by EMS but both “declined treatment/transport to the hospital.”

In the box marked “hazardous action,” for Mitchell it indicates “failed to yield.” The report does not indicate any citations were issued.

Mitchell worked for the Woods from 2000 to 2023. It is unclear where

he lives or if he still is in law enforcement.

The attorney representing Mitchell and the city had no comment. Leath’s attorney did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

Her suit goes on to say she sustained injuries to her left arm, right wrist, back and neck and suffers from numbness in her extremities, dizziness and headaches. It also says she has suffered and will continue to suffer “great physical pain, mental anguish, humiliation, embarrassment, anxiety and depression” and continues to undergo physical therapy.

She has requested a jury trial.



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OUR VIEW

MLK’s words

(Editor’s note: In recognition of Martin Luther King Day, celebrated this past Monday, the Grosse Pointe News is reprinting excerpts of the speech he delivered in Grosse Pointe March 14, 1968, exactly three weeks before his assassination in Memphis, Tenn.)

I want to discuss the race problem tonight and I want to discuss it very honestly. I still believe that freedom is the bonus you receive for telling the truth. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. And I do not see how we will ever solve the turbulent problem of race confronting our nation until there is an honest confrontation with it and a willing search for the truth and a willingness to admit the truth when we discover it.

And so I want to use as a title for my lecture tonight, “The Other America.” And I use this title because there are literally two Americas. Every city in our country has this kind of dualism, this schizophrenia, split at so many parts, and so every city ends up being two cities rather than one. There are two Americas.

One America is beautiful for situation. In this America, millions of people have the milk of prosperity and the honey of equality flowing before them. This America is the habitat of millions of people who have food and material necessities for their bodies, culture and education for their minds, freedom and human dignity for their spirits. In this America children grow up in the sunlight of opportunity.

But there is another America. This other America has a daily ugliness about it that transforms the buoyancy of hope into the fatigue of despair. In this other America, thousands and thousands of people, men in particular, walk the streets in search for jobs that do not exist. In this other America, millions of people are forced to live in vermin-filled, distressing housing conditions where they do not have the privilege of having wall-to-wall carpeting, but all too often, they end up with wall-to-wall rats and roaches.

Almost 40 percent of the Negro families of America live in sub-standard housing conditions. In this other America, thousands of young people are deprived of an opportunity to get an adequate education.

The question now is whether America is prepared to do something massively, affirmatively and forthrightly about the great problem we face in the area of race and the problem which can bring the curtain of doom down on American civilization if it is not solved.

And I would like to talk for the next few minutes about some of the things that must be done if we are to solve this problem.

The first thing I would like to mention is that there must be a recognition on the part of everybody in this nation that America is still a racist country. Now however unpleasant that sounds, it is the truth. And we will never solve the problem of racism until there is a recognition of the fact that racism still stands at the center of so much of our nation and we must see racism for what it is. It is the nymph of an inferior people. It is the notion that one group has all of the knowledge, all of the insights, all of the purity, all of the work, all of the dignity. And another group is worthless, on a lower level of humanity, inferior.

The first thing that must be on the agenda of our nation is to get rid of racism. Secondly, we’ve got to get rid of two or three myths that still pervade our nation. One is the myth of time. I’m sure you’ve heard this notion. It is the notion that only time can solve the problem of racial injustice. And I’ve heard

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.



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YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1951
75 years ago this week

SCOUTS EARN NATIONAL AWARDS FOR HEROISM: David Cook and James Shaw drew much of the spotlight at the annual meeting of the Detroit Area Boy Scout Council. David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Cook, received a Gold Honor Medal for saving the life of Gordon Sevenser last January when both fell through the ice on Lake St. Clair. James, the son of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Shaw, was awarded a Certificate for Heroism for rescuing six-year-old David Turley in Fox Creek last August.

DETROIT’S ‘MAN OF THE YEAR’ Detroit’s “Man of the Year” lives in Grosse Pointe. He is George Rieveschl, brilliant biochemist, who resides at 1416 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The discoverer of Benadryl, first of the anti-histamine drugs, Mr. Rieveschl was given the distinguished honor by the Junior Board of Commerce.

OVERHANGING SIGNS BANNED ALONG MACK: Grosse Pointe Woods business men who have establishments on Mack Avenue were directed to remove all overhanging signs by Feb. 1, police said. The move is in accord with the city ordinance which restricts overhanging signs. The council, in an effort to beautify the Mack Avenue business district, made the restriction several years ago, but in consideration of the time and expense involved in remov-

ing the signs, a grace period was allowed.

1976
50 years ago this week

NURSING HOME PLANS OKAYED: The Grosse Pointe Nursing Home received state approval of its \$250,000 renovation program last week and has thus completed the myriad state and federal agency authorizations needed to begin construction. The only obstacle facing the home now is obtaining a City of Grosse Pointe building permit, a matter that has been pending between the city council and home officials for nearly four years.

WOODS PLAN FOR PARADE ABANDONED: Because of cost and time factors, the Woods Bicentennial Commission has decided not to hold a parade this summer. Instead, the group is planning to stage a festival behind city hall in Ghesquiere Park.

LIQUOR LICENSE GRANTED TO GENE’S PARTY STORE: Those attending the regularly scheduled meeting of the Farms Council were interested in neighborhood politics as residents living near Gene’s Party Store, in Kercheval just north of Moross Road, gave pro and con opinions concerning the planned product expansion of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Linville Stover, owners of Gene’s, appeared before the council requesting a determination that the sale of liquor in their store be allowed.

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it from many sincere people. They’ve said to the negro and/to his allies in the white community you should slow up, you’re pushing things too fast, only time can solve the problem. And if you’ll just be nice and patient and continue to pray, in a hundred or two hundred years the problem will work itself out. There is an answer to that myth. It is that time is neutral. And I was about to say that to free, to have freed the negro from slavery without doing anything to get him started in life on a sound economic footing, it was almost like freeing a man who had been in prison many years and you had discovered that he was unjustly convicted of, that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted and you go up to him and say now you’re free, but you don’t give him any bus fare to get to town or you don’t give him any money to buy some clothes to put on his back or to get started in life again.

We are going to win our freedom because both the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of the Almighty God are embodied in our echoing demands. So however difficult it is during this period, however difficult it is to continue to live with the agony and the continued existence of racism, however difficult it is to live amidst the constant hurt, the constant insult and the constant disrespect, I can still sing we shall overcome. We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice.

With this faith we will be able to speed up the day when all of God’s children all over this nation — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old negro spiritual, “Free at Last, Free at Last, Thank God Almighty, We are Free At Last.”

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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia

I miss being helped



The internet has made almost everything self-service. We book our own travel, research our own purchases, troubleshoot our own problems. If something goes wrong, we're directed to a menu, a chatbot or a list of instructions and then we figure it out ourselves

based on strangers' reviews or Googling or ChatGPT. I understand the appeal and willingly participated for years. Things are faster. Often cheaper. We can compare prices, read reviews and make decisions at any hour of the day. We don't have to talk to anyone if we don't want to. In theory, that's convenience. But as I frantically scroll and hunt for "inexpensive, waterfront, Caribbean" spring break house options while cross-referencing flight costs, rental cars and excursions, I'm realizing what I miss is being helped by an actual person with practical experience and expertise. Take grocery shopping. Ordering online, clicking through a list and picking up bags at the curb is undeniably easy. But there's nothing like walking into a smaller store, standing at the meat counter and actually looking at what's there. Asking the butcher what looks good that day and hearing how they'd cook it: This cut is better for roasting; that one's great on the grill; try it with this spice or cook it low and slow. You get to leave with cooking inspiration and a friendly conversation. Online, we make those

decisions alone. We select based on photos, descriptions and habits. If it turns out badly, that's on us. The knowledge used to come with the purchase. Now it comes with a search engine — and only if we know what to ask. I feel the same way about travel. I miss travel agents who don't just book flights but ask where you want to go and why — or suggest something you never would have even thought about. Agents who know which hotels are worth it and reserve seamless transfers from the airport to your hotels — all packaged in a perfect, confidence-inspiring packet. Instead, we open a dozen tabs, compare endless random options and hope we didn't miss something important. We have more control, but far less reassurance. I like walking into a store with no idea what to buy and leaving with the perfect gift because someone else asked the right questions. Who is it for? What do they like? What's the occasion? There was relief in handing that decision to someone with experience. Today, we crowdsource our uncertainty, scrolling through reviews written by strangers with completely different tastes. Self-service has a cost we don't talk about enough. It turns everything into homework. We are expected to become

temporary experts in airfare rules, return policies, tech support, cooking methods and product comparisons. If we get it wrong, it feels like a personal failure. What's missing isn't just human interaction. It's care. It's the feeling that someone else is invested in the outcome with you. Someone who will say, "This will work," or "Here's what I'd do," and stand behind it. Doing everything yourself, all the time, can be exhausting. Maybe not everything needs to be optimized. Maybe some things are better when another human steps in, shares what they know and reminds us we don't have to do it all alone. I say, shopping local for me is the wave of the future.

Meadow has tough row to hoe

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission's senior member warned two junior counterparts to start thinking about problems stemming from soliciting federal stewardship of a meadow proposed for construction in a residents-only lakeside park. Moreover, the veteran member said, there are no municipal funds, no meaningful operational blueprints nor dependable sources of labor for perpetual maintenance of a new amenity the size, scope and duration of a meadow. A meadow is a separate ecosystem from what it would supplant and which needs to be

established, tended, kept within its boundaries and protected from botanical incursions. "Some of us are very nervous about a federal agency coming in and having control over a local issue," Pat Deck, beautification commission member since 1985 and former chairwoman, told meadow-proponents Jim Creighton and Kelly Konieczki, commissioners for less than two years. Comments came during a specially scheduled commission meeting Jan. 15, during which the pair repeated an October presentation to the recreation commission about a meadow. (See the Oct. 30, 2025, Grosse Pointe News.) "We didn't want the potential issue of dealing

with a federal agency who would start looking at the shoreline and giving us advice on what we need to do there," Deck said. Creighton and Konieczki want the city to partner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and various Detroit-area environmental groups to transform three-quarters of an acre of grassland at Patterson Park into a meadow, access to which would be restricted due to its intended role as a nesting ground. Total park area is 22.4 acres, including a gatehouse, driveway, parking lot, parks department storage garage, tennis courts, dog park, playscape, kayak racks, fitness trail, boardwalk, restrooms, stormwater retention tank and more

— meaning significantly less acreage remains for greenspace. "The Fish and Wildlife Service turns Detroit vacant lots for meadows," Konieczki said. "They've done 70 acres in Detroit. By the end of 2026, there'll be over 100 acres." "They're doing it where houses were torn down, not in their parks," said Commissioner Anne Billiu, also wary. "Detroit is doing it in their vacant lots." Last year, Konieczki said the meadow is needed as an educational tool for children and a home for the ground-dwelling killdeer bird. Creighton said the meadow's proposed location on a hill in the "back corner of the park" paralleling a stretch of Bedford Road backyard fencing is not only sparsely used by parkgoers, but, fortunately, for what the fully-formed meadow is expected to look like, hidden from

view. "We looked at putting it on the front side of the park (along Essex Road) and it did not have the curb appeal," Creighton said. Deck said the parks system has more urgent needs than introducing an asset for which there is little evidence of widespread calling — except for a letter-writing campaign Creighton contrived (see sidebar, page 8A) — and few if any resources to support it. "The city asked us to take on some maintenance work at Patterson Park because they didn't have the manpower to do it," Deck said. "This (meadow) is an additional project. The city has not said they're prepared to give somebody the job of doing a lot of maintenance there. We can't do the maintenance to begin with." Current problems, such as thistle takeover of the park, already overwhelm groundskeepers.

"Thistle has invaded the entire park and we're not doing anything to control that, and yet we're going to build (a) meadow?" Deck said. "Thistle will land there just as well. It has gone way beyond the parking lot to the far end of the park." Creighton and Konieczki predicted no worries drafting free labor to maintain the meadow through upcoming decades. "Volunteers will spread seeds," Konieczki said. "It's Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts we would enlist (as) volunteers," Creighton said. "You said they (Fish and Wildlife) would consult," Commissioner Barbara Miller said. "How exactly does that work? Do they initiate it? Would they only come at our invitation? Is your response based on something someone told you, something you read or (are) assuming because it's worked this way in the past?" "They would do a walk-through,"

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2001
25 years ago this week

WOODS OFFICER BRINGS NEWBORN TO LIFE: The officer injured in a shooting-related incident two weeks ago in Grosse Pointe Woods is back on the front line. On his first day at work after recovering from injuries suffered when a fleeing suspect tried to run him down with a sport utility vehicle, the officer sparked to life a limp and silent newborn who had entered the world a few minutes ahead of schedule. The birth took place in the driveway of St. John Hospital on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 15. A man was rushing the expectant mother to the hospital when the baby arrived. **CENSUS COUNT MEANS LOSS FOR MICHIGAN:** Due to even greater population increases elsewhere in the nation, Michigan, along with most other Great Lakes states, will lose one Congressional seat. Other states, primarily in the Sunbelt, will gain seats in Washington, D.C. **STUDY: MORE MENTAL HEALTH HELP NEEDED:** One of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's middle

school study's top priorities is to expand the staffing of mental health professionals to one full-time position at each school, but how many more mental health services should be provided and how it should be delivered varies according to the people who deal with such issues.

2016
10 years ago this week

PREPARING THE WAY: It could be next month until demolition of the former gas station-turned gym and two neighboring storefronts on Fisher at Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe. In their place will be a new, larger Fresh Farms Market. Owners of the market received site plan approval in July to replace their building with a two-story structure twice as large. **A GIFT FOR THE HOLLEY INSTITUTE:** Christmas came Dec. 9 at the Country Club of Detroit when The Holley Institute, a nonprofit organization in partnership with St. John Hospital, hosted its annual St. Nicholas Dinner and Auction. As a surprise to all, honorary chairman James Anderson and honorary chairwoman Patti Anderson pledged a gift of \$100,000 to the institute.



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Creighton answered. “The first couple of years we would expect it to be a little heavier.”

He and Konieczki contacted federal officials last year and advanced the meadow proposal independent of Park administrators and elected representatives. The city’s recreation director and manager forwarded the idea to the beautification and recreation commissions.

“They’re easy to work with,” Creighton told commissioners of federal representatives. “They were out a couple times with us.”

Konieczki said she consulted the Detroit Bird Alliance, a meadow advocacy group for which she volunteers.

“That’s where I first heard the concept of these Detroit diversity (projects),” she said. “I got to know the director and passed her information to Jim (Creighton). This has not been brought in any way to city council.”

Yet Mayor Michele Hodges, who appointed the pair to the commission, knew enough about the plan to be all in.

“As a representative of council,” she said toward the end of the commission meeting, “I look forward to being able to support you all in any way I can and will encourage city staff to be actively engaged in helping lead and direct this process and help everybody know how things are going to move forward.”

Resident Tina Ziemba, a retired

professor of microbiology at Wayne State University, said she’s experienced unpleasant consequences of altruism from higher levels of government.

“This project is large,” she said of the meadow. “As proposed, it would involve a government authority outside of our local city movement. I don’t think anything that might bring in outside oversight — I don’t care how occasional or how whatever —

As a representative of council, I look forward to being able to support you all in any way I can ...’

MICHELE HODGES
Grosse Pointe Park Mayor

should be approved without broad community input.”

Creighton and Konieczki initiated the meadow idea without regard to a Parks and Recreation Department master plan that is in early stages and involved the city council retaining a \$30,000 consultant.

“I strongly feel the beautification commission should just pass this proposal to whatever the parks committee is working on the master plan for both of our parks,” Ziemba told commissioners. “That can then incorporate this proposal.”

Other than all of that, the meadow’s a great idea, according to Deck.

“I think everybody here is in support of that type of thing,” she said. “But we have a lot of other issues we need to resolve before we take on another planting that very well could be inundated with other plants we don’t want there.”

Covertly cultivating meadow support

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — One of two crusaders for inserting a meadow at Patterson Park got caught with his thumb on the scale of public opinion when it was found he solicited letters supporting the idea.

Jim Creighton, a mayoral appointee to the beautification commission, admitted after co-hosting a presentation about the meadow during a special, out-of-sequence meeting of the commission Jan. 15, that he lobbied four letters of support that Chairwoman Lisa Kyle entered into the record by reading them aloud.

Creighton and another member of the commission have been pressing the idea of a meadow for months without much evidence of public favor.

Commissioner Anne Billiu therefore asked Creighton from where all the letters sprang.

“Why haven’t these people commented before except for today when we have a special meeting?” Billiu asked.

“I solicited them,” Creighton said.

“I know you did,” Billiu said.

“I solicited feedback,” Creighton said. “(To) our Facebook groups and volunteers, I said, ‘Hey, this is what’s going on. If you support this, absolutely speak up.’”

Billiu tried to continue questioning but Kyle ended it.

“We’re off agenda,” Kyle said. “We can talk about that at the February

(commission) meeting. We’re out of discussion (phase) now and into public comment.”

Resident Tina Ziemba picked up Billiu’s baton during the public comment portion of the meeting.

“Were those four letters all (written by) members of your garden club?” she asked commissioners.

No one answered, which comported with meeting rules and protocol during public comment.

“This group was asked to write letters of support for the meadow project using talking points found in the proposal we just heard,” Ziemba said, tipped off to Creighton’s publicity drive. “They also (were) asked to add family and friends to submit letters of support. This is not how you fairly judge community support for what is a big, major project. You do not do this by selecting who you get your letters from.”

Ziemba told commissioners she attended the commission meeting to address the underhandedness.

“I don’t like it when a few people start pushing a garden project that should have broader community input and support and should have official approval from the city before you get too far along in planning,” she said.

Kyle ended the discussion.

“We’re out of time,” she said.

“I think you’ve got the gist of where I’m going with this,” Ziemba added.

Mayor Michele Hodges, also speaking during the public comment period, praised the commission’s “good quality leadership and engagement.”

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sphere and great menu with familiar favorites. Other nearby dining options within the Perry Hotel family include Pier Restaurant in Harbor Springs and The Weathervane in Charlevoix — both also located near ski resorts.

“Whatever the winner is looking for, a getaway for the winter months is something Petoskey can accommodate,” Smith said, “and the Perry Hotel is best place to start those adventures. We’re looking forward to welcoming the winner.”

Helping make the contest possible is Kyle Hecht, independent branch leader and financial consultant with Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe.

“We’re excited to take part in the Cabin Fever Getaway,” he said. “As the event’s premier spon-

sor, we’re proud to be part of something that gives back to the community. It’s a reflection of the kind of relationships we strive to build every day.”

Hecht, whose Charles Schwab branch also sponsors the Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic, said he was eager to be part of the Cabin Fever Getaway contest, too.

“Clients come in and tell us how great the fishing contest is,” he said. “We thought it would be great to offer something in the winter as well. This is an opportunity we think readers will appreciate.”

A financial services company, Charles Schwab often is involved in celebrating family events and milestones as it assists clients with finances.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE HECHT

The Hecht family enjoys a winter visit to The War Memorial. Pictured with Santa Claus are contest sponsor and Schwab Branch Leader Kyle Hecht, Schwab Financial Consultant Christie Hecht and their children, 2-year-old Piper and 6-year-old Hunter.

ance and building lasting relationships that go beyond the walls of our office. Supporting our community, both through contests like this and in our day-to-day work with clients, is something we

truly value.”

Hecht said he envisions this contest will see a variety of entries from people looking to head up north to celebrate momentous occasions, like purchasing a new

home, losing a first tooth, landing a new job or promotion, welcoming a new addition to the family, retiring after a long career or any other cause for celebration.

“Winters can be tough

in Michigan, with the mix of weather we get,” Hecht said. “A getaway like this is one way to help maintain sanity.”

“Everyone needs something to look forward to during our long, cold winters,” said Anne Gryzenia, publisher of the Grosse Pointe News. “How lucky we are to have both Kyle Hecht from Charles Schwab and the Perry Hotel to help us give away an amazing getaway.”

In addition to written entries, photos are welcome — the funnier, the better. Entries — which must include the entrant’s name, address, email address and phone number — may be emailed to media@grossepointenews.com.

The deadline to enter is midnight Monday, Feb. 9. The winner will be announced in the Feb. 19 Grosse Pointe News.

Find the promo in this week’s paper for more details.

CASE:

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review of records and evidence from 2018 to 2023, relating to the mother’s conduct over the years leading up to the crash.

At its conclusion in December 2024, the prosecutor’s office publicly announced the denial of a warrant request for charges against Puleo-Tague, stating the denial was due to insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt any crime was committed by the defendant’s mother.

“As a result of the review (by a panel of assistant prosecutors), WCPO has found that the respondent’s mother has consistently taken reasonable measures to assert parental control over her son over the years as it relates to his general behavior and his driving leading up to the fatal car crash,” the release from the prose-

cutor’s office read.

But MacKrell’s parents found a legal loophole in Michigan’s Criminal Procedure Act 175 of 1927, which enables a private citizen to prosecute another private citizen, so long as they post a security bond and can get a judge to agree there is sufficient probable cause.

“This is a very extraordinary case in terms of how it’s being brought,” said Gerald Evelyn, attorney for Puleo-Tague. “... The family hired Art Weiss as a private attorney to conduct his own investigation and pursuant to a statute that has been on the books since 1927 — but no person’s ever been convicted and had a conviction sustained after that process — instituted their own private action to bring about a criminal case.”

Weiss presented the MacKrells’ case before Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback in November, and essen-

tially was given the green light to proceed — though it very quickly transitioned to a yellow light when Evelyn alleged the appearance of impropriety on the part of Berschback and asked the judge to recuse himself from the case.

After Berschback disagreed with the claim and declined to do so, the hearing, which was meant to be an arraignment, was halted so the motion to disqualify Berschback could be reviewed by another judge.

The State Court Administrative Office then assigned the decision, via random draw, to Redford Judge Karen Khalil, who held a hearing on the matter last Friday.

“I want to make it first clear to everyone that there’s only one thing I’m here to rule on today,” she said. “It’s not on whether the judge did the right thing (or) did the wrong thing with regard to the charges.

It’s only on whether or not the judge should continue on the case.”

Evelyn argued Berschback may have been well-intentioned, but was far too involved in the charging process; took it upon himself to reach out to the Attorney General’s Office regarding the case outside of the courtroom; and misstepped by appointing special prosecutor Paul Stablein at the suggestion of Weiss.

“His actions show he was too invested in the charging process and in the process that involves the selection of the special prosecutor,” Evelyn said. “The record shows he indicated that, among other things, he wanted someone who will, quote, ‘vigorously prosecute this case.’”

Stablein disagreed with the intention behind the statement.

“When Mr. Evelyn brings up the fact that Judge Berschback had stated he wanted someone to vigorously prose-

cute the case, he was only restating what any prosecutor’s responsibility is: the ethical responsibility to vigorously prosecute any case that they are assigned to prosecute,” Stablien said. “So I don’t believe that shows any bias on his part.”

Kahlil ultimately ruled to disqualify Berschback from the case and ordered his recusal.

In doing so, she cited a portion of the code of judicial conduct which states “a judge shall not initiate, permit or consider ex parte communications or consider communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties concerning a pending or impending proceeding.”

“There are policies and procedures in place that require impartiality and neutrality on the part of the court,” Kahlil said, “and we really have a very tight rope to walk when it comes to how we conduct ourselves and what we say in the court,

what we do behind the scenes and who we reach out to for consultation. So that’s part of where I’m coming from when I make my point.

“... I find that in this case, the judge overstepped himself in how he reached out to different people and communicated outside of the courtroom when all of the parties were not present,” she continued. “So in this case, I am finding that although this judge seems very well-intentioned — he did not want to make a mistake; you can see in the way that the transcript is read that he was trying to do the right things — I just am not there with this. I think that there is the appearance of impropriety in this case.”

Moving forward, another judge will be appointed through the State Court Administrative Office by a random draw.

Evelyn also has filed a motion to vacate the case in its totality.

Proof Bakery on the rise

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The storefront at 19487 Mack is back up and running, now in its third iteration as a bakery.

Proof Bakery opened in early November and has steadily been growing its retail operations.

“We do a lot of commercial and commission baking,” said owner Jeff Evans, “but the retail side has been picking up. People have been very supportive.”

Two first-time customers visited the store while the Grosse Pointe News was interviewing Evans and both said they not only would be returning,

but were happy a bakery was back in that location. One bought a large sourdough roll to be used as a soup bowl for that night’s dinner, while the other bought a cinnamon roll for breakfast.

“Sourdough by far is our biggest seller,” Evans said. “It can be used for soup, cut for sandwiches or just as a side to go with things like pasta.”

Proof also offers wheat bread, milk bread, brownies, baguettes and cookies, as well as coffee and tea. Evans said he plans on adding soup and pasta dishes in the future.

“The main thing is to see what people want and to be consistent in what we make,” Evans added.

The first bakery to occupy the spot was Breadsmith, part of a national chain with locations in a dozen states. It opened in 1999 and closed abruptly in 2019, following a death in the family of the franchise operators.

It reopened with new owners as Hillside Hearth in June 2020, which closed in April 2025.

“All of the equipment was here, which was nice, but that doesn’t mean it was an easy lift,” said Evans, who has been working in restaurants in several capacities for about 40 years and baking for the last 10.

He pointed to the main oven as an example.

“It was made in Italy and is 27 years old,” he said. “It’s got water lines to provide steam and is gas-fired. It has a lot of moving parts.”

Proof is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

“I’m here at 3 a.m. and I’m here ’til 6 or 7 p.m. those days,” Evans said. “People have asked about Mondays and Tuesdays, but there has to be some work-life balance.”

Follow Proof on Instagram @bakeryinthewoods.

“That was my wife’s idea,” Evans laughed. “It should have been our name. I asked her why she didn’t tell me that six months ago.”



PHOTO BY TED O’NEIL

Proof Bakery owner Jeff Evans stands with large loaves of sourdough bread, the store’s top seller.

Now open

It was a snowy start to the week as the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce welcomed to the chamber Eric Matoy and his team of 80 at Culver’s. This is Matoy’s second locally owned and operated Culver’s and he’s thrilled to be part of the chamber and serve the Grosse Pointe community. The staff was welcoming and hard at work to serve the first customers right after cutting the ribbon. Culver’s is located at 18845 Mack and open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, with ample parking for dine-in customers and a drive-thru for convenience. Find the menu at culvers.com.

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Welcome to the neighborhood

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce board joined Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, City Manager Sue Como and the team of owners and managers at Lola’s Taco Bar — Branden McRill, Brandon Zarb, Mel Fuechtmann, Niko Moschouris and Tony Nouham — for a ribbon-cutting event welcoming Lola’s to the chamber. Lola’s Taco Bar offers tacos as a snack or to feed the family, dinner offerings to grab on the run and wash down with a margarita to go, as well as taqueria favorites like Jarritos and a side of chips. It’s located at 20195 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit lolastacobar.com.

Butzel elevates Vanessa Crocetto to chief experience officer

Butzel recently announced that effective Jan. 1, Vanessa M. Crocetto of Grosse Pointe Park has been promoted and appointed chief experience officer (CXO), a newly created C-suite role that underscores the firm’s commitment to exceptional client service, innovation and relationship-driven legal counsel.

The CXO position is a leadership role within the legal industry, designed to ensure that every

aspect of a client’s engagement with the firm — from initial contact through matter conclusion and beyond — reflects Butzel’s standard of excellence and philosophy of unreasonable hospitality. In this role, Crocetto will continue to lead the firm’s marketing and business development functions, while expanding her mandate to oversee client experience and enrichment strategies. This is a role unique to Butzel and

its clients.

“Vanessa’s elevation to chief experience officer formalizes what she has already been doing at the highest level for many years,” said Paul Mersino, president and CEO of Butzel. “She brings a rare combination of strategic insight, deep institutional knowledge and an unwavering focus on the client. This role reflects our belief that outstanding legal work must be paired with an exceptional, intentional client

experience. This step is being taken to ensure that our clients and their service are at the heart of everything we do.”

As a member of Butzel’s C-suite, Crocetto collaborates closely with firm leadership and attorneys across all nine offices in Michigan and Washington, D.C. She serves as the voice of the client within the firm, aligning business decisions, service delivery and growth strategies with client priorities.

Crocetto also leads the firm’s client enrichment strategy, which focuses on deepening client relationships, strengthening loyalty and identifying new opportunities across practice areas.

Prior to her appointment as CXO, Crocetto served as Butzel’s chief marketing officer.

She is an active member of the Lex Mundi Marketing & Business Development Network and the Private Enterprise Council, serves on several internal firm committees and is a member of the Board of



Vanessa M. Crocetto

Directors for Avalon Healing Center.

Crocetto has a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and political science from Western Michigan University and began her career in the Michigan Legislature before transitioning into the legal industry.

“This role reflects a belief that client service is not a single department or function — it’s a shared responsibility and a cultural commitment,” Crocetto said. “I’m honored to continue leading our marketing and business development efforts while expanding our focus on delivering a cohesive, thoughtful and human-centered client experience at the highest levels.”

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scarcity of replacement parts and up to \$50,000 per year in electric utility bills forced operations this year to rely on the weather.

“The rink is like a natural feature now, like a pond,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Patterson Park is open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

“We had a better turnout than expected this year,” said Councilman Patrick Gleason, liaison to the recreation commission. “Staff has done a great job presenting it as something available to enjoy when weather permits. Let’s not forget the City of Grosse Pointe removed their rink altogether. At least we’re offering something when we’re able.”

City of Grosse Pointe officials cited low usage

and high costs last year when announcing closure of their municipal rink at Neff Park.

“We’ve been fairly lucky to have cold weather and good ice,” Sizeland said. “We’ve had good attendance.”

“I believe that’s due, good or bad, to how much colder this winter has been than previous years,” Craig said.

“We also partnered with Grosse Pointe

Farms for figure skating lessons,” Sizeland said.

Every so often Park recreation employees freshen the rink with water.

“It’s never thawed to the point where we’ve had to redo the entire rink,” Sizeland said. “We may have to fill it an inch or so.”

“It’s cold today, perfect conditions,” Gleason said during a snowstorm last week.

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STEAM Foundation announces 2026 grants

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Foundation for STEAM Support announced its grants for the year during the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, Jan. 12.

More than \$156,000 was awarded to more than 20 grants. Since the group’s start four years ago, it has awarded more than \$1.2 million to more than 70 applicants.

“These touch all grades

and all buildings,” said Walt Fitzpatrick, the foundation’s executive director. “These are some new and very innovative ideas.”

The largest single grant was \$25,000 for the district’s curriculum department to host a two-week AI camp this summer in partnership with InspiritAI, a program founded and led by doctoral students from MIT and Stanford. The grant will lower the cost per student from \$1,500 to \$500.

Other grants were:

- ◆ Outside STEAM class at Comerica Park, Defer and Maire elementary schools, \$3,000 each, Kerby Elementary School, \$1,500
- ◆ 360 Robot Lab, Pierce Middle School, \$1,000
- ◆ E-bikes for girls cross country and track coaches at Grosse Pointe South High School, \$5,670
- ◆ “The Outsiders” field trip to Fisher Theater, Pierce, \$3,750
- ◆ Early childhood sensory equipment, Barnes Early Childhood Center, \$4,456

- ◆ All-girls Botmasterz robotics, multiple schools, \$5,000
- ◆ Sanding and dust collecting equipment, South, \$1,250
- ◆ 3D printer, Pierce, \$1,000
- ◆ Early elementary math study books, curriculum department, \$1,500
- ◆ Air rockets, South, \$2,200
- ◆ Michigan Thespian Festival, Grosse Pointe North High School, \$1,500
- ◆ Family and consumer science classes, Brownell Middle School,

- \$10,000
 - ◆ Outdoor obstacle course, Pierce, \$20,000
 - ◆ Gearheads robotics, multiple schools, \$20,000
 - ◆ Culinary class field trip and competition at Walt Disney World, South, \$15,000
 - ◆ STEAM assemblies, multiple elementary schools, \$15,000
 - ◆ Hockey analysis and scouting software, South, \$3,500
- Fitzpatrick said the last grant is the first application the foundation has received from a student. It was submitted by the

team’s assistant captain, Will Gryzenia.

“We in Grosse Pointe are so fortunate to have these various foundations,” Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said. “Grosse Pointe is a district of opportunity and our students want to take part in these cool initiatives.”

Fitzpatrick said the foundation’s board meets four to five times to discuss each application and he holds 90-minute interviews with each person or people seeking grants.

Learning sports from square one

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A sports training program, intended to teach novice children skills to participate fruitfully in organized athletics, could be offered through the recreation department if funding comes through.

“We have a lot of entities around the area offering leagues and programs,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. “I’m looking for something more along the lines for a child who may be interested in something but doesn’t yet have the skills or confidence to try out for or be part of a team and make an impact.”

Craig found an opportunity with a sports sampling curriculum offered by Project Play of Southeast Michigan.

“By providing more athletic opportunities to chil-

dren, we can increase the probability they will find a sport they enjoy,” according to the website, projectplaysemi.org. “That improves the chances they will continue to play sports throughout their lives.”

A representative of Project Play proposed the idea recently to Craig.

“I loved the idea of sport sampling,” he said.

Sports sampling introduces youths to a variety of sports, the opposite of specialization.

“Research has shown that kids who sample sports have increased physical capacity and motor skills, an increased ability to translate those skills to other sports, stay in sports longer, and are more likely to build social emotional skills through sports,” according to the website.

The idea extends to outfitting youngsters with competence to not only

qualify for team memberships, but actually play in games, not be benchwarmers.

“You might run into a youth basketball league from time to time where one or two kids are peer athletes and handle the ball the whole time,” Craig said. “It doesn’t help the others grow as young athletes.”

Project Play of Southeast Michigan is a nonprofit funded by various sources, including the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and the Aspen Institute.

Craig said Project Play reportedly has funding available for the Grosse Pointes.

“It’s early stages, so I don’t know how much funding is available,” he said. “I’ll submit applications for a few different programs: basketball, youth volleyball, maybe even soccer or flag football.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Brownell performing ‘Frozen JR.’

Brownell Middle School will perform “Frozen JR.” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, and Friday, Jan. 23. The 60-minute musical, designed for middle school actors, is based on the 2013 Disney film and the 2018 Broadway adaptation. The cast and crew of 143 students are led by Director Susan Dempsey, Music Director Duncan McConaughy, Choreographer Helen Burkett and Producer Todd Whitefleet.

The performance includes favorite Frozen songs such as “Love is an Open Door,” “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” and “Let It Go,” as well as new songs from the Broadway production.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the door.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Willie Couch of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Megan Cox** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester at the University of Olivet.

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Emily Colen of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester at Saint Mary’s College.

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Ben Sheffield of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester at Bucknell University.

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Thomas Buhl of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Miami University fall 2025 President’s List.

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Charlotte Peabody of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Eula McKee** and **Addison O’Keefe** of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Katie VandeWyngearde** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Jacob Tedesco** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester at Miami University.



Jacob Tedesco

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“We’ll have an auditorium where we can host community events,” Karic said. “This means more educational access to our residents in the Pointes and a shared community space under one roof.”

“Second, we’re converting the Center for University Learning Technology to be our new education center with three high-demand health programs,” he added. “Those two projects combined are going to bring a lot of added value to the Pointes and Harper Woods.”

Edmunds said, “We want to offer (students) more of a campus-like environment — a clock tower, signage and more open green space so they can feel comfortable there and enjoy it.”

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Classes for diverse learners kick off

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The continuum of care in Grosse Pointe’s special needs community continues to grow, thanks to a partnership between the future Michael B’s Cafe and Wayne County Community College District.

Entering a fourth semester of continuing education classes for diverse learners, the partnership is providing seven courses, six of which kick off this week.

“The semester starts Jan. 20, but if you don’t get in by Jan. 20, you can still join the classes,” said Alicia Carlisle, the entrepreneur behind the forthcoming Michael B’s, a coffeehouse and bakery that will employ adults with special needs. “... Wayne County Community College has been the most perfect, beautiful partner. They came in with expertise. They believe in creating



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALICIA CARLISLE

Above, cooking class participants, from left, Ronald Alford, Tom O’Hara, Michael Carlisle, Owen Helton and Oliver Johnson. Right, Owen Helton, foreground, and Michael Carlisle take part in a culinary program through WCCCD.



this program.

“I promised them in five years we will create a world-class program that everyone in the world will want to emulate,”

she continued. “There’s nothing like this in the country.”

The following classes are on tap this semester:

- ♦ Tai Chi — Beginner,

- 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays
 - ♦ Color Outside the Lines, 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - ♦ Fuel for Champions, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - ♦ Photography & Photoshop, 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Fridays
 - ♦ Whisk, Mix & Smile, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays
 - ♦ Espresso Yourself — The Modern Barista, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays
 - ♦ Nail It! Home DIY Workshop, 9 to 10:30 a.m. beginning Wednesday, March 25
- “The new workshop, Nail It, is with the general contractor for Michael B’s,” Carlisle said. “They’ll learn to take care of simple household projects and when it’s time to call for help. They’ll learn about different tools. This is probably a class every homeowner should take.

“... In Fuel for Champions, they’ll work on daily living skills in the kitchen, like kitchen safety, but they’ll also work on how to prepare healthy meals,” she continued. “The class will incorporate movement, too, so they’re learning while doing fun exercises.”

“... It’s all fun,” she added. “If they’re not having fun, they’re not learning.”

The barista class, she noted, will help students prepare for employment at Michael B’s. As they learn, they’ll get hands-on experience Saturday mornings in March, at Carlisle’s Cabbage Patch Saloon.

“We’ll host a coffee shop,” she said. “We’ll start with local groups who have supported us, like Sunrise Rotary. We’ll invite club members and

the students will serve them. They’ll get practice and hone their skills for when the cafe opens.”

Evening workshops also are in the works and involve partnerships with Grosse Pointe Theatre and The Helm.

“The Helm partnership is an intergenerational dance class, Step to Shine,” she noted. “Every week they’re learning a new dance. The instructor, Mr. Brown, is teaching different types of dance and it will culminate in a big dance for everyone.”

The GPT course, Expressability, already had a strong first semester last fall.

“They met for six weeks, twice a week,” Carlisle said. “The first meeting, no one wanted to go onstage. They’re all

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Last semester’s theater class. Pictured back row, from left, are instructor Scott Davis, students Corbett O’Meara, Kelsey Bresser and Kara Campbell, instructor Anne Bethell and class aide Amy Stencil. Pictured front row, from left, are students Ryan Sandles, Trevor Beck, Michael Carlisle, Meagan Wiley and Ronald Alford and class aide Gavin Bethel.



From left, Udo Yoo is all smiles displaying a cake he baked and decorated; Michael Carlisle gets creative painting Animal from “The Muppet Show”; and Griffin Wright dices fruit during culinary class.



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OBITUARIES

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

John Michael De Santis

John Michael De Santis, 70, passed peacefully Friday, Jan. 2, 2026.

John was born Feb. 10, 1955, in Detroit, to Jerome Denis and Dolores (nee Rayner). He was the fourth of six children and raised in the family funeral home business.

John grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. He attended Wayne State University, stayed in the area his entire life and remained loyal to the friends he made throughout his life, especially his high school classmates, Lamont, Jody and Richard.

He was known for his outgoing nature, generous heart and ability to make friends wherever he went. A passionate sailor, he found joy and freedom on the water and won his class twice in the Bayview Mackinac Race, a testament to his love and mastery of the sport.

Beyond his love of sailing, John was an extremely talented craftsman and deeply creative person. His artistic eye and skillful hands brought beauty and function to everything he touched, leaving behind many lasting creations that reflected his imagination and care.

He was predeceased by his parents; siblings, Jerome, Thomas and Laureen; and nephew, Matthew. He is survived by his loving sisters, Deniese Crittenden (Robert Jr.) and Mary Stockwell (Bill); son, John James McCuish; and many nieces and nephews who will forever treasure his warmth and kindness. “Johnny” will be forever remembered with love by all who knew him.

His family and friends will gather in the spring to celebrate his life as he wished.

Therese “Tess” Clare Seibert

Therese “Tess” Clare Seibert, 98, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026. Tess was the fourth child of Pauline and Roman Kozlowski. She had deep faith, cherished her family and had a wonderful, long marriage to her husband, John.

Tess loved the water and enjoyed spending summers at the family cottage on Lake Chemung in Howell with her sister, brothers, cousins and friends. She graduated from Dominican High School and attended the University of Detroit, where she met many life-long friends, before working at Michigan Bell for 20 years. Tess was a member of the Young Republicans Club and Christ Child Society of Detroit and spent time skiing at Otsego Ski Club and Boyne Mountain. Her love of travel and skiing also took her to Sun Valley, Idaho, and Switzerland.

In 1963, Tess married the love of her life, John Seibert. In 1967, John took a job with Xerox Corp., in Rochester, N.Y. While in upstate New York, she spent 25 years staying busy in her parish church. She also taught preschool and religion, served in the altar society and sang in the choir, as did John. For many years, she volunteered at Strong Memorial Hospital and enjoyed playing bridge. She and John also traveled to Europe and the Caribbean and made many trips to Michigan to be with family.

After retirement, she and John returned to Michigan to be close to family. They joined St. Isidore Catholic Church in 1994, and again got involved with their church and singing in the choir. They met many new close friends and pursued their love for playing bridge.

Tess will be deeply missed by many, especially her nephews, nieces, many grand-

nephews and grandnieces and her excellent and loyal caregivers.

Tess said her one regret was that much of her joy ended with John’s death in June 2016. Her cremated remains will be interred next to her beloved husband’s remains in the Resurrection Cemetery columbarium.

Visitation will be held at 11:30 a.m. before a noon funeral Mass Saturday, Jan. 31, at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18201 23 Mile, Macomb Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/en/donate/.

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Marylyn Ann Ross

Marylyn Ann (nee Chamberlain) Ross, 87, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, at Sunrise on Vernier, where she had resided the last three years.

Marylyn was born April 30, 1938, in Caledonia, near Grand Rapids, where she spent her early years. She was the daughter of the Rev. LeRoy E. and Martha Chamberlain.

In spring 1951, Marylyn moved with her family to Owosso. During this chapter of her life, she graduated from high school in 1956, as a member of the National Honor Society. She then earned a business degree and pursued a career with First of Michigan.

While in Owosso, she met the love of her life, Douglas L. Ross. They were married in 1960. In fall 1962, they moved to Kansas City, Mo., where Doug pursued a medical degree at Kansas City University. While in Kansas City, Marylyn continued her business career and worked in the trust department of First National Bank of Kansas City.

Upon Doug’s graduation from KCU and com-



John Michael De Santis

pletion of further training, the couple moved to Grosse Pointe Park to raise their three children, Douglas Jr., Christopher and Jennifer. Marylyn thrived in Grosse Pointe and was deeply involved in the community through her children’s sports and school activities. She was an active board member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and served as president of the Women’s Auxiliary of the former Mount Clemens Regional Hospital, now McLaren Macomb. She also was very active in her church and women’s group at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

Marylyn was a devoted mother, friend and family member. She had a passion for gardening, decorating and entertaining. Her signature holiday parties and dinners delighted both family and guests. Many members of her family were influenced by her sense of taste and style. She became a lifelong model for them. Her love of history again was reflected when she and Doug purchased the oldest brick house in Grosse Pointe, the Wardwell House, in 1984. Preserving the home as a Grosse Pointe landmark was one of her greatest passions.

Marylyn is survived by her husband, Dr. Douglas L. Ross; children, Douglas Ross Jr. of St. Clair Shores, Christopher Ross (Chrissy) of Macomb and Jennifer Strabel (John) of Castle Rock, Colo.; grandchildren, Douglas C. Ross, Adam, Lauren, Megan, Johnny, William and Charlotte; and step-grandchildren, Pierce and Brooke. She also is survived by her brothers-in-law, Duane Ross (Elaine) and Joseph Ross (Missy); sister-in-law, Dianne Lyons (Chas); and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; and siblings, Charles,



Therese Clare Seibert

Edison, Kathleen and Joyce.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the music department at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, gpumc.org/give/.

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Fred Edwin Baer

Fred Baer, 93, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026.

Fred was born April 10, 1932, in Vordenwald, Switzerland. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1957, with \$200, knowing two English words: “coffee” and “hotdog.” He quickly adapted, built a life and worked as an engineer for General Motors for 30 years.

A lifelong sailor, Fred was a member of the Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Sail Club and Indian Village Tennis Club. He sailed in the Bayview Mackinac Race and Chicago to Mackinac Race more than 20 times and served on the Mackinac and DRYA race committees for 20 years. He enjoyed sailing on the many boats he owned, including a non-working tugboat that earned “fastest” in its class in the International Tugboat Races in Windsor.

Fred served as a National Ski Patrol member for more than 10 years. He loved cars, reading, cheering for the Detroit Red Wings, spending time with his grandchildren and work-



Marylyn Ann Ross



Fred Edwin Baer

ing out at the gym until age 92.

Fred grew up in Switzerland during World War II and enjoyed bicycling and skiing. He served in the Swiss Armed Forces before moving to the U.S., where he was promptly recruited into the U.S. Army. Upon settling in Detroit, he met his wife, Erika Schiedermeier, at the International Supper Club, where they enjoyed many holidays and lively dinners with lifelong friends.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Erika; son, Oliver (Kay Brophy Baer); grandchildren, Diesel and Ayrshire of Grosse Pointe Park; niece, Marlies Chacon (Juan) of Málaga, Spain; niece, Megi Ruegger (Beat) of Aarburg, Switzerland; great-nephews, Silvan and Fabio of Aarburg, Switzerland; sister-in-law, Charlotte Assor of Columbus, Ohio; and nephews, Arved Assor of Columbus, Ohio, and Arne Assor of Crested Butte, Colo. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Ruth Baer Ruegger (Walter Ruegger); and nephew, Beat Ruegger (Megi).

A celebration of life will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215, bycjuniorsailing.org/donate.

Housing market is cautiously optimistic in Pointes, Harper Woods

December 2025 housing data has been released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

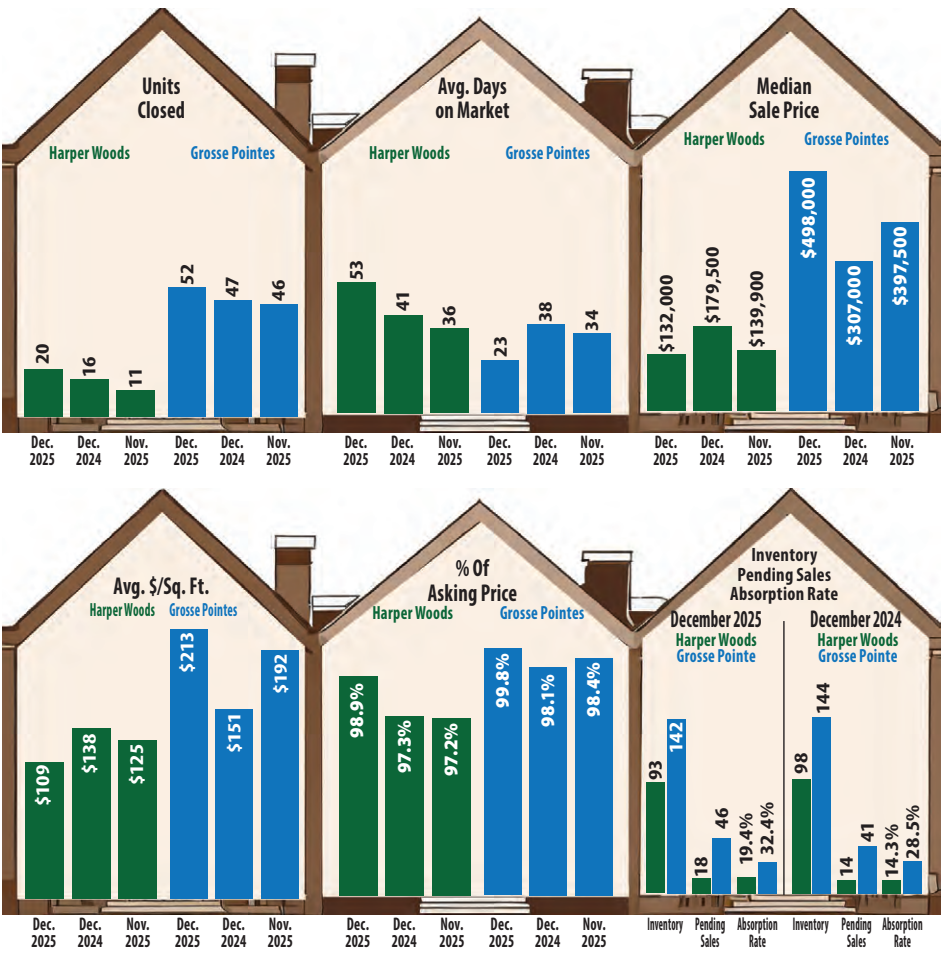
Harper Woods: December always insists on keeping things interesting, throwing unpredictable weather and holiday distractions into the mix — like a neighborhood game of dodgeball where everyone has a different strategy. With less data to go on, any bold predictions should come with a grain of salt (and maybe a mug of cocoa). In these circumstances, those who have been in real estate a while have learned to trust the market’s “vibe” — and right now, the absorption rate has nudged up to just above the “almost balanced” zone. Translation: Buyers and sellers both need to stay sharp. Prices are inching closer to the asking mark, the time it is taking to sell a home has not spiked and closings are on the rise. In short, both sides have reason to feel pretty upbeat — at least until Mother Nature throws her next curveball.

The Grosse Pointes: In the Grosse Pointes, it seems high-end homes have been busy flexing their muscles, giving the median sale price a noticeable lift, like a fancy new chandelier raising the ceiling. Meanwhile, the number of days on market has slimmed down to roughly three weeks and homes are selling for just a smidge below full

price. Translation: Even though price tags are looking a bit more designer than last year, buyers still are jumping in with both feet. The bump in pending sales compared to last year is a clear signal that, unlike what you hear on the evening news, folks in this market aren’t letting affordability woes rain on their parade.

Conclusions: The mood as 2025 wraps up? Call it cautiously optimistic — think “new year, new real estate resolutions.” With interest rates predicted to hold steady or maybe even tiptoe downward, the market for 2026 is starting to look like a promising buffet for both buyers and sellers. Of course, election year means politicians will be out in force, ready to claim credit for every uptick and blame their rivals for every hiccup (because, naturally, they control the weather and the housing market). The truth? The pieces for a solid 2026 already are falling into place and whether you’re a seasoned pro or a first-time homebuyer, teaming up with a Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors member is always a smart play — no crystal ball required; just a little expert advice (and maybe a good sense of humor).

— Information courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors



Assumption to build indoor athletic complex

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church plans to construct an indoor turf and pickleball facility now that councils in Grosse Pointe Woods and St. Clair Shores have approved rezoning plans. The final piece of the puzzle came when the Woods council signed off on the change at its meeting Monday, Jan. 5.

“We didn’t have any problem with the project,” Mayor Art Bryant said, noting both the first and second readings of the zoning change drew unanimous support. “It will be good for the community.” The fieldhouse will be 42,075 square feet and include a turf field and eight pickleball courts. The church’s cultural center currently has three indoor pickleball courts.

The parcel is bound by Marter Road and Parkway Drive and backs up to houses along River Road. The majority of it is in St. Clair Shores. The Woods did receive some emails from people living along River Road opposing the change, but others in the area who already play pickleball at the site were in favor of expanding the number of courts available. The Eastside FC board

also wrote in favor of the project, noting that one-third of its players live in the Woods. “Our community faces a shortage of indoor training facilities, particularly turf fields, for youth sports,” the board said. “This project would help to fill that gap for many youth sports organizations — soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball to name a few — in providing a safe space

to foster healthy, active lifestyles for student-athletes during the winter months.” The official rezoning changed the parcel from R-3, a planned multiple family residential district, to CF, community facilities district. Planners from McKenna, the city’s planning consultants, said the change was consistent with the Woods’ master plan as it:

- ◆ met Goal No. 4, strengthening community character,
 - ◆ brings the site closer to future land use plans designating it as “institutional”
 - ◆ and the CF designation allows for things like schools and public and private nonprofit recreational areas.
- Construction is expected to start in the spring and be completed by fall.

The Family Center visits the Lakeshore Optimist Club

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe recently welcomed The Family Center Executive Director Jen Bingaman and The Family Center Director of Programs and Administration MaryJo Harris. For 25 years, The Family Center has been providing programming and resources to empower families and enrich lives. The two gave the club an update of the programming The Family Center creates — a wide range of programs and resources offered for families, youth, men and women targeting current issues and needs within the communities of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. The Family Centers’ programs are free and

often hosted in partnership with schools, libraries and other community-minded establishments. The homegrown nonprofit has helped thousands of individuals and offered hundreds of programs, serving as a valuable resource to the community. For more information, visit familycenterhelps.org. The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to attend, listen to interesting speakers and see what the club is about. Visit gpoptimists.com for locations, dates and times each month. Follow the club on Facebook at facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists.



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From left, The Family Center’s MaryJo Harris and Jen Bingaman, with Steve Licari, Lakeshore Optimist Club president.

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.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Lunch and Learn: Better Made Potato

Chips History, noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, with author Karen Dybis. Cost is \$10.

- ◆ Aging with Insight: Finding Local Housing Options for Seniors, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, with Donna O’Neill and Mimi Koppang of Real Estate One.
- ◆ The movie “The Thursday Murder Club” is shown at noon Friday, Jan. 30. Cost is \$4 and includes snacks.
- ◆ 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.

Library

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

- ◆ “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 Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Funny Acting Comedy Workshop, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Meet Up & Make: Ping-Pong Lanterns, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Crafterhours — Adults, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ The Keep It Simple Sing Along and Jam, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ International Style and the Whittier House,

7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Pizza & Panic: Teen Scary Movie Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

- ◆ 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.

Ford House

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

- ◆ 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.

POST Detroit

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

- ◆ Screen Print Workshop: Indigo Resist on Fabric, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Hanging Bird Bath, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$100.
- ◆ Mending Workshop: Darning with a Mini Loom, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Ceramics Workshop:

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Drive for Second Mile

Every other month, the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe partners with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church — as the club did Jan. 10 — to collect food and clothing from members who drive up, pop their trunks so the loot can be taken, then drive away. All donations are given to the Second Mile Center of Detroit.



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Housing help

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary President Mark Heppner, left, stands with Rob Boyle of the Community Housing Network at Ford House during the club's Jan. 13 meeting. Boyle, who resides in Grosse Pointe Woods, is the principal director of fund development for CHN and spoke to the attendees on the mission of his firm. CHN, a Michigan-based non-profit, empowers people to live in affordable homes to help build thriving communities. He explained the realities of the housing crisis and how CHN has brought dignity to thousands of Michigan residents in need by providing home-buyer education, renters rights and financial education, along with financial assistance. The firm has been supporting the community since 2001. For information about Sunrise Rotary, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com.

EVENTS:

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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.

◆ 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.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register at redcross.blood.org.

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 helmlife.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.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Member Dawn Drozd will talk about the club's community service activities. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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 grossepointeartistscenter.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.

CLASS:

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shy; this is all improv. But the two instructors from Grosse Pointe Theatre made them feel so safe and secure. It gave me the greatest sense of joy just watching them shine and have fun."

The class culminated with an awards ceremony at WCCCD, where each participant was awarded a certificate of achievement.

"When they'd come to the stage, they had to tell what they learned in this class," Carlisle said. "It was so beautiful. There wasn't a dry eye in the place."

Courses are for ages 18 and older.

"This gives them opportunities out of high school," Carlisle said. "And each class is \$40 to \$50 — for the entire semester, which is 10 weeks."

She said as the programs continue to grow, the hope is that students eventually will be able to earn credits, certification or a degree.

"We're creating this, but we're taking input from families, students, class aides — every class has an aide — teachers and the community. It's like the Wild West. It's never been something before. ... Other colleges may have similar programs, but not like this."

Course offerings were created after a casual conversation between Carlisle, who has been raising funds for Michael B's for a few years, and Denis Karic, provost of the Mary Ellen Stempfle Center in Harper Woods.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALICIA CARLISLE

Michael Carlisle frosts a cupcake during the culinary class.

She suggested the idea to offer classes for adults with special needs and he enthusiastically accepted. The program started with two classes and quickly grew.

"This isn't an area we expected to go in, but it's been a gift," Carlisle said. "God has made the path easy. He puts all these wonderful people in it. ... We have the most wonderful instructors and community partners. We create these classes and bring in whoever we need to make sure they will excel."

Carlisle praised the team from WCCCD, including Karic, as well as the host location.

"Memorial Church has

been a wonderful partner with us, too," she said. "All the classes are there, it's a central location, a secure location. They're a great partner."

Course offerings

◆ Tai Chi for Beginners teaches simple, flowing movements and easy breathing techniques in a relaxed, supportive setting. Students will build balance, flexibility and body awareness while moving slowly, reducing stress and enjoying a calm, fun way to get active. Cost is \$50.

◆ Color Outside the Lines gives students the opportunity to build confidence, spark creativity and expand their imagi-

nation while working with media such as acrylic and charcoal to create rich, expressive projects. Cost is \$45.

◆ Fuel for Champions is a hands-on class during which students of all abilities learn simple nutrition, cook delicious recipes and enjoy energizing movement in a supportive space. Each session builds confidence, healthy habits and lifelong skills. Cost is \$45.

◆ Photography & Photoshop provides students an introduction to digital imaging technologies. With the use of a digital camera, printers and photo imaging software, students learn the functions of the camera and basic steps for Photoshop. Cost is \$45.

◆ Whisk, Mix & Smile is an introduction to the baking world and is designed to help learners of all ages and abilities master the fundamentals of baking while developing life skills. Cost is \$45.

◆ Espresso Yourself — The Modern Barista is a hands-on barista program that introduces students to the full journey of coffee — from bean to cup — while building technical skills, creativity and confidence. Emphasis is placed on health and safety, consistent product quality and strong communication skills, all reinforced through individualized instruction and real-world activities. Cost is \$45.

◆ Nail It! Home DIY Workshop is a hands-on class where everyone learns confidence-boosting fixes for everyday home problems. Cost is \$50.

All classes take place at



Above, Tom O'Hara learns kitchen safety during culinary class. Below, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins and Deputy Director Andy Rogers browse the student-made artwork displayed last spring.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call WCCCD at (313) 962-7150.



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Heroes’ Movement gala is Jan. 24

Proceeds support veterans physical, mental well-being

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Tickets still are available for the second annual Heroes’ Movement gala, which takes place 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

All proceeds directly support veterans’ strength and conditioning programs through Heroes’ Movement, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that strengthens veterans’ physical and mental well-being through movement-based workouts and athletics.

It accomplishes this goal by partnering with gyms nationwide to provide training. Participating gyms don’t charge veterans. Rather, gyms promote that they train veterans free of charge and Heroes’ Movement reimburses the gyms for the sessions.

Every participating gym follows the post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury training guidelines to ensure veterans — of any age and from any branch — are taken care of.

Goals of the program include:

- ♦ bridging the gap between physical therapy and feeling strong again,
- ♦ creating a continued sense of community for veterans so they can reinforce their strengths together,
- ♦ reducing dependency on prescription



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Packin’ Heat will perform live music during the gala.

drugs and
♦ reducing suicide risk.

“Supporting Heroes’ Movement means taking care of those who took care of us,” said Mike McKay, Heroes’ Movement founder and a U.S. Navy veteran. “Veterans deserve access to high-quality strength and conditioning throughout their lives, not just during rehabilitation. Heroes’ Movement removes financial barriers and provides individualized training that supports physical health, mental well-being and a successful transition to civilian life. When people support Heroes’ Movement, they invest in prevention, long-term strength and a community that helps veterans stay active,

capable and connected at every stage of life.”

Guests will have a chance to support the nonprofit during the gala, which includes an open bar and hors d’oeuvres, as well as live music by Packin’ Heat, a live auction and raffles. AFC/NFC championship squares will be sold as well.

“We have a ton of goody baskets with everything from spa experiences to signed Lions items to cocktail baskets,” said Samantha Bagnasco, owner of SBG Training in Grosse Pointe Park, which offers free training to veterans through Heroes’ Movement. “There will also be a wine pull.”

Another raffle highlight, McKay said, is Red Wings tickets with a

night’s stay at the Book Cadillac.

The gala also will feature a keynote address by Lawrence Miller, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

“Lawrence was a special ops Marine,” McKay said. “He ended up isolating a lot. With the help of the program and other support, he started the nonprofit Trek for Vets.”

Miller’s journey with Heroes’ Movement

began in 2017.

“He credits Heroes’ Movement for helping him overcome isolation and improve his physical and mental health,” McKay said.

Miller isn’t the only one who’s felt the impact of the nonprofit’s efforts.

“From my experience with my husband, who is an Air Force veteran — and who I met through the Heroes’ Movement program — and all the

veterans I train every week, the time in the gym is absolutely critical for them and a lot of it is a mental battle,” Bagnasco said. “For better or worse, the military is training these individuals to be a certain way with 100 percent intensity. When a lot of them get out, this energy is totally misplaced and bad habits can be formed. I believe this program gives them a positive outlet for that, while also building themselves back up. This is therapy.”

Heroes’ Movement reached a decade of service in 2025.

“We are often asked, ‘How do you know your program works?’” McKay said. “Our answer is that no veteran in our program has ever taken their life. That is the driver for us to keep pushing to expand our program to more veterans.”

Tickets to the gala are \$125 per person and available on the Heroes’ Movement website, heroesmovementusa.org.

“If someone can’t make it, they can still sponsor a veteran to attend,” Bagnasco added. “We have 12 looking to attend.”



Lori Stefek hosted a lively live auction during last year’s event.

From left, U.S. Air Force veteran Kevin Gibson, U.S. Navy veteran and Heroes’ Movement founder Mike McKay and U.S. Navy veteran Jeff Gilliland attended last year’s event.



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— Adrift in the City

Maybe just lean into it. Order hats with the name embroidered. Host a launch party.

Eventually your wife will accept that resisting dad humor is futile.

— Gabby

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‘Sucking it up’ is not the answer

DEAR ANNIE: I've read a few letters in your column in which parents wrote about two of their children arguing and wanting there to be peace. And in all of the replies, you have advocated trying to remind people about the good times and work toward building back the relationship.

Generally, in most of these situations, there is one sibling who was the one hurt. I know in my case I had a three-year estrangement with my sibling, and my parents acknowledged that my sibling was the one in the wrong. However, they kept saying that even though they were wrong, I should apologize and make peace so the family can “be happy.” This really damaged my relationship with my parents because all they really cared about was having their wonderful fantasy of a happy, loving family.

When a parent tries to pick sides or tries to convince the quieter or less volatile sibling to suck it up for the family, that may work for a short period of time, but it is going to create resentment and disillusionment in the long run. While my brother and I did eventually make peace, what's happening

now is that they are trying to micromanage all the situations to avoid triggering the volatile sibling — my brother — at the expense and fairness of the other one — me. I would suggest in the future that parents continue their relationship with their kids as they normally do, but let the siblings work it out or not work it out as they see fit.

Every holiday, I visit my parents and get yelled at because they want to make sure that my brother and his family don't get mad. And because my sibling is the older one and lives closer to them, it's important that they keep him happy, I guess, because it would work out better for them. Here is one such example. For the last 20 years, I have always made the cranberry sauce for every holiday.

One year ago, I called my nephew to the kitchen and showed him how I made it. My nephew has decided he doesn't like me adding some mulling spices and orange juice to the cranberry and he wants to make it himself now. The day before the dinner, my dad yelled at me that I cannot make cranberry sauce because it's important to keep the peace. He doesn't want my brother to get

mad that I am making the cranberry sauce. Even when I suggested that my nephew make his own and I make my own, that was not enough — just in case my brother got mad at that idea.

I can't keep living like this anymore, so I'm thinking of gradually going low contact with my parents. Parents forcing a reconciliation when it is not wanted directly is also contributing to my feelings of alienation. — Calling It Quits

DEAR QUILTS: Ask yourself, is it really about the cranberry sauce? Telling you to suck it up is never the right response; having you walk on eggshells in front of your brother is never a recipe for a happy family holiday get-together. But saying that your sibling is the one always in the wrong or jumping on that type of validation from your parents is not going to solve anything.

The goal is not to be right; the goal is to be peaceful and joyful and happy with your family. The best way to do that is to look at the big picture and not sweat the small stuff. Tell your dad how you feel; make the cranberry sauce your way,

and let your nephew make it his way. The point is to try to be flexible with each other and loving your family. If you decided to not participate at all or call it quits, then that is you who is being rigid and inflexible.

DEAR ANNIE: I got divorced after 27 years of marriage. I didn't leave because I stopped loving my husband — I left because I was lonely inside my own home. We stopped talking, stopped laughing, stopped noticing each other. I spent years saying, “It's fine” until one day I realized I didn't want my life to be fine. I wanted it to be real.

My best friend, “Leah,” was my lifeline during that time. She took my calls on my longest nights. She sat with me on my porch with a bottle of cheap wine and let me cry until my face felt tight. She told me I wasn't selfish, I was human. She promised me I wasn't alone.

After the divorce, I started dating again — slowly, awkwardly, like learning to walk in new shoes. And then I met someone kind. He brings me coffee without asking. He remembers the names of my kids' friends. He looks at me like I'm not broken.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

Leah's reaction has been ... strange. At first, she was supportive, but now she makes little comments: “Must be nice to have someone.” Or “Don't get too excited -- you know how men are.” She'll scroll through pictures of us and say, “He's fine, I guess.” And when I told her he wanted to take me away for a weekend, she went quiet and said, “Well, some of us don't get to run off.”

The part that hurts is that I've always been the one cheering her on. When she got promoted, I brought champagne. When her son struggled in school, I helped her find tutors. I've been loyal in a way I thought mattered.

Now, every time I share something happy, I feel myself bracing for the sting that follows. I don't want to lose her, but I also don't want to shrink my life to keep her comfortable. How do you handle a friendship that feels like it's punishing you for moving forward? — Finally Happy, Quietly Guilty

DEAR FINALLY HAPPY, QUIETLY GUILTY: You did not leave a lonely marriage just to minimize yourself once again.

Leah's comments are not harmless. They are reeking with jealousy that she has dressed up as honesty. Call her behavior out once, kindly and clearly. Tell her you value her friendship, but the digs need to stop.

If she adjusts, great. If she doubles down, believe what you are seeing and stop handing her your good news like it is something for her to critique.

In the meantime, share the sweet updates with people who can simply say, “I'm happy for you,” and mean it.

A real friend claps when you win, no matter what. A real friend won't say, “I'm happy for you, but...” Real friendship and support is unconditional.

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MOVIE REVIEW
“Last Flag Flying”
2017 - Rated R
2 hr 5 min
★★★★☆

The writer/director Richard Linklater has given us a number of remarkable films over the last decade or two including his “Before Midnight” trilogy, “Waking Life,” and his most recent “Blue Moon.” In this 2017 offering, he delivers a poignant and touching buddy flick that I somehow missed when it was released. Not only is it a well-written drama, it features a formidable cast that includes Steve Carell (“The Office,” “40-Year-Old Virgin”), Bryan Cranston (“Breaking Bad,” “Argo”) and Laurence Fishburne (“The Matrix,” “21”). Its main themes include friendship, loss, and aging, and is told in a sensitive fashion one's come to expect from a filmmaker of Linklater's caliber.

The story in “Last Flag Flying” revolves around three men, Larry “Doc” Shepherd (Carell), Sal





Grosse Pointe Theatre presents

Almost, MAINE

By John Cariani



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Nealon (Cranston), and Richard Mueller (Fishburne) who served in Vietnam together. Larry was a Navy Corp medic and the other two were Marines, and they were all assigned to the same unit. The three were best buds during the war but haven't seen each other in 30 years. It's the death of Larry's son, who was killed serving in Iraq, that reunites the three men.

Carell's character has seen his share of tragedy and his performance is a revelation — quiet, reflective and introspective. His wife passed away from cancer several years before, and now his son has been killed. So he pays a visit to Sal, who is the owner of a run down bar. It's obvious that Sal hasn't

matured much since his Marine days. He gets blind drunk every night, passes out in his bar and wakes up to a meal of cold, leftover pizza and a “hair of the dog.”

When Larry shows up at his bar, he doesn't recognize him at first. Soon, the two begin reminiscing about the good old days back in Nam. Sal is

an animated, rowdy sort and within a few minutes, it's just like old times.

See *LAST FLAG*, page 7C



Left, Steve Carell as Larry ‘Doc’ Shepherd surprises Bryan Cranston as Sal Nealon at his bar.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I've always been a barefoot-at-home type of person. No socks, no slippers, just me and the cold hardwood floors year round. It has never really bothered me and I've always thought slippers felt unnecessary.

Until this winter. Michigan has been bitter cold lately and as someone who is basically always freezing, I finally had to admit my feet



needed help. I have tried plenty of slippers in the past, but they always end up shoved in a closet. Some feel heavy and awkward. Some slip off constantly. Some are not even warm, which is honestly impressive in the worst way. After enough failed attempts, I kind of gave up on slippers entirely.

Luckily, my very generous sister

gifted me the Bombas Sunday Slipper for Christmas and I can confidently say I get the hype.

These are the first slippers I have worn that feel both warm and lightweight at the same time. The footbed is super soft and cushy, and it honestly feels like walking on a cloud. They also have a real sole, which makes them feel more substantial than your average house slipper. You can run outside for a quick carpool pickup or grab the newspaper without worrying

about ruining them.

One of the best parts is the back. They actually stay on your feet, but they are still easy to slip on and off. There's no shuffling around the house or adjusting them every five seconds.

If you are looking for a cozy upgrade that makes January and February in Michigan feel a little more bearable, I highly recommend the Bombas Sunday Slipper.

I rate them 5 out of 5 alligators. They come in

men's and women's styles, too. If you try them, email us and let us know what you think.

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5 Out Of 5



Crackly skin, clean sauce: a better way to roast chicken

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Roast chicken is a weekly staple in our house because it's easy, healthy, feeds us twice and turns into stock afterward. If all life choices worked this well, we'd have it figured

out. But alas, I'll stick to perfecting chicken.

Chicken skin, in particular, creates chaos. The crispier and more seasoned it is, the more competitive we become.

Someone is always shouting about who took more than their fair share. My issue though is only the top of the bird gets the crispy skin. So, I did two things to correct the issue. The first

is that I butterflied the chicken so it cooks flat and all of the skin is facing up. Plus it cooks in only one hour. The second is I rubbed the skin with baking powder and lots of salt. The baking powder raises the pH which breaks down the proteins to help with browning. It also helps the skin develop a crackly texture. It's a total game changer.

I've only seen this method used on chicken wings and can't believe I've never thought to do it on a whole roasting chicken. You get lots of exposed skin, rendered fat and seriously crackly skin. The kids went wild for it needless to say, it's my new default.

The next step was coming up with a "clean" sauce for the chicken. I recently tried the red chimichurri at Chipotle and fell head over heels for it. It's packed with flavor and goes so well with chicken. I had to try to make it at home. It's a blend of roasted red peppers, chipotle peppers and lots of garlic, fresh parsley and cilantro. It's spicy and fresh tasting. The bonus is that it's great on eggs, veggies and steak too.

Yes, there is a decent amount of salt involved in this recipe. So if you're watching your salt intake, hold back a bit. Other

than that, you can feel good about eating this meal. If roast chicken is already part of your routine, this version is worth the small tweaks. Butterflying the bird and treating the skin properly makes all the difference, and the chimichurri keeps things fresh without feeling heavy. Simple changes, big payoff.

to cut along one side of the backbone. You can use a butcher knife to help you through the thicker bones. Then cut down the other side of the bird. Save the neck, if you make chicken stock.

Flip the chicken over and press down on the breast bone so it lies flat.

Mix together the salt and baking powder in a small bowl. Flip the chicken back over so the skin-side is down. Pat dry with paper towels and sprinkle over about one third of the salt mixture. Then flip the chicken back over onto a parchment paper lined baking sheet. Pat the skin very dry and brush with one tablespoon of olive oil. Rub the remaining salt mixture over the top.

Roast in the oven for one hour or until it reaches 165 degrees. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

While the chicken is baking make the chimichurri. Place all ingredients into a blender and pulse until smooth but slightly chunky. Place in a bowl and set aside until it's time to eat.

Once the chicken has rested, remove to a cutting board. Gently slice off each thigh, drumstick and wing by popping the bone at the joint and cutting through. Then cut down the breastbone to slice off the breast meat. Serve with sauce for spooning over the top.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Cheers, Mombeau

Crispy Butterflied Chicken with Red Chimmichuri

- 1 4-5lb whole chicken
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- Olive oil
- Red Chimmichuri**
- 1 cup roasted red peppers
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 2-3 garlic cloves
- 1½ tbsp chipotle in adobo sauce
- ½ cup olive oil
- Pinch of salt and pepper

Preheat your oven to 450 degrees. Remove any giblets from the chicken and place on a cutting board breast side down. You want the legs facing you.

Use kitchen shears

Wine cellar

The downturn in sales of all alcoholic beverages in the last two years has left the worldwide wine industry struggling to right the ship, and experts are now talking about good values popping up on store shelves everywhere.

It isn't only that prices are softer than they have been of late, but many wineries are now making fewer cases of top-of-the-line wines, so many of them are making use of high-quality grapes in less-expensive products.

Those who will benefit most are shoppers who (a) know a little more than the average consumer about quality wines and (b) employ a strategy intended to maximize quality while minimizing price. And the next six months or more should be an ideal time for such a strategy.

Even though collectors may not have a formal wine cellar, most can begin doing this. It certainly will pay dividends

over the next few years. One of the key reasons is that the wines will probably improve before they are opened.

Red wines in particular are often released to market a bit sooner than they should be, so buying young quality wines and waiting for a year to consume them is a valid strategy.

Here are a few tips:

- Pinot Noir: This is a lighter red wine that normally is not at all astringent. But to get a relatively good one usually requires paying at least \$20 a bottle. Cheaper examples typically are not very interesting.
- Sauvignon Blanc: I prefer this grape variety to chardonnay. One of its benefits is that it seems to be noticeably better about a year or two after the vintage. Although New Zealand versions can be attractive when youthful, paying a little

more for SB from California (notably Dry Creek Valley or Russian River Valley) is usually a better bet.

Zinfandel: Many people like this relatively rich and fruity red wine, but I think higher alcohol versions do not age particularly well. If you are buying a few to hold for a year, choose wines with lower alcohol levels.

- Rosé: Pink wines are excellent when the weather turns hot, but in the northern hemisphere that won't happen for months. Still, young rose wines from 2023 or 2024 may go on sale soon. Buying earlier vintages can be dicey. I would stick to 2024s.
- Pay attention to appellations: It often is a good idea to buy from widely known areas, like Napa, Sonoma County, Santa Barbara and Livermore Valley. Some wines carry the name "California," which can come from any of the 58 counties in the state.

Storing your purchases isn't complicated. Find a cool spot (under a bed, the back of a closet) where the temperature will be stable, relatively cool and no light gets to the wine.

Wine of the Week: 2024 Kendall-Jackson Chenin Blanc Vintner's Reserve, California (\$16) — Chenin Blanc is a grape variety not dissimilar from chardonnay. It has a more charming



aromatic of apples and pears with a delicate hint of citrus. This wine, with only 12 percent alcohol, is relatively dry and perfect to serve with lighter dishes, such as seafood. Delightful.

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Crystal Mountain, above, is a full vacation resort, hosting year-round activities. Winter fun includes skiing, snowboarding, horse-drawn buggy rides, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice skating and more.

Discover the many cold-weather activities of our beloved mitten state

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

Winter in Michigan has its charm, but it also comes with dark mornings, early nights and the familiar mid-season slump. This year, we are taking a fresh approach to the coldest months by focusing on ways to stay energized, uplifted and connected.

Inside our Winter Wonderland edition, you will find a mix of wellness essentials, mood-boosting routines, family friendly outings and cold weather gear that actually makes winter easier. Think of this as your seasonal toolbox, filled with little upgrades that can make a big difference, from sunrise-mimicking alarm clocks to heated gloves that make outdoor walks enjoyable again.

Whether you are planning ski trips, looking for winter events around the state or simply trying to feel more like yourself during the gray season, we have gathered ideas to help you embrace everything winter has to offer.

Winter offers so many opportunities to get outside, explore and make memories together. From snowy ski hills to sparkling ice rinks and festive community events there is no shortage of ways to embrace the season as a family. When the temperature drops it can be tempting to stay inside but even a short adventure can create moments your kids will talk about for months.

Around Michigan you will find winter festivals filled with ice sculptures, live music and family friendly activities. Ski resorts welcome all levels from tiny first timers on the bunny hill to seasoned skiers who cannot wait for the first chairlift. Local rinks offer open skate sessions perfect for kids who want to glide, wobble and laugh their way across the ice.

This guide highlights some of the best ways to enjoy winter with the people you love most. With a little planning the season becomes less about the cold and more about the memories you create together.

Hit the slopes: Michigan ski getaways big and small

From weekend road trips to quick day runs, here's where to find your winter fun.

Nothing says "Michigan winter" like heading north with your skis, a thermos of coffee, and a car full of gear. Whether you're carving turns at Boyne Mountain or sneaking in a Saturday ski day closer to home, the mitten has endless snow-covered adventures waiting.

Up North Classics Boyne Mountain Resort – Boyne Falls, MI

A Michigan icon. Known for its rolling terrain, family-friendly atmosphere, and après-ski charm, Boyne offers everything from downhill runs to an indoor waterpark for kids. Don't miss a scenic chairlift ride or a stop at the Alpine Village for post-slope cocktails and cozy meals.

Nubs Nob – Harbor Springs, MI

A local favorite among serious skiers. Nubs prides itself on impeccable grooming and a laid-back, family-run vibe. You'll find challenging terrain for experts, gentle runs for beginners, and a classic lodge that feels like home.

Crystal Mountain – Thompsonville, MI

This picture-perfect mix of ski resort and wellness retreat has it all. Great snow, a full-service spa, and beautiful slopeside lodging make it ideal for couples or families who want a little pampering between runs.



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Boyne Mountain, above, offers 415 acres of terrain to conquer – and plenty of recreational spots to wind down and relax, play, swim or dine.

Closer to home: Easy weekend ski trips Mt. Holly – Holly, MI

About an hour from Grosse Pointe, Mt. Holly is the go-to for spontaneous ski days. It offers 16 runs, night skiing, and a fun, lively crowd that makes it feel like a true community hill.

Pine Knob Ski and Snowboard Resort – Clarkston, MI

Just over an hour away, Pine Knob blends convenience with challenge. It's perfect for kids learning to ski or snowboard, but advanced skiers love the steeper runs too.

Alpine Valley – White Lake, MI

This classic southeast Michigan hill has been teaching generations to ski. It's close enough for an after-school session or spontaneous weekend adventure, complete with cozy chalet vibes.

Mt. Brighton – Brighton, MI

A great option for families wanting that "ski resort" feeling without the long drive. With 25 trails and a vibrant lodge scene, it's a fun, quick escape from the city.

From the big slopes Up North to the smaller hills just down the highway, Michigan makes it easy to embrace the season. Pack the car, grab the kids, and head out for a snowy escape — the kind of winter memory that only happens when the air is crisp and the cocoa is hot.



Nubs Nob, left, is a family-owned ski hill that has been in operation since 1958. Several on-site lodges entertain guests and daycare is available for the littlest children.

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Ski for the day – or make a commitment! Alpine and Bordercross racing leagues are available at Alpine Valley including adult, high school and junior leagues.

WINTER FUN AROUND THE STATE

Explore these not-too-far-away frosty festivities



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A 300-foot zip line, above, is the star attraction at the Birmingham, MI BRRmingham Blast event.

Family fun abounds at the World of Winter celebration in Grand Rapids.

World of Winter, Grand Rapids

Visiting World of Winter is like stepping into a magical snow-lit city of lights and surprises — perfect for a weekend getaway full of fun for the whole family. Downtown Grand Rapids transforms with glowing installations, interactive art, live performances and ice sculptures, all creating a kind of winter playground you don't have to shovel. You can stroll from one dazzling display to the next, grab something tasty from food trucks and enjoy everything from guided walking tours to fire performances or ice-carving shows. Because most of the events are free, it's an ideal way to enjoy a memorable and budget-friendly winter escape.

Plymouth Ice Festival

From January 30 through February 1, 2026, downtown Plymouth transforms into a sparkling winter celebration filled with activities for families of all ages. The festival showcases dozens of world class ice carvings lining the sidewalks each created from a 350 pound block of ice and crafted by renowned carvers from across the country. Visitors can enjoy hands-on fun with ice blocks to touch winter themed games and plenty of food and warm beverages throughout downtown. Kids will love the family petting zoo featuring horses, goats, sheep, alpacas and even a baby calf while thrill seekers can head to the tubing

run for a rush of downhill fun. The weekend also includes ice carving demonstrations, bingo, live entertainment, warming stations and even a themed bar for the adults. With so many events packed into three days the Plymouth Ice Festival is an easy and exciting winter outing for the whole family.

BRRmingham Blast

On Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Downtown Birmingham comes alive for the annual BRRmingham Blast, a full day of winter fun designed for families, kids and anyone looking to shake off the cold.

The event stretches along South Old Woodward Avenue from Maple Rd. to Brown St. and is jam-packed with free

entertainment, food trucks and activities for every age group.

The star attraction is the 300 foot zip line offering a thrilling ride for participants ages six and up. For those who prefer to stay grounded, visitors can warm up in the entertainment tent, roast marshmallows over open fires and enjoy a variety of food trucks serving both savory bites and winter-cozy sweet treats.

With post holiday retail sales and new seasonal merchandise available throughout Birmingham's shops it is also the perfect excuse to explore downtown and support local businesses. Convenient free parking is available at the Pierce and Peabody structures making it an easy and fun winter outing for the whole family.



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The Plymouth Ice Festival, above, has become a favorite winter all around the state.

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When the temperatures drop the right gear can make all the difference between hibernating indoors and truly enjoying the winter season. From skiing and sledding to everyday school drop offs and weekend adventures, keeping your whole family warm starts with high quality layers that actually work. Schummer's Ski Shop is the go-to spot for cold weather essentials — offering everything from kids outerwear to high performance

adult gear that stands up to Michigan's chilliest days. At Schummer's you will find trusted brands, expert guidance and durable pieces that keep everyone comfortable no matter what the forecast brings. Their vast selection of jackets, base layers, gloves, hats and skis makes winter feel a lot more manageable. With the right gear everyone can spend less time shivering and more time making great memories in perfect powder.

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Giro Buster goggle, below left. Kids can count on many features, colors and cool graphic options



Men's Flight Attendant Camber snowboard, left. Designed to be a terrain-slaying alternative to more traditional twin shapes. This free spirit dissects powder and hard-pack snow with equal precision.



Rossignol Sender Soul 92 skis, left. Effortless and surfy. Versatile and predictable. These skis are your ticket to freeride freedom and everyday controfor exploring every adventure.

Swany ladies Polartec Powerdry glove liner, right, moves moisture away from the skin and dries quickly. Touchscreen-compatible index finger and thumb means you can use devices in between runs.



Turtle Fur Chelonia 150 neck warmer, left, is a classic fleece n with double layers for cold days on the hills.

WINTER WELL: SIMPLE WAYS TO FEEL YOUR BEST



Hatch Alarm Clock- Restore 3

When winter brings darker mornings and early evenings, your body clock can take a hit. The Restore 3 uses gradual sunrise light and customizable soundscapes to help you rise gently (even before dawn) and wind down peacefully when daylight fades. It simulates natural light patterns that help regulate sleep and mood, so you wake up feeling refreshed instead of groggy, and ease into bedtime feeling calm. For Michiganders facing short daylight hours, it's a simple yet powerful tool to stay aligned with your body's rhythm, helping you get more out of winter mornings and maintain balance through long cold months.



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heated gloves

Winter in Michigan has its own kind of magic. Snowy mornings, cozy nights and the quiet calm that settles over our communities. But once the temperatures drop and the sun starts setting at 4:59 p.m. even the most seasoned Michigander feels the shift. This season we are taking a brighter approach to winter by focusing on simple uplifting ways to boost your mood and feel more energized during the chilliest months.

From light therapy that mimics a morning sunrise to workout essentials that make moving your body feel fun again there are so many little upgrades that can make a big difference. Think of this as your guide to feeling good: mind, body, and spirit, no matter what the forecast brings. We have rounded up some of our favorite products and practices that help bring warmth, energy, and balance back into everyday routines. Embrace the season, find what works for you and discover new ways to feel your best all winter long.

Light therapy lamp

When Michigan slips into its long stretch of gray skies and early sunsets, a light therapy lamp can make a remarkable difference in how you feel day to day. Designed to mimic bright natural daylight, these lamps help regulate your circadian rhythm, boost energy and support a more balanced mood. Just 15 to 30 minutes in the morning can signal to your brain that it is time to wake up and feel alert, even when the world outside still looks like night. It is an easy winter ritual that brings a little sunshine indoors and helps you feel more energized, focused and steady throughout the season. We got ours from Amazon.com from the brand Medicous.

Metagenics vitamin D3 5000 + K

Winter in Michigan means short days, heavy cloud cover and far less sunlight than our bodies are used to. Metagenics Vitamin D3 5000 + K offers a high potency formula that helps support healthy immune function, stronger bones and steadier energy levels all season long. Vitamin D3 plays a key role in mood and overall wellness, and pairing it with vitamin K helps your body absorb and use it more effectively. During months when natural sunlight is scarce, this supplement can help you feel more balanced and resilient from the inside out.

The Corner Studio workouts and red light sauna

Staying active is one of the most reliable ways to boost energy, sharpen focus and keep your mood steady through the colder months. The Corner Studio makes it easy to stay motivated with classes that feel energizing and fun, whether you love strength training, cycling or a good high intensity

sweat. Their red light sauna adds an extra layer of wellness by supporting circulation, reducing muscle soreness and promoting overall recovery. The gentle heat and red light exposure can also help increase energy and improve sleep quality, making it a perfect complement to a consistent workout routine. It is a simple way to recharge your body and feel more refreshed day to day.



Dreamed In Tan,
left, offers custom
spray tanning by a
human technician
instead of a
machine, giving you
more control of the
natural-looking
outcome.

Dreamed In Tan spray tans

There comes a point every winter when you catch a glimpse of yourself in a mirror and think “Wow, I am officially the color of printer paper.” Enter Dreamed In Tan. A real human spraying you (instead of a machine that leaves you looking like a streaky Cheeto) makes all the difference. Their custom airbrush tans are natural, even and tailored to your skin tone, giving you just enough glow to feel alive again. Whether you have an event coming up or simply want to look like your best self during peak pale season, a quick visit can boost your confidence and bring back that sun kissed look we have all been missing.

Natural light walks and Ororo Amsterdam heated gloves

Sometimes the simplest winter pick me up is stepping outside and getting a little natural light on your face. A quick walk can reset your energy, clear your head and help you hit your daily steps without overthinking it. The only problem is cold hands. Truly nothing ruins a peaceful walk faster than fingers that go numb halfway down the block.

That is where the heated gloves come in. These are not your average mittens. They warm up quickly, stay toasty for hours and make being outside actually enjoyable again. With adjustable heat settings and a sleek design, they turn even the chilliest walk into something you might actually look forward to. You get your fresh air, your steps and your sanity back and your hands stay warm the entire time.



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The trio take the casket.



The guys getting cell phones.



The threesome does some catching up.

LAST FLAG

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I’ve recently been watching “Malcolm in the Middle” which stars a much younger Bryan

Cranston, and I have to say, he’s gone from a goofy 30-something dad to a goofy 50-something old geezer. (I never saw “Breaking Bad” so I missed out on his in-between phase.)



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Movie poster for the 2017 movie “Last Flag Flying,”
written by Richard Linklater and Darryl Ponicsan
and directed by Richard Linklater.

Larry asks Sal to accompany him to bury his son at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Sal has absolutely nothing going on in his life and is more than happy to join and support him. But first they have to make one last stop. They need to pick up their comrade Richard, who it turns out has found Jesus and is the pastor of a church. It’s implied that he was once just as rowdy as they were. Richard is a totally changed man. He’s now happily married and is quite comfortable in his new environment — so he’s rather reluctant to join them on their trip. But Sal is so persistent, he eventually cajoles him into accompanying them.

When the trio hits the air base, they’re greeted by one of Larry’s son’s comrades Washington, played by J. Quinton Johnson. When he requests to have his son’s casket opened so he can see him one last time, he’s warned that since he was shot in the head, there isn’t much left of his face. We can sense the horror he must

have felt when he views his son’s corpse.

He’s given the standard line about how his son served with dignity and died a hero and will be buried with full honors. Larry isn’t buying it and when pressed, is finally told the true story. He was actually ambushed while running an errand. So his son died a pointless death.

The film doesn’t get overly political. But the three have a couple conversations discussing the pointlessness of both the Vietnam War and the Iraqi invasion, and the search for Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs). They all agree that they served their country well and had no regrets serving in the military. Over the course of the next couple days, they also deal with a tragedy of their own while in Vietnam.

In light of the new information, Larry decides that he doesn’t want his son buried at Arlington and would rather have him interred in his hometown. At first, he was all for taking his son’s coffin in the back of a rental truck. But, the plan changes and they

agree to have the Marines transport the coffin and the three of them via train. Thus the road trip continues. There’s a terrific scene when all three men and Washington, the escort, are hanging out in the train’s baggage compartment. They begin telling war stories and it’s an absolute hoot. Naturally, Sal is the one who does most of the yakking, and some of the stories are laugh out loud funny.

The movie is a tasteful mix of humor and somber moments. I simply can’t imagine any other actors who could deliver a film quite as powerfully as these three masters did. They seem to play off each other perfectly, although once in a while you kind of wish Cranston would reel it in a bit. Overall however, they work cinematic magic together.

Currently streaming on Prime.

Note to parents: The film is rated “R” due to language and sexual references.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to



Larry in the freight car.

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!

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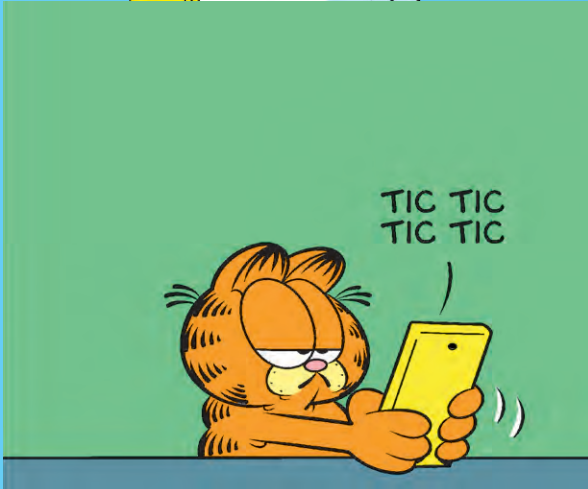
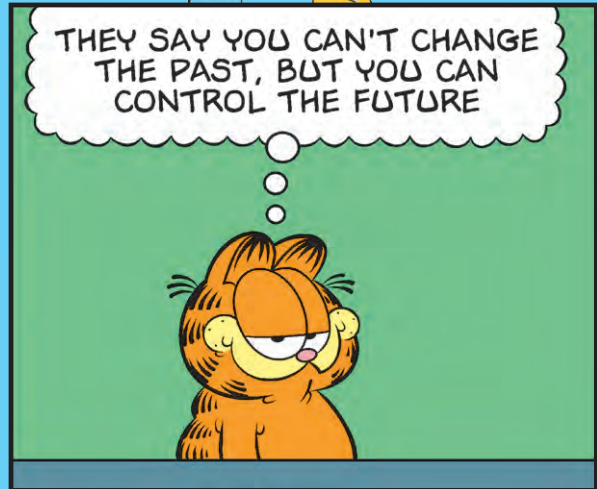
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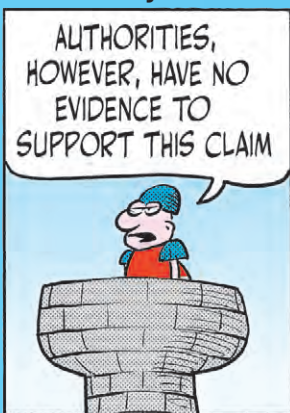
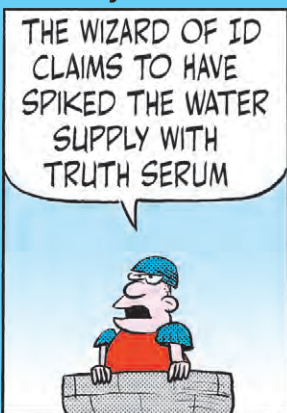
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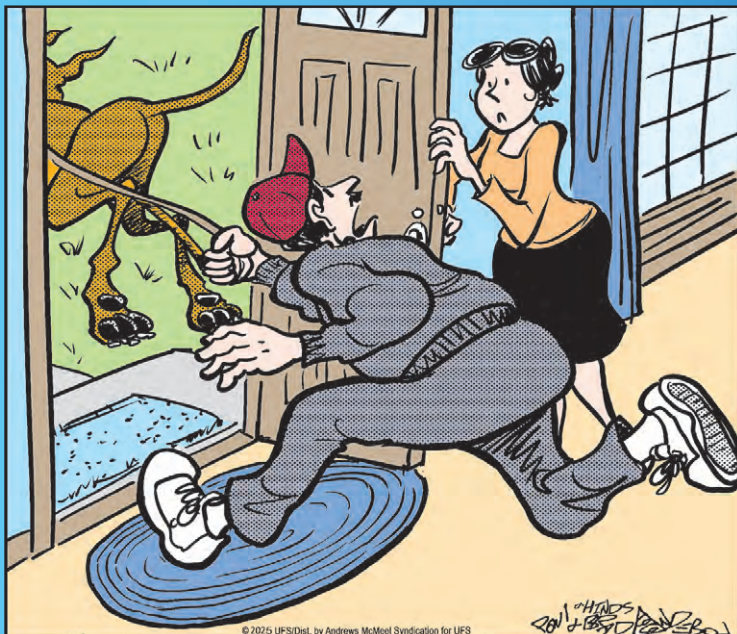
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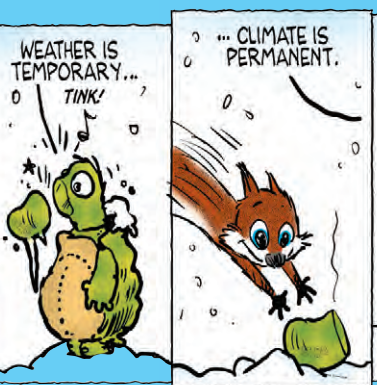
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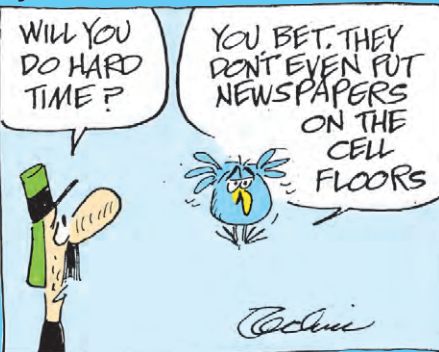


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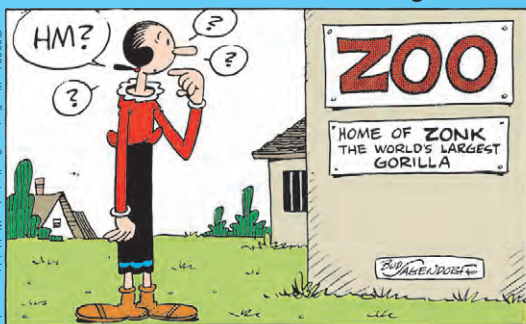
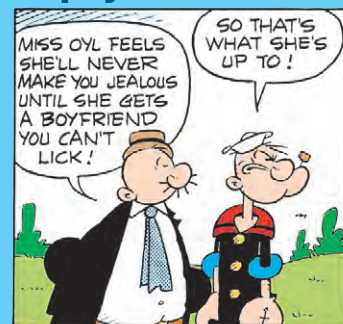
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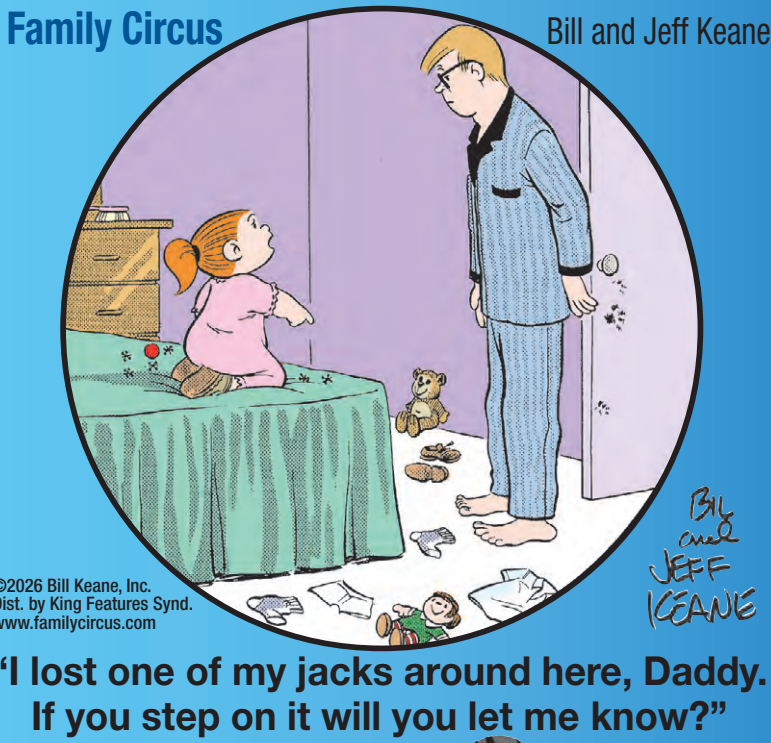
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Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	4	7	6	9				

1/22 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

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

1/15 Solution

Contract Bridge

WELL-REWARDED INGENUITY

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	8 4		
♥	A Q 7 3		
♦	8 5 4		
♣	8 7 4 3		
WEST		EAST	
♠	—	♠	10 9 7 5
♥	J 9 5	♥	K 10 8 6 4 2
♦	Q J 10 9 3	♦	6
♣	A K J 10 5	♣	Q 9
SOUTH			
♠	A K Q J 6 3 2		
♥	—		
♦	A K 7 2		
♣	6 2		

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	4 ♠
Opening lead — king of clubs.			

There is a certain compelling logic in bridge that, if followed to its rational conclusion, can sometimes lead declarer to make a play that he would not normally think of or even consider. Take this deal where West leads the K-A-J of clubs against four spades, declarer ruffing the third round. The contract looks hopeless, since South has only nine tricks consisting of seven spades and the A-K of diamonds. He has no apparent entry to dummy's ace of hearts, his potential 10th trick,

nor can he expect the diamonds to be divided 3-3 after West's opening diamond bid. But South can make four spades in an ingenious manner if he puts his mind to it. When he leads the ace of spades at trick four and West shows out, he learns a great deal about the makeup of the opposing hands. South has already discovered at trick three that West, who opened the bidding with one diamond, started with five clubs. It is therefore reasonable to assume that West also has five or six diamonds. This means that East started with one diamond or none to go with the four spades and two clubs he is already known to hold. This knowledge can now be put to good use. Declarer continues with the K-Q of spades, leaving East with the ten, and then plays the A-K of diamonds. If East trumps, he will have to return a heart into dummy's A-Q, allowing South to discard both of his diamond losers. So, let's say East discards a heart. East's refusal to ruff does not let him off the hook, however. South counters by leading the spade three, forcing East to win and lead a heart to dummy's A-Q. The net effect is that South loses a trump trick he did not have to lose but gets two heart tricks in return. And that is the sort of exchange any declarer should be happy to accept.

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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 PISCES.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, January 22, 2026:

You crave stimulation because you're enthusiastic, multifaceted, quick-witted and easily bored. This is a year of service, perhaps service to family. Take care of yourself so that you can be a resource to those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage. Invest in yourself. Perhaps a make-over?

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Conversations with friends and members of groups will be lively today (to put it mildly). Someone might be intent on convincing you to agree with them. Or perhaps you are the one who is coming on like gangbusters. Either way, lighten up! Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You might use today's astrological influences to have an intellectual discussion with an authority figure. From your point of view, the purpose of this discussion will be to clarify or improve something. You might suggest the need for taking something back down to the basics to rebuild it once again. Tonight: Talk to a friend.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You might be on your soapbox sharing your political or religious ideas today -- you can't resist it. Think twice about what you say, because you will have the capacity to influence others with your persuasive force. (You might be in opposition to someone.) Tonight: You're in the limelight!

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Financial discussions or discussions about inheritances or how to divide shared property will be intense today. Either you or someone else will be emphatic about what they want to achieve. Take a breath and listen. Tonight: Learn and discover.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Interactions with partners and close friends will be intense today because people are obsessed about something. They insist on being heard. You might be doing this, or you might attract someone to you who will be doing it to you. Tread carefully! Tonight: Check financial matters.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You can accomplish a lot today because you're determined and motivated. Don't let your energy be scattered in heated discussions. Instead, use your efforts to improve something or make something better. Tonight: Listen and be cooperative.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Parents should be gentle with their kids today to avoid escalating tension by harping on something or coming on too strong. Today there's a tendency for everyone to be obsessed about something, which is out of balance. This also applies to romantic discussions. Tonight: Work to get better organized.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a good day to make improvements to plumbing, recycling and garbage areas. Clean up things and make them better, but remember to listen to input from others. "A leader who refuses to listen will eventually be surrounded by people with nothing to say." Tonight: Be friendly and socialize.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

All your conversations with others today will be profound and intense because Mercury is lined up with Pluto in your House of Communications. You'll be intent about getting to the bottom of something. You want the truth and you're going to go after it. Tonight: Relax in familiar surroundings.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

When it comes to financial matters or your possessions, you will seek answers, perhaps even secrets). You want to know what's happening. You want to know the subtext of something. What led up to this moment? Tonight: Share your opinions.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

AYou'll have no trouble sharing your ideas with anyone today, because four planets are in your sign and Mercury is lined up with Pluto, lending emphasis to your words. You might want to lighten up. Nevertheless, your investigative mind will discover something. Tonight: Respect your moneymaking ideas.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is the classic day for secrets to be revealed. And who better than you to find them? The Moon is in your sign today giving you a slight advantage over all the other signs, which means you have the edge! Some of you will have an epiphany. Tonight: Ask the universe for a favor.

BORN TODAY
TV chef Guy Fieri (1968) actress Diane Lane (1965), actor, producer Gabriel Macht (1972).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 22, 2026

ACROSS

- 1 Enormous: Prefix
- 5 Like sows and does
- 11 The Magic School _____ (Ms. Frizzle's vehicle)
- 14 Voting group
- 15 "I've moved on"
- 16 Small business?
- 17 Verdi opera set in Egypt
- 18 Anatomical layer with photoreceptors
- 19 _____ Grande
- 20 Pro billiard player's opening?
- 22 Statue of liturgy
- 23 Knee part, in brief
- 25 Permit
- 26 "How nice!"
- 28 Poseidon's kingdom
- 30 87 and 89, e.g.
- 32 Pro golfer's putt?
- 34 Greek letter shaped like Poseidon's trident
- 35 "I've caught you red-handed!"
- 36 Nintendo Switch forerunner
- 39 Pro baseball player's strike?
- 45 Sleep mask, shades, etc.
- 47 Steamy chai, say
- 48 Made headway
- 49 Shout at a futbol game
- 50 Desire of a Japanese merchant?
- 51 Not new
- 52 Daydream
- 56 EGOT winner
- 57 Pro volleyball player's smash?
- 61 Undeveloped flower
- 62 Lao or Thai
- 63 Something hard to swallow, perhaps?
- 64 Word with "black" or "special"
- 65 "G'bye!"
- 66 Smartphone symbols

DOWN

- 1 CEO's degree, commonly
- 2 Manning of NFL fame
- 3 "Take care now!"
- 4 Purple berry
- 5 Show restraint
- 6 Tennis star Chris who won 18 Grand Slam titles
- 7 Dole (out)
- 8 Solo such as "Habanera"
- 9 Provides the URL of
- 10 Greek H
- 11 It's subpar!
- 12 Groups that call strikes
- 13 Give a tongue-lashing

ACROSS

- 22 "My suspicions are confirmed!"
- 23 Bank convenience, in brief
- 24 British fellow
- 27 It was once an acorn
- 29 Graduate student's allowance
- 30 None of the above
- 31 Holey shoe
- 33 Couch
- 37 ____-bitty
- 38 Slurpee relative
- 40 She's a sheep
- 41 Floral symbol of love
- 42 Feature of a 41-Down
- 43 Field for a future official, for short
- 44 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 45 Relax
- 46 Investors' returns
- 48 Cajun stew
- 49 Davis of "A League of Their Own"
- 53 Wiesel who wrote "Night" and later became a knight
- 54 Time to give someone a 41-Down, in brief
- 55 "Suh-weet!"
- 57 Liquid fuel, despite its name
- 58 What Princess Buttercup never said during her marriage to Prince Humperdinck
- 59 Barbie's bae
- 60 They're staffed by MDs

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Bringing in the Pros by Daniel Bodily

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Blue Devils triumphant over North in girls hoops rivalry

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A win over a rival certainly is not a bad way to begin league play in the MAC Red Division. That is what the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls basketball team got Thursday, Jan. 15, as strong defense and a big night by sophomore Evelina Baer helped spur the Blue Devils to a 46-27 victory on the road over Grosse Pointe North.

“We have a tremendous respect for (North),” South girls basketball head coach Kevin Richards said following the win over the Norsemen. “We had a lead and I thought we had opportunities to stretch it, but we know what they’re about. They’re about defense and sustaining effort and that’s probably the most composed that we played because we had to execute on a lot of things.”

Baer helped give



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South’s Morgan Duff looks for a pass down the court in the Blue Devils’ win over North Thursday, Jan. 15.

South an edge early in what started as a close game. The Blue Devils’

defense stifled the Norsemen at the beginning by disrupting

passing lanes and causing turnovers, but the two rivals remained

close, with South leading by two points at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was when South began to create some separation. The defense continued to keep the Norsemen in check while the offense built the lead to double digits as South entered the halftime locker room up 21-10.

North picked up its scoring in the second half, coming out in the third quarter and more than doubling its output from the entire first half. However, the Blue Devils kept up the pace and remained up 34-25 going into the final frame. South’s defense locked down the Norsemen again in the fourth quarter, allowing just two points as the Blue Devils secured the win by 19.

South’s offensive production came largely from the duo of Baer and senior Morgan Duff. Duff tallied 14 points, while Baer put up 25 in a career night.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Burney defies odds, becomes leader Norsemen hockey needs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When Leah Burney went down with a torn ACL and meniscus in the second game of the Grosse Pointe North varsity girls soccer season last spring, there was a real chance her senior year as a three-sport athlete would be in jeopardy. But that is not how Burney saw things.

Despite her injury happening in the spring, Burney was determined right away to be back on the court with North’s varsity volleyball team in the fall. The result was a summer full of sacrifice and physical therapy so she could get the full experience of her senior

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Leah Burney
School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Hockey
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my senior year. I got surgery as quickly as I could and right after that, I was walking. I went to physical therapy every chance I could get. ... My surgeon encouraged me that I should get

year on the volleyball court, hockey ice and soccer field.

“I was super lucky in that I’ve always focused on being strong for my sports,” Burney said. “It was devastating, but I didn’t really give myself any time to grieve that I might not get to play in

on my feet as soon as I could and that helped me not lose as much muscle in my leg. ... I sacrificed a lot and my summer was pretty much dedicated to recovery and therapy.”

That long summer paid off as Burney was able to join North’s volleyball team in time for the first home game in September. Her dedication to recovery helps show why Burney was a captain of the volleyball team in the fall, is now one of the captains of North’s girls hockey team this winter and



COURTESY PHOTO

Leah Burney has been with North’s varsity girls hockey team since her freshman year, and now serves as a co-captain in her senior season this winter.

will likely be captain yet again of the soccer team in the fall. Burney has been part

of all three programs since her freshman year at North and has been playing all three sports

since way before she got to high school.

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North unable to close deal in OT loss to Fraser

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Sometimes, a team just cannot get things to break in its favor at the right moment. The Grosse Pointe North varsity boys basketball team had that happen last week. The Norsemen suffered a close 57-54 loss on the road to L’Anse Creuse Wednesday, Jan. 14, then returned home and fell in a close battle with Fraser 56-51 in

overtime Friday, Jan. 16. “It was a really good basketball game and Fraser has a lot of experienced guys who we’ve played against for years now,” North boys basketball head coach Rob Johnson said after the loss to Fraser. “... It was super back-and-forth all game. ... It was good to see the growth where we had the ball with the chance to get it to overtime and we did. It was good to see the growth of

being able to finish out that fourth quarter, even though it didn’t go the way we wanted it to go in overtime.” There was hardly any separation between North and Fraser for the entirety of last Friday’s game. The two sides went back and forth and neither team was able to establish a substantial lead. North’s slim 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter was a clear indication the game was

going to be tight. The Norsemen and Ramblers continued trading blows in the first half, with North remaining slightly in front and leading 26-24 going into halftime. The pace slowed a bit on both sides coming out of the break, but North maintained a slim 36-34 lead at the end of the third quarter. North had won each frame up to that point. However, the fourth quarter was where the momentum shifted in favor of the Ramblers. The game remained close, but in the final moments, it was the Norsemen who had to catch up to Fraser. Despite a pressure-packed situation late in the game, the young Norsemen were able to answer the call. Sophomore guard Jarrell Thomas hit a game-tying layup with about 30 seconds left in regulation, which helped eventually force overtime with the score deadlocked at 46-46. Thomas’s effort late in regulation was not enough to get the Norsemen the momentum they needed in overtime. Fraser controlled the extra time and was able to secure the win 56-51 to close out a thrilling game. “We’ve been working on situational basketball all year,” Johnson said



Lewis Simmons sets up at the free throw line for North. Simmons scored 25 points in the team’s loss to Fraser Friday, Jan. 16.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Jarrell Thomas drives toward the hoop for North. Thomas scored the game-tying basket for the Norsemen to send the game to overtime against Fraser.

following another close loss for North. “We’re going to continue to work on that. The mentality for us is to come ready to go every day and ready to compete. ... I don’t think the moment is too big for them. I think it’s just about learning through experience right now.” Despite the loss, North still got a strong performance from one of its biggest key players. Junior Lewis Simmons scored 25 for the Norsemen, including

four made three-pointers. Simmons was the only Norseman to reach double digits, with Thomas being the next highest scorer with nine points. The loss dropped North to 2-8 overall this season and 0-3 to begin MAC Blue Division play. North went on the road to visit Henry Ford II after press time Tuesday, Jan. 20. The team is on the road again Thursday, Jan. 22, for a MAC Blue showdown with Anchor Bay.

Girls hockey teams prepare for final stretch of regular season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the final month of the girls varsity hockey regular season approaching, every game is becoming more crucial as teams prepare for the playoffs. The squads from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School have shaken off some of the rust from the holiday break and are fully in stride in the new year as they try to pick up some of the biggest wins of the season.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen were busy last weekend with

back-to-back games, which ended with a close loss and a close win. The loss came first when North hosted Livonia United Saturday, Jan. 17, as Livonia overcame North’s early lead to give the Norsemen a 3-2 loss. Paige Martin gave North a 1-0 lead in the first period. The lead was extended to two by Twila Shappy-Behn in the second period, but two quick goals by Livonia left the game tied going into the third period. Livonia’s Aubree Conte netted the game-winner in the third period to complete the comeback. The Norsemen were able to bounce back

quickly, however, in their game the next day, Sunday, Jan. 18. North traveled to take on Washtenaw United and another tight game ended this time with the Norsemen on top 5-4. Kate Kasuba’s first-period goal for North helped tie the game 1-1 after the first period. In the second period, Twila Shappy-Behn scored twice, but two goals by Washtenaw kept things even at 3-3 before the final frame. The game continued to go back and forth until the end. Mia Wilhelm scored midway through the third period to give the Norsemen the lead, but Washtenaw was

quick to tie things up. Ava Villani ended up being the hero with the game-winning goal for North late in regulation for the win. After a busy weekend, North gets a little time off before another action-packed weekend up north. The Norsemen make the road trip to Traverse City for a tournament beginning Friday, Jan. 23.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils were explosive on offense last week in a couple of big wins. The first came Tuesday, Jan. 13, with a dominant 10-0 victory over St. Mary’s. Ruby Lenhard and Sydney Eickhorst each scored twice. Kylie White, Sophia Husek, Margaret

Blake, Sydney King and Charlie Harr all netted goals as well for the Blue Devils in the blowout win. The scoring continued for South into its next game Friday, Jan. 16, with the team taking down the Eastside Bulldogs 7-1. While the scoring in the win over

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Ruby Lenhard scored a hat trick for South in the team’s win over the Eastside Bulldogs Friday, Jan. 16.

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Liggett captures CHSL title, boys hockey teams celebrate winning week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As teams reach the second half of the boys varsity hockey regular season, picking up wins and momentum is becoming crucial. Last week saw University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North earn victories that could help spur them down the final stretch of the season before the playoffs, including a Catholic League championship win for the Knights.

University Liggett
The Knights have been the hottest team in Michigan with a winning streak that dates back to late November. Perhaps the biggest win of that streak so far came Tuesday, Jan. 13, when Liggett defeated Divine Child 6-3 to become Catholic League Cardinal Division champions.

“It was huge for our momentum,” Liggett boys hockey head coach Colin Smith said about the CHSL title victory. “... We got to finish it off against Divine Child, who we’ve battled with this year. ... It was a good test for us. The boys did a really good job. I think we came out a little bit flat in the first period, but they caught their stride in the second and finished the game off strong. The boys wanted to get the trophy back at Liggett and they did a great job.”

Liggett found itself down 1-0 at the end of the first period against the Falcons in last



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University Liggett School varsity boys hockey celebrates with the CHSL Cardinal Division championship trophy after defeating Divine Child 6-3 in the championship game Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Tuesday’s league championship game. However, goals by Ryan Cordaro, Griffin Marchal and Johnny Secco helped the Knights take a 3-2 lead after the second period. Two more goals by Marchal completed the hat trick in the third period, with another Liggett goal by Nick Gould helping the Knights finish off the win.

The Knights used the momentum from winning the Catholic League to capture another win the next night. The team traveled to take on Allen Park Wednesday, Jan. 14, and shut out the Jaguars 6-0. Marchal and Cordaro each scored twice in the win, with Luke Slanec and Cam Stapleton adding another goal each.

The victory was the 15th in a row for the Knights, who now take an extended break before their next game against Clarkston Thursday, Jan. 29, in the 2026 MIHL Showcase. Everything seems to be going right for Liggett this season, but the team knows it must remain consistent in order to maintain success.

“Our forecheck has to

remain as aggressive as it is,” Smith said. “We’re getting on pucks and getting first touches in every area of the ice. (We’re) staying physical and staying aggressive as much as we can.”

Grosse Pointe South
The season has been rough going so far for the Blue Devils, but the team was able to celebrate a win last week. South hosted L’Anse Creuse Unified Thursday, Jan. 15, and rode a hot start to an 8-3 victory.

Cole Zaccagni and Liam O’Donoghue each scored twice in the first period of last Thursday’s win, with Charlie Wade adding another to give South a 5-0 lead after the opening frame. Will Gryzenia and Marty Wayman added to South’s tally in the second period and a third-period goal by Reid McGuckin served as the exclamation point on a big win.

The Blue Devils earned another win Monday, Jan. 19, in the MAC Hockey Showcase. South was able to pull out a close victory over Romeo, triumphing 3-2.

O’Donoghue gave South an early lead, but two goals by Romeo in the second period erased South’s advantage. However, Wayman was able to tie things up for the Blue Devils before the end of the period, and Lucas Reynolds won the game with a goal for South in the third period.

South takes the ice again Saturday, Jan. 24, at home against cross-town rival Grosse Pointe North. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at East Side Foundation Hockey Arena.

Grosse Pointe North
An 8-0 loss to Marysville Saturday, Jan. 17, did not slow North too much heading into its next game a couple days later. The Norsemen started Monday, Jan. 19, with an early game in the MAC Hockey Showcase against the North Oakland Eagles. What started as a close game turned into a blowout by the end, with a big third period helping North secure an 11-3 win.

The Norsemen looked to be in control early, with Charlie Mueller scoring twice and Andrew Phillips helping make it a 3-0 lead for North after one period. However, the Eagles stormed back with three goals of their own in the second period, with one goal by Brandon Shock for North keeping the Norsemen on top 4-3 going into the third period.

That one-goal lead did not last long, but instead grew quickly for North as the team exploded for seven goals in the third period. Mueller scored twice in the period and so did Brandon Jarvis, with other goals being added by Ben Clor, John Cueter and Everett Elizando.

North visits Grosse Pointe South for its next action Saturday, Jan. 24.



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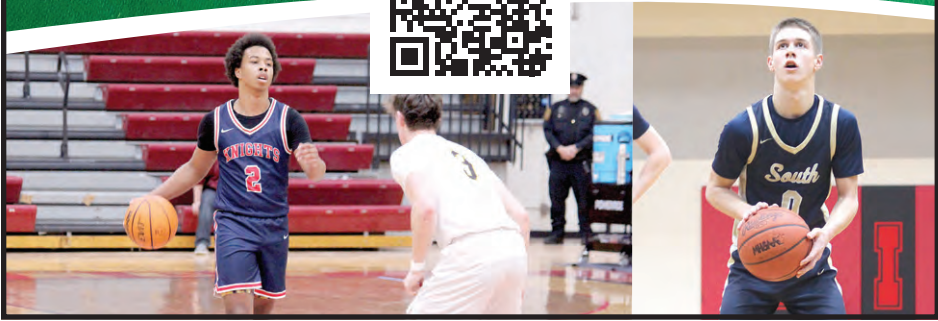


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South freshman Reid McGuckin and senior Liam O’Donoghue celebrate McGuckin’s first high school goal in their win vs. L’Anse Creuse Unified Thursday, Jan. 15.



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Knights headed to next level

Seven athletes from University Liggett School made their collegiate sports futures official during a signing day ceremony Friday, Jan. 16. From left: Kanaan Taylor (Macomb Community College baseball), Adin Chaddha (Kalamazoo College men's lacrosse), Nick Gould (Otterbein University men's lacrosse), Constantina Bournias (Denison University softball), Brendan Beland (Providence College men's swim & dive), Landen Maltby (Trine University men's lacrosse), Liam Kurtz (Carleton College football).

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St. Mary's was more spread out, the Blue Devils' goals in the victory over the Bulldogs

came from just three skaters. Lenhard finished the game with a hat trick, while Eickhorst and Husek scored twice each. The Blue Devils also travel to Traverse City

for their next set of games in a tournament beginning Friday, Jan. 23. **University Liggett** A trip to Flint Thursday, Jan. 15, ended

in a loss for Liggett in their only matchup last week. The Knights traveled up I-75 to take on Greater Flint United and a comeback effort fell short as Liggett lost 3-2. Greater Flint United

took a 3-0 lead in the first and early second periods. Kate Ricci and Avery Welsh tried to rally a Liggett comeback with two goals late in the second frame, but the Knights were shut out in

the third period to end up with a loss. The Knights go on the road again for their next matchup Friday, Jan. 23, taking on Mid-Michigan Alliance at the Bay County Civic Arena.

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"I always looked up to my siblings and my parents, who had played sports their whole lives," she said. "My dad always played hockey, my mom played soccer and they both played volleyball. That's how I kind of picked my sports, but I also just started playing them and loved them. I met my best friends through them." Now in the heart of the hockey season, Burney has fully turned into one of the Norsemen's key leaders both on the ice and in the locker room. Her position on defense has her as the anchor of the blue line for North, but she has contributed offensively as well with 19 points, including six goals and 13 assists, through 16 games. The season has had ups and downs for the Norsemen. Burney is

one of the leaders helping guide the team through a bit of a transition. North may have lost some of the star power it had in recent seasons, but the program is trying to build a foundation for the future. Burney's leadership is helping get some of the newer players up to speed and could help North to success. "I convinced some of my best friends to join the team," Burney said. "... I think this year, we decided to really focus and improve a lot from last year, so everyone was working in the off-season and doing everything so that this year we can try to make a run." While the hope is for North to go far in the hockey playoffs to end the winter, the most important thing to Burney is the effect her leadership can have on the players who will still be with the program after she graduates. That has become

perhaps her biggest focus this year as she takes on duties as a captain in multiple sports, and those who have trusted her with the responsibilities of being a captain fully believe in her. "(Leah) brings leadership, intensity and poise every time she steps on the ice," North girls hockey head coach Taylor Shaheen said. "As our co-captain, she helps set the tone for our whole team." Burney has had the chance to learn under previous captains since she was a freshman. Some were good, some not quite so much. It all helped give her a blueprint for how she wants to lead and that is something she can give to her teammates at North and take with her to whatever comes next. "I've been the underclassman and I've had a lot of different captains throughout the years," Burney said. "I've realized how some of those



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Burney leaps in the air during North volleyball's match against Grosse Pointe South last October. Burney returned to the volleyball court in the fall after suffering a torn ACL during the spring soccer season.

people made me feel. Sometimes they were super positive. Sometimes they were super hard on us. ... I took what I've learned from captains in all three sports over three years and decided I wanted to be someone people liked, but also wasn't going to be the

type of person who lets the team go losing without putting in the effort. I want to be their friend and also a great motivator."

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Eva Borowski sprints up the court for the Norsemen.

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“She’s got that ability,” Richards said about Baer’s performance. “She’s one of the fastest kids in the state and she put it together tonight.”

North was led by senior Eva Borowski, who was the only

Norseman to reach double digits with 10 points. Sophomore Aaliyah Brown added seven.

The win for the Blue Devils put them at 1-0 in MAC Red play and 6-5 overall for the season. South hosted Eisenhower after press time Wednesday, Jan. 21, and is home again Friday, Jan. 23, taking

on Dakota at 7 p.m.

North’s loss in the rivalry matchup was just its second defeat of the season, putting the team at 6-2 this winter. The team hosted Port Huron Wednesday, Jan. 21, after press time. The Norsemen go on the road for their next game Friday, Jan. 23, visiting Henry Ford II at 7 p.m.

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BOYS VARSITY
BASKETBALL

Grosse Pointe South’s boys basketball team played in a couple of close games last week. The first was a 53-52 win over Warren Lincoln last Tuesday, Jan. 13, with a game-winning shot by Nolan Gross. Jamison Spratt had 16 points in the win, while Kooper Richards added 11. The narrow win for the Blue Devils was followed by a narrow loss a few days later last Friday, Jan. 16, as the team went on the road and fell to Chippewa Valley 61-58. Spratt once again led South with 14 points, and Charlie Michelotti ended with 13. South hosts Dakota Thursday, Jan. 22, with tip-off at 7 p.m.



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SWIM & DIVE

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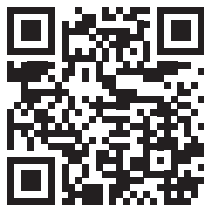
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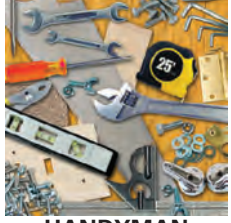

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