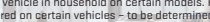


ED RINKE					2026 Chevy Silverado 1500 2FL	
26125 Van Dyke • Center Line <i>(Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)</i> (586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com		\$159* per mo. 24 Months		\$995* Down	 Purchase a 2026 for \$41,929 Stock #562517	
 No Appointments Necessary for Oil Changes		*Prices and payments are inclusive of active GM employee discount (unless otherwise stated). All leases are 10,000 miles per year with approved A Tier credit. All Vehicles shown are \$995 down unless otherwise stated. Disposition Fee may be required at vehicle turn-in. Must have lease loyalty or lease conquest vehicle in household on certain models. Prices and payments are plus tax, title, plate, doc fee, refundable security deposit required on certain vehicles - to be determined by lender. Must qualify for UAW certificate. Must qualify for Goesto executive membership. Must qualify for gm credit card offer. Exp date: 2/28/2026.				
CHEVROLET  Together let's drive						

VOL. 87, NO. 8, 30 PAGES
ONE DOLLAR (DELIVERY 95¢)

Your community newspaper since 1940

FEBRUARY 19, 2026
GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

PHONE: (313) 882-6900 ♦ **FAX:** (313) 882-1585 ♦ **MAIL:** 16980 Kercheval Ave., 48230 ♦ **ON THE WEB:** grossepointenews.com ♦ **E-MAIL:** editor@grossepointenews.com

ED RINKE

WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE

2026 Sierra 1500 Elevation

26125 Van Dyke • Center Line
(Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)

(586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

\$149*
per month, 24 months
\$995* Down

No Appointments Necessary
for Oil Changes

Like us on Facebook

*Prices and payments are inclusive of active GM employee discount (unless otherwise stated). All leases are 10,000 miles per year with approval A Tier credit. All Vehicles shown are \$995 down unless otherwise stated. Disposition Fee may be required at vehicle turn in. Must have lease to buy or lease conquest vehicle in household on certain models. Prices and payments are plus tax, title, plate, doc fee, refundable security deposit required on certain vehicles - to be determined by lender. Must qualify for UAW certificate. Must qualify for Costco executive membership. Must qualify for gm credit card offer. Exp date: 2/28/2026.

Purchase for
\$45,969

Stock #0551333

Downspout compliance good

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city is cooling it this winter on enforcement of downspout disconnections.

Compliance with a downspout disconnection ordinance is so good there’s little call to actively enforce it, except by gentle reminders.

“I was amazed at how many people are complying,” Councilman Marty McMillan said. “I don’t think it’s a major problem, but there might be a few people out there.”

“Let’s just keep harping on it,” Councilman Max Wiener said.

“We don’t want it forgotten about,” said Mike Kraus, the public works facilities and operations manager.

Disconnected downspouts reduce the load on stormwater sewer systems.

“A 1,500-square-foot

home can redirect 25,000 gallons of water each year away from the sewer system by disconnecting downspouts,” according to the downspout section of the municipal website. “A neighborhood of 100 homes can redirect 2.5 million gallons of water each year away from the sewer system by disconnecting downspouts and redirecting stormwater to vegetated areas. Redirecting stormwater could save a community \$25 per year per house by not sending it to the Great Lakes Water Authority for transport and treatment.”

Because disconnected downspouts can divert meaningful amounts of runoff from the stormwater sewer system, every disconnection helps reduce the odds of backups during rain storms.

Section 7-14 of Park

See SPOUTS, page 5A

City names 2025 Officer of the Year

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Sgt. Joshua Ina was recognized as the 2025 Officer of the Year in the City of Grosse Pointe during the annual department awards, which took place last Monday.

“The award tonight is not based on one moment, one call or one incident,” Public Safety Director John Alcorn said. “It reflects something far more meaningful — years of consistent, dependable and professional service to this community and to this department.”

Ina serves as pistol and rifle instructor for the department, ensuring officers are trained safely and confidently, along with teaching an active assailant response course for civilians.

He also served five years on the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team — a role Alcorn noted is not an easy assignment, nor something everyone is cut out for. The position



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

The 2025 Officer of the Year, Sgt. Joshua Ina, right, with Public Safety Director John Alcorn.

requires — among numerous skills — discipline, judgment, teamwork and a willingness to step into high-risk situations.

“Over the past decade, he has earned something that can’t be assigned or mandated — the respect of his fellow officers and

the trust of his supervisors,” Alcorn said. “When Josh is working, people know the job will be done correctly and professionally.”

“He leads by example, often without saying much at all, and that quiet leadership matters. He

has a strong reputation that was not built overnight. It was built shift by shift. He’s always willing to do more.”

Ina was promoted to sergeant in 2025, finishing first in the competitive process.

“It was a promotion that reflected what the department already knew: He is someone others look to, trust and respect. He understands the job, cares about the people he works with and the community,” Alcorn said. “So tonight, this award is really a way of saying thank you.”

“Josh, thank you for all your steady professional service. Thank you for the example you’ve set for others. And thank you for the way you represent this department and the city every shift. It’s well deserved.”

Officer awards

In the 2025 public safety department awards, Officer Jacob Gentile earned the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for the

See AWARDS, page 3A

CONTEST:

Continued from page 1A

Fast forward to March 2024, when the extended family descended on the Perry Hotel to celebrate the 94th birthday of Susan DeWitt’s mother, Mary Phillips, who has since passed.

“It wasn’t until we sat down I realized this was the very same room we had our wedding shower and rehearsal dinner in,” David DeWitt said.

“... It’s a gorgeous place,” he added. “We have great memories of that time, as well as of many amazing times there.”

In addition to two nights at the Perry Hotel, the DeWitts will receive a \$250 gift card to use at Cotton Collection restaurants, courtesy of the Grosse Pointe News.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, the DeWitt dining room in disarray as renovations continue in their kitchen. Right, from left, Mitch, Olive and Ellie Barnett; Jackie Farber; and contest runners-up, Margo and Jim Farber.

They plan to take their oldest son, Ben, and his wife, Christine, on their getaway — just as soon as he returns from deployment.

“Ben is finally coming home after his U.S. Army mobilization to Fort

Bliss, Texas, on the first of March,” David DeWitt said. “He wants to go skiing, so we’ll do it sooner rather than later. He was down there three years and is finally getting out.”

In addition to the winner, a runner-up was selected to receive a \$200 cash prize. Judges chose the nomination submitted by Jackie Farber,

who entered the contest for her parents, Grosse Pointe Park residents Jim and Margo Farber.

Farber, who lives in Newport Beach, Calif., happened to see an email about the contest and decided to surprise her parents with a nomination.

“My dad’s a business owner and my mom’s a

doctor and they both work so much,” she said. “Even though they’re ‘retiring,’ they’re still working. I’d finally seen them in the last year start to take vacations. This, hopefully, will push them to start taking more vacations and learn to relax.”

Though she often asks her parents to visit, Farber said she realizes how special Michigan is to them.

“As much as they love visiting me in SoCal, they are true Michiganders at heart,” she wrote in her nomination. “They are both University of Michigan alums (where they met) and moved to Grosse Pointe in the late ’80s. Their ideal vacation is either to London, England ... or to the stunning Upper Peninsula of Michigan, enjoying their all-time favorite Great

Lakes State.”

Her parents, she added, honeymooned at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, where the entire family celebrated the couple’s 40th anniversary last summer.

Apart from their affinity for northern Michigan, a getaway is warranted, Farber noted, because her parents have been sharing their home with another daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter the past three years.

“The time they’ve gotten to spend with them and their new granddaughter has been such a blessing,” Farber wrote in her nomination, “but I’m sure they could use a few days away.”

Plus, she said, the older she gets, the more she realizes how special it is to spend time with family.

“Some of the best advice I got from someone who is no longer with us was that the most important moments are the ones happening right now; take advantage of them when everyone’s here,” she said. “Our trip (to Mackinac) last summer was a reminder of that.”

More than a dozen entries were received for the Cabin Fever Getaway contest.

Everyone who entered will receive a \$25 Chamber Change gift card, courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. Prizes are available for pick up at the Grosse Pointe News office, 16980 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, beginning Thursday, Feb. 19.



**RUSSELL LANDSCAPING INC.**



**Commercial Snow and Ice Services**
Snow Plowing and Salting Services, 24/7
25305 Little Mack Ave. Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081
(586) - 343 - 8253

Your Comfort Is Our Goal

- Heating • Cooling • Humidifiers
- Air Cleaners • Rheem Air Conditioners

Offering Generators

**586-293-6883**
PriebeMechanical.com

**PRIEBE**mechanical
since 1989 Heating & Cooling

Feeling Stuck?
Let's remove your obstacles to happiness!

**Laura Smigielski, MA, NHA, LPC**
Licensed Professional Counselor
25 years experience

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Loneliness
- Relationship Issues
- Life Transitions
- Low Self-Esteem

**Scan the QR Code above to make an appointment**

(313) 484-2725
Call today!
Meet in person or online
Most insurances accepted

**Counseling Concerns LLC**
Confidential*Caring*Results

**Whistle Stop**
hobby & Toy

**WHERE IMAGINATION RUNS WILD**

Shop Online at whistle-stop.com
(586) 771-6770 | Mon-Sat 10-8 • Sun 12-5
21714 Harper Ave • 8 1/2 Mile, St. Clair Shores



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Arcos and his handler, Officer Duncan Gill.

Arcos gets first bust

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Less than a month after being sworn in, K-9 Officer Arcos was part of his first arrest along with his handler, Public Safety Officer Duncan Gill, tracking two car thieves Monday, Feb. 9.

Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said the incident occurred around 1 p.m. that day after a vehicle was stolen in Grosse Pointe Park.

Park Detective Ryan Wilmer said the Lincoln Corsair was stolen on Harvard. It was parked

in a driveway unlocked with the key fob inside. “Newer vehicles have a feature where the doors won’t lock if the key fob is in the vehicle,” Wilmer said. “It’s so you don’t lock the fob inside.”

The thieves headed into Detroit on Vernor, where Wilmer said they ran a red light, hit another vehicle and fled the scene on foot.

“The Wayne County Auto Theft Task Force contacted Officer Gill,” Kosanke said. “Witnesses gave a description of the two subjects and which way they ran.”

Arcos located them within five minutes as they were hiding under

the porch of a house at Vernor and McDougall.

“There was blood at the scene, plus their scent was in the vehicle,” Kosanke added. “That will stay on the ground for a certain amount of time, depending on the weather.”

The suspects, Detroit males ages 18 and 19, were arrested.

“Hopefully this will stop them from stealing cars in the future,” Kosanke said. “Arcos is off to a great start in his young crime-fighting career. He’s not only going to help all the Grosse Pointes, but surrounding communities as well.”

Pointes to consider softening seawall as long-term solution

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — The latest consideration for a long-term solution to Lakeshore seawall deterioration from Warner to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club comes in the form of the state’s interest in softening the hardened shoreline and restoring the nearshore habitat.

“For the last two to three years there’s been this subtle competition between the U.S. and Canada,” said James Burton with Hubbell, Roth and Clark, which acts as the Farms’ city engineer. “Who’s got the best shoreline? Who’s got the best fishing? And we’re getting absolutely clobbered as it relates to the mass and the diversity of fishing on the nearshore habitat.

“So they were looking for opportunities and it just so happens that this stretch represents the last 90 percent of publicly available hardened shoreline on the U.S. side. Everybody wants to see something done to improve habitat in this friendly, not-so-friendly competition.”

As such, the Farms and Shores this month received an \$870,000 fully-funded grant through the Great Lakes Commission and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study on the three-mile stretch of seawall and identify best

options.

“Once you’re in this pipeline and you have a good solution that the community can buy into, implementation money will come,” Burton added.

The study will explore solutions which generate habitat; protect the infrastructure, road and views of the lake; and eliminate, or greatly reduce, long-term maintenance costs. It also will take into account wave action and winter ice conditions.

“The focus is nature-based solutions to protect against changing lake dynamics by reducing wave energy and managing shoreline erosion,” Burton said.

Ergo, a living shoreline, which protects against erosion using stabilizing natural components such as rock, sand and plants rather than man-made efforts like the current concrete seawall.

“Living shorelines can be a lot of different things,” Burton explained. “It is not our intent to come in here and assume that the sea-

wall will be removed in its entirety. There’s locations where we will do work in front of it. There’s locations we will do work on it and sometimes behind it. It’s all relative to how much room we have and what we’re trying to do with the model, but it is trying to soften that back up and give it that shoreline that it used to be.”

Farms city council last week both approved a subrecipient agreement to fund the study through the Great Lakes Commission and awarded \$788,400 to HRC to conduct the study.

“This is a fully-funded program,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “There’s not a local match like we typically see in some grants.

“... The grant from EGLE was in excess of what we expect the study to be and that is in fact to cover some of those administrative costs and the filing costs that will be necessary to report to EGLE.”

The feasibility study,

See SEAWALL, page 10A

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council rescheduled meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Special City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Chilly Fest, 2 to 6 p.m. on Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack.

AWARDS:

Continued from page 2A

second year in a row. It is granted to the officer with the most operating while intoxicated arrests in the city each year.

Gentile earned an additional citation for successfully deploying stopsticks to prevent a fleeing vehicle, when masked people breaking into a car were reported in the Shores.

Officer Randy Perry, hired early last year, received a life-saving award for resuscitating the suspect in a hit-and-run incident in Grosse Pointe Park in November.

“The vehicle involved fled into Grosse Pointe

City and Officer Randy Perry picked up the vehicle,” Alcorn said. “And as he attempted to stop it, it ran into the back of a car stopped at a light. The impact was so severe, the airbag deployed and when Officer Perry got up to the scene, the suspect had a head injury and wasn’t breathing. Officer Perry pulled him from the car and performed CPR and the man survived.”

Ina, Sgt. Justin Strohmeier, Lt. Chris Saunders and officers Andre Jones, Jarod Jones, Jacob Carpenter, Kenneth Ayres and Austin Giarmo earned a unit citation for their work on a house fire in the city.

“We had defensive tac-

tics training that day, so the department was full with off-duty staff there for training and they all responded to that fire,” Alcorn said. “So we had a great response that day and they knocked it out and made a great save on the house.”

Jones, Giarmo, Officer Mark Dombrowski and

Sgt. Michael Herrgott also earned a unit citation for the second of two significant house fires that occurred in the city last year.

“When our officers made entry, the resident and the dog were still inside the home, so they were able to guide her out safely,” Alcorn said.

SPACE:

Continued from page 1A

some of our zoning ordinances and you’ve given us a real push obviously to do that,” Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding told the applicant.

The desire to introduce live/work spaces to The Hill is supported in the city’s master plan, which most recently received an overhaul in 2023.

The plan both encourages the “growth of live-work spaces, mixed-use properties and flexible commercial space,” and aims to “consider incorporating mixed-use residential options in existing commercial corridors that encourage accessible housing options.”

Council members fully rallied behind the effort without much discussion,

by way of a conditional use permit for the space.

Approval included the condition that no short-term rental, such as Vrbo, be allowed on the second floor.

“This is a use we talked about when we did our master plan and this is our first attempt at bringing folks like you in and I’m excited about this,” Wood said. “... We can watch and see how this works, but I’m excited about where this is going. We’re looking for more of this activity, more residential downtown on The Hill.”

Passersby shouldn’t notice much of a change as no exterior renovations are planned.

“I hope to be the perfect case study for more of these live/work opportunities on The Hill,” Ford said.

ED RINKE

2026 Envista Preferred

\$249

per month, 24 months

\$995

Due

Purchase for \$25,469

Stock #B562396

26125 Van Dyke • Center Line
(Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)
(586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

Like us on Facebook

No Appointments Necessary for Oil Changes

ED RINKE

*Prices and payments are inclusive of active GM employee discount (unless otherwise stated). All leases are 10,000 miles per year with approved A tier credit. All Vehicles shown are \$995 down unless otherwise stated. Disposition Fee may be required at vehicle turn in. Must have lease loyalty or lease conquest vehicle in household on certain models. Prices and payments are plus tax, title, plate, doc fee, refundable security deposit required on certain vehicles – to be determined by lender. Must qualify for UAW certificate. Must qualify for Costco executive membership. Must qualify for gm credit card offer. Exp date: 2/28/2026.

AWARD-WINNING ARTISTRY

SUPERIOR SELECTION

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ahee

AHEE.COM | 313.886.4600

4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Artist adds splashes of color to the Pointes and beyond

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

One does not have to go far to find a work of art created by Ann Baxter. Her stained-glass creations shine light into churches, homes, schools and businesses in Grosse Pointe and beyond.

“I’ve been doing this almost 40 years,” she said, “mostly by word of mouth. I work seven days a week — church work, restorations, repairs. I’m glad to do it. I’m slowly making my way around the community — Indian Village, Palmer Woods. There are so many magnificent homes in the Detroit metro area. Everything’s 100 years old and it’s glass.”

Baxter joked that little kids and dogs keep her busy: She finds herself making repairs after kids kick soccer balls in the house or a dog rushes the front sideline when it spots the mailman.

“Some families, I’ve repaired the same window more than once,” she laughed.

Though she’s had a handful of interns over the years, she gets the most steady help from her husband, David, a retired attorney.

“He helps with installation and removal of windows and doors,” she said. “And he’ll do the puttying so I can move on to the next project.

“... It’s not a glamorous job, but it’s a beautiful final product,” she added. “My hands get covered in lead, solder, putty. I’ll cut my hands, so I keep Band-Aids in my back pocket. No, it’s not a glamorous job, but it’s a



A moonflower door panel at a private residence.

wonderful job when the final product is there and people are happy. No two jobs are alike and repairs are always a different challenge.”

The oldest of eight, Baxter was born in Detroit, but her family moved to Grosse Pointe Park when she was 6. She attended St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School before heading to Grosse Pointe South High School.

“I was a freshman with the class of 1968-69,” she said, “when they moved ninth grade to the high school. North opened the year before.”

It was crowded, she said, but it opened her eyes to the world of art. Having little exposure to art at St. Clare, she was floored when she discovered she could choose which art classes to take in high school.

“I’ve been drawing since I was little,” she

said. “If I could find a tool and a solid surface, I was drawing. My mom used to buy me all these notebooks so I didn’t draw on the walls.”

At South, she dabbled in pen and ink, painting, needlepoint and sculpture, the latter of which was “horrible,” she said. “We had to make clay portraits of ourselves.”

After graduating in 1972, she enrolled at Michigan State University and majored in art.

She did much better with clay in college, where her eyes were opened once again to the wealth of artistic options — including woodworking and metalworking.

However, after a few odd assignments, she shifted her major and earned a degree in communications.

“I got a job in retailing and started to take art classes locally at The War Memorial,” she said. “There were wonderful teachers and professors teaching enrichment classes.”

She preferred the detail she could accomplish in black-and-white works, but was encouraged by an instructor to start using color — which ended up coming in handy down the road.

After her father died, “We bought the house I grew up in, which was full of leaded glass windows and wasn’t in the best shape,” she said. “We had to bring it up to code.”

When estimates to fix the leaded glass came in too high, “My husband suggested I learn how to do it myself,” she said. “I got it all wrong. But I never learned more than I did from my mistakes.”

Practice makes perfect and in 1987, Baxter started her own business, which today is called Baxter Glass Art. She specializes in stained and painted glass, making windows from scratch and making repairs.

“I know how to make a window, so that’s how I know how to fix them,” she said.

Baxter adds a personal touch to her work, meeting with clients to assess their style, decor and taste. She creates designs and presents options that match their aesthetic.

“It’s fun getting to know people and making repairs they didn’t know could be fixed,” she said, noting her knowledge of architecture and design is essential to her job.

Baxter’s work can be found at St. Paul on the Lake and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic churches, in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church’s Barbour Chapel, at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe and Detroit, among other churches.

She has left her mark on the entry tower of Atwater in the Park, the windows at Le Suprême in Book Tower, even a window at Maire Elementary School.

“I did a window when my youngest was leaving the school,” she said. “It was a collaboration with a couple of other moms. There’s an ‘M’ in it ... over the door that opens to the small playground, near the alley.”

To date, she has created 65 small windows at Brookside Lower School,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANN BAXTER

Ann Baxter stands in front of the transom she created at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

part of Cranbrook Schools. The project started when the school wanted to honor a retiring couple — the school nurse and art teacher — with windows featuring their images and names.

The project led to Cranbrook requesting 8-by-10-inch windows for each of its retiring staff. After filling up its cafeteria windows, the project has moved into the hallway.

“Twenty-five years I’ve been doing it,” Baxter said. “Every year I get a call. Teachers call me asking for a duplicate of the school window, so now I make duplicates.”

In 2016, Baxter’s work received recognition beyond the metro area, when she appeared on “This Old House.”

“I’d heard they were

doing two houses in Detroit, so I called PBS and asked if they needed someone to do glass-work,” she recalled.

It wasn’t her phone call that landed her on the show, but a chance recommendation when the show’s glass expert fell through.

“A guy walking down the street said, ‘Call Ann,’” she laughed. The “guy” was a contractor familiar with her work. “So I went to the house and got my 15 minutes of fame.”

Baxter also participated in Nicole Curtis’s renovation of the Ransom Gillis House in Brush Park and, as a longtime member of the Junior League of Detroit, has chaired her share of

See ARTIST, page 5A



Baxter, center, stands with the team of “This Old House,” during filming in 2016.



Baxter has created a lot of windows for St. Clare of Montefalco, including this one she completed last summer: a portrait of St. Clare honoring the Orders that served the parish since its founding in 1926. It is installed in the church’s narthex.



WINTER CUP

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles

MARCH 7-8

REGISTER EARLY SPACE IS LIMITED

313-683-0331 • Don@Court4.club

WWW.COURT4.CLUB





PET OBEDIENCE

Our 4-week Board & Train Obedience program gives your dog all the basics they need to know in order to be a well-rounded family pet. At the end of the four weeks, we have a showing where you come to the facility and learn how to work with your new dog.

We go through how to handle distractions, corrections, praise, and more. We also offer Canine Good Citizen testing through the AKC if you would like to add on a title during your pet's stay!

Pickup & delivery "Shuttle Service" to the Grosse Pointes

5200 Beard Road North Street, MI 48049

springfieldpetresort.com

COUNTRY WALKS • BOARDING • GROOMING • TRAINING • SHOW DOGS



Grosse Pointe News

USPS 230-400

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY WEEKLY BUGLE, LLC

16980 KERCHEVAL AVE. GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230 PHONE: (313) 882-6900

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID at Detroit, Michigan and additional mailing offices.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$49.50 per year via mail in the Metro area, \$70 outside.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Grosse Pointe News, 16980 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The deadline for news copy is 3 p.m. Monday.

Advertising proof deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday.

CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS: Responsibility for display and classified advertising errors is limited to either cancellation of the charge for or a rerun of the portion in error. Notification must be given in time for correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility of the same after the first insertion.

THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Grosse Pointe News advertising representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper. Only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Unlocked pt. 1

An unlocked vehicle parked in the 200 block of Merriweather was rummaged through, though nothing was stolen, overnight into Monday, Feb. 9.

Alcohol thief

An older white man stole three bottles of alcohol and a package of almonds — all totaling \$571 — from a store in the 18000 block of Mack at 6:42 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

The man was wearing a baggy University of Michigan coat and arrived at the store in a white Ram ProMaster U-Haul rental van.

Unlocked pt. 2

Criminals of opportunity went on a spree of stealing from unlocked vehicles over the weekend.

RayBan sunglasses and approximately \$20 in quarters were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of Ridgemont between 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and noon the next day. There was no broken glass or sign of forced entry.

A Ziploc bag containing around \$5 in change, an empty Van Gogh wallet and a cigar were stolen from a car parked in the 400 block of Belanger between 10:57 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 2 p.m. the next day. The

owner believes she locked the door, but there were no signs of forced entry.

A MacBook was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the street in the 400 block of Belanger overnight into Sunday, Feb. 15.

Two dollars were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Belanger between 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 10 a.m. the next morning.

Stolen car recovered

When officers responded to a report of a white mini SUV parked in the middle of Ridge at 9:06 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, they found the vehicle unoccupied with its rear window smashed and the panel below the gas pedal tampered with, consistent with methods used to move vehicles without ignition power.

The vehicle’s owner is an employee of Cottage Hospital who, upon being contacted, realized her car no longer was parked in the hospital’s lot.

Surveillance footage showed a black BMW pull up next to her car at 8:55 p.m., after which a suspect manually pushed the vehicle out of its parking spot. The suspects then used their BMW to push the stolen

SUV on Muir toward Ridge.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

SS fraud

A Grosse Pointe resident’s Social Security number fraudulently was used to open a Verizon account Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Close to home

A regular customer to a restaurant in The Village is believed to have passed a counterfeit \$100 bill at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Missing it all

Because there was no license plate on his vehicle, a 25-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at Lincoln and Mack at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. He then was cited for never having obtained a driver’s license.

Erratic

The station received several calls reporting an erratic driver near Fisher and Chalfonte at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

The 28-year-old Ohio driver was pulled over and found to have a 0.175 percent blood alcohol level, for which he was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Tracked and caught

Hometown police recovered a 2025 Lincoln Corsair that two male Detroit 19-year-olds stole and banged up while fleeing overnight Monday, Feb. 9, from a residence in the 1100 block of Harvard.

“A track was picked up around 11 a.m.,” a Park investigator said. “Park detectives tracked the Lincoln in numerous streets in Detroit.”

The driver and accomplice crashed on Vernor at McDougall, near Mt. Elliot Cemetery.

“Two suspects fled from the accident,” the investigator said.

The Wayne County Auto Theft Task Force assisted in the track, along with Grosse Pointe Woods K-9, Arcos. (Read the full story on page 3A.)

The word “Arcos” is a Spanish archery term for

“bow,” as in bow and arrow, to which the dog lived up by going straight for the alleged thieves.

“The K-9 tracked the suspects a few blocks away hiding under a porch,” police said. “(They) were arrested.”

The Lincoln’s key fob was in the vehicle when stolen.

Twenty-spot taken

A resident of the 1100 block of Harvard is out \$20. Someone took it from the resident’s vehicle while it was parked unlocked in the driveway overnight Monday, Feb. 9.

Revived

A couple drams of a medication that overturns opioid overdoses snapped an 83-year-old male Detroit driver back to reality during a drunken driving investigation at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, on Jefferson at Bedford.

A patrol officer reported him breathing but unresponsive behind the wheel of a white Lexus stationary in a lane of traffic.

“Attempts were made to wake the driver and failed,” police said. “The passenger window was broken out. Suspected narcotics were found.”

Medics arrived.

“Officers provided Narcan,” police said. “After two doses, the driver became semi responsive.”

Medics took him to a hospital.

B&E

Sometime Saturday, Feb. 14, someone entered a garage in the 1400 block of Somerset and stole a \$2,500 set of Callaway golf clubs in a red and black bag, a \$600 RedMax leaf blower and a \$400 Ridgid drain cleaning machine.

— 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

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— Ted O’Neil
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

ARTIST:

Continued from page 4A

Designers’ Show House fundraisers.

She is involved with her church, St. Clare of Montefalco, and sits on its centennial anniversary committee as well.

Though her career keeps her busy, Baxter makes time for other pastimes she loves. She belongs to two book clubs and finds joy in needlework.

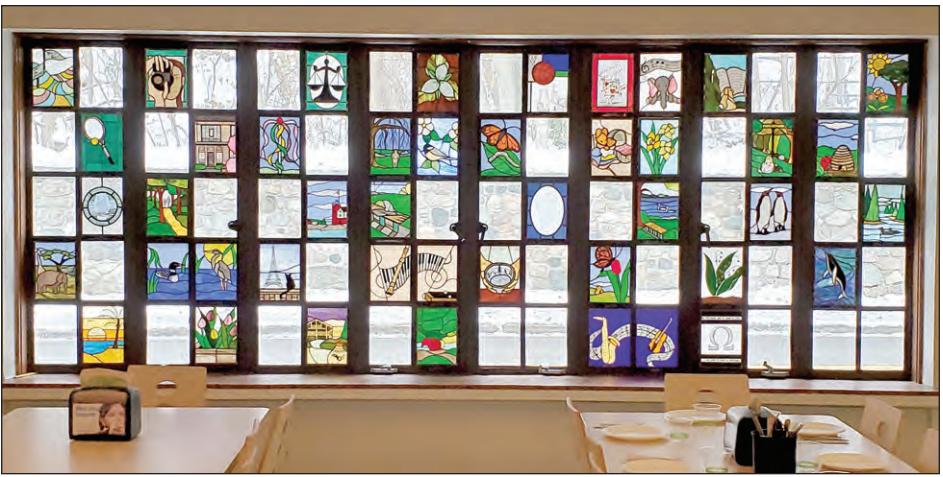
“My mom taught me to sew when I was 8 years old,” she said, noting she and her friends made their own prom dresses. “... I just enjoy doing stuff with my hands.”

Spending time with family also ranks among Baxter’s joys. She and David have three children — two daughters and one son — as well as 10 grandchildren.

“They were all out of state, but our two daughters are back now,” she said. “I love the fact my daughters went elsewhere for their jobs, but they see this community as a community to raise their kids in. I love being here. I love the teachers I had, the friends I have. I still see high school friends to this day.”

Those interested may find more of Baxter’s work online at baxterglass.com or on Instagram @baxterglass art.

“It doesn’t cure any disease, what I do; it’s the icing on the cake, the jewelry on a building,” she said. “But for the people who want it ... it makes all the difference to them. It’s making people happy, making parishioners happy, taking broken things and fixing them, giving privacy when they want it. What’s not to love?”

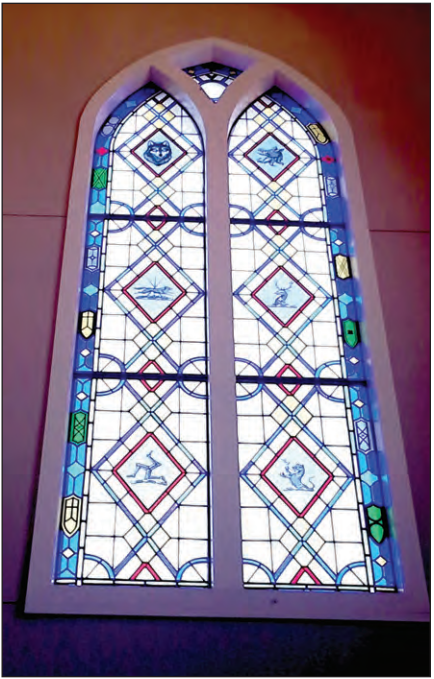


Above, the windows in the cafeteria at Brookside Lower School at Cranbrook. Left, the project moved to the school’s hallway after the cafeteria windows were completed.



Right, the entry tower at Atwater in the Park was created by Baxter. Below, positioned above the columbarium in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church’s Barbour Chapel, are examples of Baxter’s work — arched windows in a lighted box that feature Psalm 23.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANN BAXTER



SPOUTS:

Continued from page 2A

city code denies certificates of occupancy for properties having gutter downspouts linked to the sewer system. There are exceptions.

“Any person who can demonstrate ... that the disconnection from the sanitary sewer system of some or all of the gutter downspouts located on the property ... would be impractical, an undue hardship, result in damage to such property or to abutting property ... may apply for an exemption,” according to the code.

City officials have said repeatedly that disconnections are integral to minimizing water infiltration to the system, maximizing the system’s carrying capacity and discharge.

Not getting worse

Roughly 60 percent of homes in the city have completely disconnected their downspouts from the sewer system, the city’s consulting engineer said during a public awareness campaign mid-2024.

Enforcement of the ordinance has settled down these days to inspecting properties to receive certificates of occupancy, such as during changes in ownership or rental status, according to Tom Jenny, head of public works.

“We are doing the best we can with what we have,” he said.

Although housing ownership in the Park doesn’t change rapidly, there’s enough turnover to keep a casual eye on disconnects. An alternative would be to assign

the task to an enforcement officer.

“We can hire somebody and just do that,” Jenny said.

However effective that would be, it isn’t considered necessary.

“We have an ordinance on downspouts,” said Councilman Tom Caulfied, head of the ordinance committee during the time its members updated the entire city code.

“Certainly, nobody’s connecting,” Wiener said. “So, it’s not getting worse. Naturally, as housing stock changes over, that’s getting disconnected.”

Pump maintenance

Kraus is getting ready for spring maintenance of pumping stations and power generators.

“That will consist of the three sanitary pumps at Jefferson, the large dewatering pump at Three Mile and the pumps at Mack and Somerset,” he said. “Along with the pump station generator, we’re also doing the public safety generator.”

Wiener hopes to pay for the work from a federal grant associated with the new, anti-sewer system backup extreme emergency relief valve.

“That grant applies to construction of the EERV and ongoing maintenance of it,” Wiener said. “All of these are directly related to it. We might as well try everything.”

“All they can do is say no,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“One of the best solutions for sanitary stations is to keep water out of it,” Kraus said. “So, it’s good to disconnect the downspouts.”

POINTES OF VIEW

GROSSE POINTE WOODS / GROSSE POINTE SHORES / GROSSE POINTE PARK / GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Grosse Pointe News

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY WEEKLY BUGLE, LLC
16980 KERCHEVAL AVE., GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230
PHONE: (313) 882-6900 FAX: (313) 882-1585
E-MAIL: EDITOR@GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM

SEAN COTTON: Owner

ANNE GRYZENIA: Publisher

JODY MCVEIGH: Editor in Chief

OUR VIEW

Time for a break

If it seems like the Pointes are a little less crowded right now and there are plenty of spots to be had in The Village’s parking garage, you would be right. We are at the tail end of the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s midwinter break. Students return to class Monday, Feb. 23.

So where are you right now? According to our reader poll (right), 46 percent of respondents headed south to enjoy some warmth. Some 25 percent planned to head north, probably to get in some skiing and snowboarding. Another 17 percent chose a staycation and 12 percent said they were too busy with work and sports to get away.

A little over a month after classes resume comes spring break, the week of March 30. Our reader poll (below) showed even more respondents, 57 percent, plan to head south. Another 19 percent will head north or west, while 14 percent are planning a staycation and 10 percent are too busy with work and sports to get away.

On top of all that, families with both K-12 and college students have to juggle an entirely separate calendar of breaks. Under Michigan law, school districts within the same intermediate school district must set a common calendar for midwinter and spring breaks, although they are not required to take a midwinter break.

That makes sense for a couple of reasons. There are plenty of Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers who live in neighboring communities whose children go to those schools. At the same time, there are Pointers with students in GPPSS who teach in neighboring districts. Being on break at the same time makes things much easier all the way around in terms of not having to worry about daycare for little ones or having to take time off, whether to just stay home or travel.

From a policy perspective, however, school calendars really should be a matter of complete local control, much like when the state mandated that classes could not start before Labor Day in an effort to boost tourism. That idea was scrapped after it was determined people were not spending more money on late summer vacations — they simply shifted vacation schedules.

Even if you do plan to stick around for one or both breaks, that does not mean you also have to be bored. Here are some ideas to keep in mind:

- ◆ the DNR Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit,
- ◆ bowling,
- ◆ The Henry Ford Museum,
- ◆ see a movie (especially easy if you live in Grosse Pointe Park),
- ◆ indoor skating,
- ◆ The Detroit Zoo,

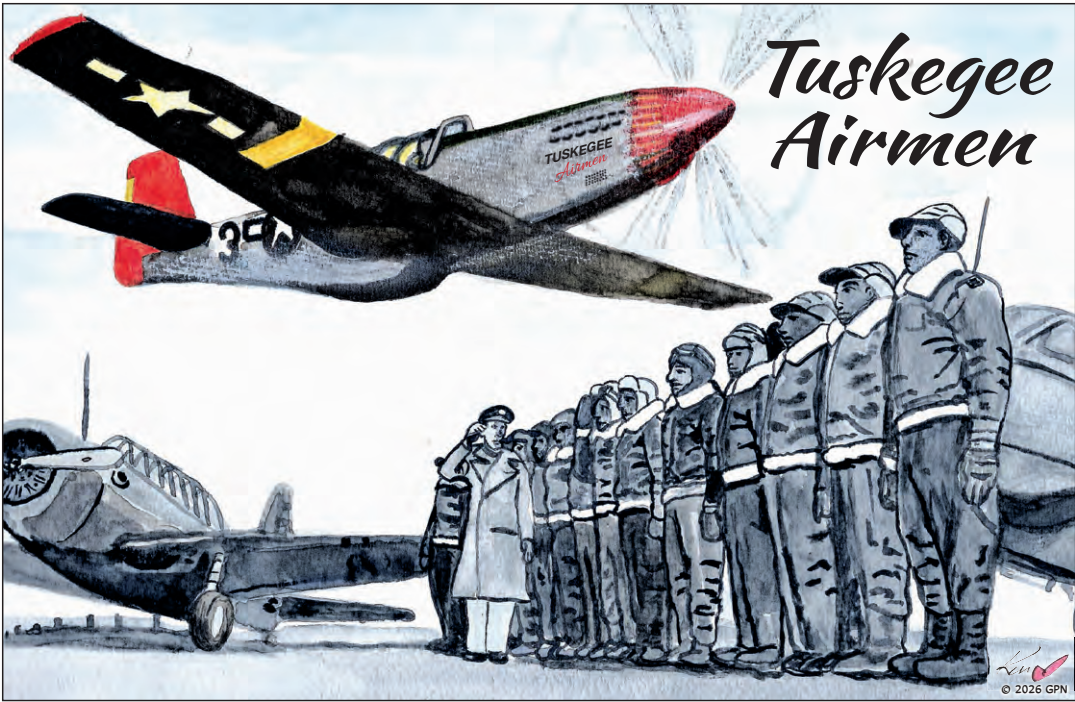
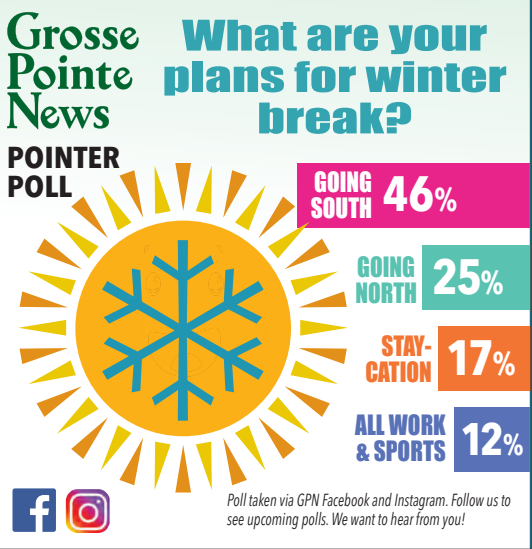


ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP



- ◆ Detroit Institute of Arts or
- ◆ Michigan Science Center

If you are planning to travel, there is plenty to consider, especially for those of you who plan to hit the road during both breaks. We have heard it is popular to do a cold-weather trip for midwinter break — perhaps skiing Up North or hitting the big powder out west — and a warm-weather trip for spring break, such as a cruise, somewhere beachy or Florida’s theme parks.

And then there is the cost. Believe it or not, nerdwallet.com suggests booking such trips almost a year in advance. Most major airlines allow you to buy tickets 11 months ahead of time, while budget carriers usually allow bookings six to nine months out.

Their reasoning is two-fold. First, airlines have, for the most part, done away with change fees. That means you can adjust your destination or dates of travel without paying extra. The lead time also allows you to maximize your credit card spending to rack up points that can be cashed in when your actual trip rolls around. Not that such advice does you any good at this late date, but that certainly is something to keep in mind for future years.

The biggest decision, of course, is deciding where to go and the price tag involved. Also according to nerdwallet.com, hotel rooms in the Dominican Republic can be had for as low as \$21 a night. More expensive lodging can be paid with credit card points. If you are willing to get yourself to Florida, Royal Caribbean has four-night cruises for two departing from Miami that are quite reasonable.

Do not forget to take crowds into consideration. Unless you are a glutton for punishment, it might be wise to avoid, for example, Orlando’s theme parks over spring break. It will be much hotter in Florida during the summer months, but the parks also will be less crowded, comparatively. If crowds are not your gig, travel experts suggest picking a location off the beaten path but still in your desired location.

Enjoy whatever you do both weeks.

GUEST VIEW By Kevin Nugent

Rethinking GPPSS grade levels

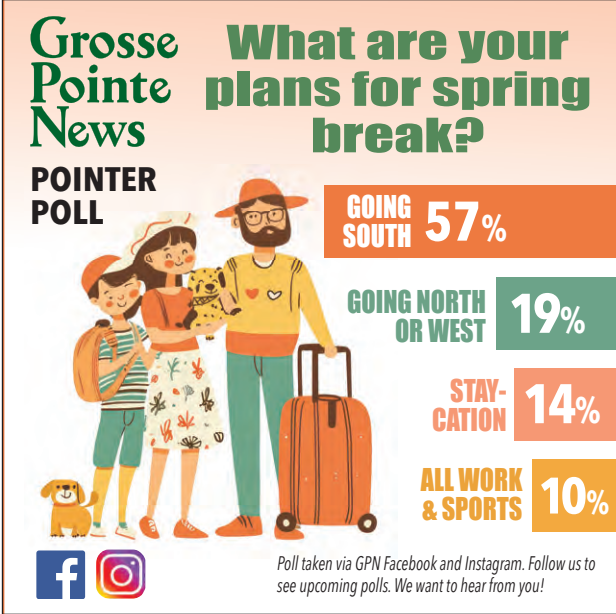
In 2019, our community was told our schools were in a financial crisis and the solution proposed at the time was to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools. We were assured that consolidation and reconfiguration would save money and bring stability.

Today, we know those closures did not save money. They created new costs while increasing instability and inequity. Our district is in a better position now, supported by a strong bond and sinking fund that allow us to invest in every building. This is the right time to reinvest in our neighborhoods by providing PreK at every building and inviting fifth grade back into the elementary structure.

A PreK to fifth grade, sixth to eighth grade and ninth to 12th grade configuration allows us to use our elementary assets wisely. Every building can support both PreK and K-5 students, creating neighborhood schools that once again serve as the heart of our community. Many of us remember when walking to a nearby school meant knowing every teacher, family and friend along the way. Bringing that connection back rebuilds the sense of inclusivity our schools were founded on. Students can spend up to seven years in the same caring environment during their most important developmental stage, surrounded by trusted adults who know them well.

At the elementary level, smaller class sizes matter most because that is where students learn to read, write and regulate themselves for the first time. The greatest return on small classes comes in the early grades, where teachers need time to work individually with emerging readers and to build foundational skills. Right-sizing in PreK-5 should therefore mean balancing boundaries so class sizes remain manageable in every neighborhood school, rather than closing buildings and forcing some students into crowded classrooms while others travel farther for the

See GUEST, page 7A



WEEKLY BUGLE, LLC

EDITORIAL
(313) 882-6900

Jody McVeigh:
Editor in Chief

Ted O’Neil:
Associate Editor

Mike Adzima:
Sports Reporter

Kyla Bazy:
Obituary Writer

Laurel Kraus:
Staff Writer

Renee Landuyt:
Staff Photographer

Brad Lindberg:
Special Writer

PRODUCTION
(313) 343-5573

Ken Schop:
Production Manager

John Pigott:
IT Manager

David Hughes:
Graphic Artist

Mary Schlager:
Graphic Artist

Donna Zetterlund:
Graphic Artist

ADVERTISING
(313) 882-3500

Shelley Owens:
Advertising Manager

Ken Ong:
Account Executive

Julie R. Sutton:
Account Executive

Melanie Mahoney:
Administrative Assistant

MARKETING
Olivia Monette:
Marketing Specialist &
Audience Development
Manager

CLASSIFIED
(313) 882-6900 ext 567

CIRCULATION
(313) 343-5578

Ellie Carter

Member Michigan Press Association,
National Newspaper Association and
Society of Professional Journalists

GROSSE POINTE 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST						
February 19 – 25						
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
46° 36°	49° 30°	39° 26°	36° 20°	32° 17°	34° 18°	35° 32°
Mostly Cloudy	Chance Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Cloudy
10%	50%	20%	10%	20%	10%	20%
SUNRISE 7:23 am SUNSET 6:08 pm	SUNRISE 7:22 am SUNSET 6:10 pm	SUNRISE 7:20 am SUNSET 6:11 pm	SUNRISE 7:19 am SUNSET 6:12 pm	SUNRISE 7:17 am SUNSET 6:13 pm	SUNRISE 7:16 am SUNSET 6:15 pm	SUNRISE 7:15 am SUNSET 6:16 pm

Weather data courtesy of Channel 4, WDIV Detroit • ClickOnDetroit.com

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should be typed and signed with the writer’s full name and local address, as well as a daytime telephone number for verification or questions. Letters longer than 300 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters may be submitted via email to editor@grossepointenews.com or by filling out the letters form on our website, grossepointenews.com.

GPPSS strategic plan close to done

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — A process that started last October to update the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s strategic plan is about two months away from being finished. The GPPSS Board of Education voted in October to contract with the Michigan Association of School Boards to oversee the process at a cost of approximately \$11,000. Representatives from MASB said the organization does around 18 to 20 strategic plans for districts each year. The process started with an online survey

asking what people thought could make the district better, plus listening sessions with a number of groups including administrators, teachers, students and board members. Some 55 community members representing a variety of groups then attended an eight-hour workshop Saturday, Feb. 7. “We reviewed our mission, vision and core beliefs, as well as demographics, academics, finances and personnel data,” Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said while giving an update at the board’s meeting Monday, Feb. 9. The group also drafted

goals in five key areas: ♦ academics and programs, ♦ culture and learning environment, ♦ communications and community engagement, ♦ personnel and leadership and ♦ operations. “We’ll have a team of administrators develop action plans for measurements, timeline, responsibilities and resources,” Tuttle said. “This team will be responsible for making sure the plan is being fulfilled. It’s been a pretty thorough process.” A person from MASB will present the plan at the board’s meeting April 6, with a final vote April 27.



COURTESY PHOTO

Paul Rossi was named head of school at University Liggett School.

ULS names new head of school

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Paul Rossi was chosen as the next head of school at University Liggett School, effective Feb. 2, on a unanimous vote by the board of trustees after a national search. “At every stage of the process, Paul distinguished himself as an exceptional candidate with both his breadth of experience and his alignment with our mission and core values,” said Maureen Juip, chair of the head of school search committee. “Faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni consistently described his authenticity, steady leadership and ability to inspire trust. Paul is someone who holds the community to high standards while motivating and bringing people together. It became clear that he is the right leader to guide University Liggett School forward.” Rossi is a longtime member of the ULS community and has more than 12 years of experience at the school, including serving as interim head of school since June 2025. His prior roles at ULS include teacher, middle

school dean of students, assistant head of middle school, middle school athletic director and head of middle school. He started his career as an elementary school teacher in South Lake Schools for 10 years. “After graduating from Livonia Franklin High School, I went to Michigan State intending to get an engineering degree,” he said. “Then I remembered the teachers I had in high school who inspired me to discover things I didn’t think I knew. I felt a calling to inspire others, so I switched my major my first semester.” Rossi said he chose elementary school so he could be a difference in students’ lives early on. He also said he intends on maintaining ULS’ core value of excellence. “But excellence doesn’t have a finish line,” Rossi said. “You strive for the finish line and once that goal is set, you look for the next one.” Rossi and his wife, Michelle, have two sons at ULS, Luca and Enzo, both in high school. They intend to move from their home in St. Clair Shores to ULS’s head of school home this summer.

DAR awards grant to Maire teacher

Nominated by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Maire Elementary School teacher Sarah Neely will receive the DAR Junior Membership Classroom Grant to provide an immersive learning experience for second graders in early American education by recreating a one-room school experience at the historic 1890 Cook Schoolhouse coming to life once again as a functioning school. Students will sit on benches, read



COURTESY PHOTO

from McGuffey Readers, write arithmetic on slates and play old-fashioned games at recess. Teachers are welcome to apply for the nationwide DAR Junior Membership Classroom Grant to support classroom program initiatives. For more information, contact louisastclairchapter@gmail.com.

from McGuffey Readers, write arithmetic on slates and play old-fashioned games at recess. Teachers are welcome to apply for the nationwide DAR Junior Membership Classroom Grant to support classroom program initiatives. For more information, contact louisastclairchapter@gmail.com.

Life is Short...Have More Parties!

Party Adventure

Balloons
Plates • Cups
Napkins • Favors

Lucky

HAPPY Saint Patrick's DAY

10% OFF EVERYTHING*

With this coupon. Limit one coupon per customer. May not be combined with other offers. *Excludes sale and clearance items. Shop Online w/Code: GPN10OFF. Expires March 18, 2026

23400 Greater Mack (South of 9 Mile)
St. Clair Shores • 586-776-9750
www.partyadventureusa.com

OPEN 7 DAYS!

GPA, ULS students impress judges at 3rd annual Grosse Pointe History Day

More than 100 students from The Grosse Pointe Academy and University Liggett School made for lively competition at the third annual Grosse Pointe History Day Saturday, Feb. 7. ULS’s Boll Campus Center hosted students from fifth through 12th

grade who competed in five categories — documentary, exhibit, paper, performance or website — within the National History Day theme of “Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.” Following are the 69 competitors and their 46 projects who advance to Michigan’s District 10 regionals, to be held

Saturday, March 7, at the Detroit Historical Museum:
Individual Exhibits
Junior
♦ Violet Marchesseau (prizewinner) — Chinese in America?
♦ Gia Cueter — Revolution on the Great Lakes
♦ Brynn Wright —

Motown
Senior
♦ Catie Suarez (prize-winner) — Revolution Through Fashion: Stilyaga
♦ Maisy Huebner — The Development & Impact of Performance-Enhancing Drugs
♦ Theo Moisesides — See HISTORY, page 9A

JUST LISTED | LAKE FRONT

34330 JEFFERSON AVE – HARRISON TOWNSHIP

TOM FINCHAM
REALTOR®

COMMUNITY CHOICE REALTY

586.899.5565
T.FINCHAM@YAHOO.COM
WWW.FINCHAMRE.COM

YOUR WATERFRONT EXPERT

Connecting buyers & sellers all around Lake St. Clair

Call me today if you're looking to make a move!

Scan to visit FinchamRE.com

MLS

SEARCH:

Continued from page 1A

“You could probably be done in seven to 14 weeks and wouldn’t need to appoint an interim superintendent.” Sieszputowski, who happens to be a 1995 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, said there are drawbacks to both a board search and an internal appointment. “While an internal appointment would have established relationships, it also can have negative community perceptions,” he explained. “It might be seen as just a performative process.” Although an external search would draw the widest number of potential candidates, Sieszputowski recommended the board not do an external search on its own. “It’s a major time commitment by staff and the board and can lead to Open Meetings Act violations,” he said. In August 2023, after interviewing four search firms, the board picked

MASB to help lead the search for a new superintendent at a cost of \$10,000. Services included an online survey and several in-person listening sessions with several stakeholder groups, including: ♦ staff: teachers, administrators, the Grosse Pointe Education Association and student groups, ♦ parents: PTA groups, booster clubs and alumni and ♦ community members: municipal leaders, business groups and faith-based organizations. MASB also made available an online survey, asking what qualities the district wanted to see in a new superintendent. By the end of November that year, the district had received 39 applications, of which seven were chosen for interviews. Tuttle and another finalist were brought back for second interviews, with the board unanimously voting to hire Tuttle in December. The two sides agreed to a contract in January 2024, with Tuttle starting the following month.

HISTORY:

Continued from page 8A

The Macedonian Renaissance

Group Exhibits

Youth
◆ Finn Ezop, Finn Maloy, Lia Bruner (prize-winners) — Edsel Ford and the B-24 Bomber
◆ Jack Rothmeier, Adrial Torrence, Grayson Brock, Faith Rahaim — The Underground Railroad in Detroit
◆ Alex Barron, Xander Broad, Keke Richards, Kathryn McCain — Martin Luther King Jr.’s Grosse Pointe South Speech
Junior
◆ Grace Dakmak, Jordin Jerks, Maria Saqqa (prizewinners) — The Purple Gang
◆ Richie Berri, Ryan Evans, Graham Welsh — The Impact of the Model T
Senior
◆ Kendall Butler, Alexis Harrington, Preston Simmons (prize-winners) — The Evolution of Addiction in American Indian Communities
◆ Ollie Cooley and Brendan Mitchell — The Amateurism Revolution in Cold War Sports
◆ Henry Nederhood and Landon Wysocki — Tug of War: the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

Individual Documentary
Junior
◆ Elliott Hemler (prize-winner) — The T. Whitney: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of Ships on the Underground Railroad
◆ Reagan Ahomed — When the Bottom Dropped Out
Senior
◆ Teresa Romanelli (prizewinner) — Boom! Pow! Revolution!: Comic Books and the Teenage Revolution in the Cold War
◆ Amelie Duhaime — Pewabic Pottery and Detroit: Enriching the Human Spirit Through Clay
◆ Gram Griffioen — Soviet Montage Theory and its Impact on Cinema

Group Documentary
Junior
◆ Christopher Costanzo, Elliot Duhaime, Jack Ingle, Colin Wright (prizewinners) — Detroit in the Cold War
Senior
◆ Lea Abdur-Nour, Gisele El Etreby, Lauren Harris (prizewinners) — Detroit Race Riot of 1943
◆ Jackson Miller, Mac



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BETSY ALEXANDER

Elliott Hemler learns about Hitsville USA, thanks to Liggett student Brynn Wright.

O’Reilly, Hans Wimmer — The Development of Resources for People with IDD in Michigan

Individual Website
Youth
◆ Hugh Hill (prizewinner) — Revolutionary Animals of Michigan
◆ Karim Ariss — History of the Three Pointer
◆ Christian Torigian — The Detroit Red Wings
Junior
◆ Tommy Bugg (prize-winner) — Nokia and the Mobile Phone Revolution
◆ Nadia Anderson — Purple Gang: The Group of Terror
◆ Hazel Brunner — The Revolution of Fudge on Mackinac Island
Senior
◆ Brady Ancona (prize-winner) — Project Venona: Decoding Secrets of the Early Cold War
◆ Sonya Jayakar — Cholera in Detroit: Fear, Misunderstanding, and Public Reform
◆ Shelby Jones — The Holocaust: Reverberations Felt Worldwide

Group Website
Youth
◆ Phoebe Hemler, Sonnet Repp (prizewinners) — Poverty Point: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform
◆ Olivia Butts, Dylan Starkey, Marnie Schaden — The Revolution of Horseback Riding
◆ Jaxon Hughes, Fia Alsup — Harriet Tubman
Junior
◆ Nico Berri, Ford Thomas (prizewinners) — Faygo Flavor Revolution
◆ Natalia Anderson, Shyla Jayakar, Nichole Platt — The Legacy of Abraham Lincoln
◆ Harrison Nausieda, Asher Spain — History of Better Made Chips
Senior
◆ Justin Platt and Yurii

Polnyi (prizewinners) — Gabriel Richard

Group Performance
Senior (first-place tie)
◆ Emmeline Massie and Amelia Unkel (prize-winners) — Two Perspectives on Women’s Suffrage: Michigan vs. Mississippi
◆ Ava Noecker and Bebe Noecker (prizewinners) — Sellout!

Paper
Junior (three-way tie)
◆ Mary Shanle (prize-winner) — Across the River to Freedom: Detroit’s Role in the Underground Railroad
◆ Reese Shapiro (prizewinner) — Revolution on the Assembly Line: Labor Conflict and Reform in Detroit’s Auto Industry
◆ Quentin Zhou (prize-winner) — The Influence of Willow Run in WW 2
Senior
◆ Madeline Unkel (prizewinner) — The Soundtrack of the Cold War: Rock Music as Propaganda in the U.S. and the USSR
◆ Hazen Mazzenga — The Bronze Age is a Revolutionary Change in Material Findings
◆ Catherine Van Culin — How the Reactions of the Spread of Buddhism has Reformed the Thoughts of Societies

The regional winners will advance to Michigan History Day in Lansing at the end of April. The Michigan finalists then compete against winners from across the U.S. at the National History Day finals in Washington, D.C., in June. Christopher Hemler, director of teaching and learning with technology for University Liggett said, “Now in our third year, the impact that an authentic experience like Grosse Pointe History Day has had is clear. Both

University Liggett School and The Grosse Pointe Academy have had numerous students advance to states, including state champions and national finalists. Instead of having the teachers decide which projects advance, the Grosse Pointe Learning Collaborative brings together members of the community to provide opportunities for the students to practice presenting information and asking questions from community members and experts in the field. By the time students advance to the district competition, they have already practiced sharing information and answering questions in a similar format, giving them a hand up on their counterparts from other schools.” “This was the third-year our fifth-grade students competed in Grosse Pointe History Day,” said Trevor Clor, The Grosse Pointe Academy middle school social studies



PHOTO COURTESY OF TREVOR CLOR

The Grosse Pointe Academy students, from left, Grayson Broc, Cosette Giordano 2029 and Kathryn McCain take a closer look at History Day projects.

teacher, “and each year is more rewarding than the last. Students not only are given the opportunity to deep dive into local history topics of their choice, but they also learn important lifelong skills. Working in a team, public speaking, primary source research and meeting deadlines are all competencies these students will need through-out their lives.” The students were judged by academics and outside historians, including Jack Dempsey, a historian, author and treasurer of the Michigan Civil War Association “I was very impressed by the participation of students and parents,”

Dempsey said, “and by the earnestness and expertise that the authors showed in writing and in the interviews.” Matt VanAcker, director of Michigan State Capitol’s Save the Flags, said, “I was so happy to serve as a judge at the History Day competition. It was an honor to meet so many young, passionate historians.” The Grosse Pointe Learning Collaborative thanked the sponsors who contributed nearly \$3,000 for the winners’ prizes and event costs, as well as the judges and volunteers who helped make Grosse Pointe History Day a reality again this year.



Liggett student Hugh Hill takes a closer look.

4th Annual
SPECIAL NEEDS
RESOURCE FAIR

Tuesday, February 24 | 4:00pm-7:00pm
The War Memorial
32 Lake Shore Dr. Grosse Pointe Farms

Free Event - Open to Everyone
50+ Vendors

For parents and caregivers looking for supportive opportunities for their neuro-diverse children. Families & strollers welcome. Quiet room with self-directed activities available.

Featuring a wide variety of educational, recreational, and occupational resources along with mental health, legal, and government services for all ages.

In partnership with:

32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
W: FamilyCenterHelps.org • T: 313 447 1374

Experience the Diebold Difference

Diebold Insurance Agency has been a trusted advisor for thousands of individuals and businesses in Michigan since 1929.

We are proud to support our community, and all the communities in which we live and work.

In an ever-changing landscape, we offer
Strength and Clarity, when you need it most!

Tyler Pettit | Risk Advisor

DIEBOLD
INSURANCE AGENCY

Zach Roberts | Risk Advisor

(313) 964-3750
www.DieboldInsurance.com

STRENGTH AND CLARITY, WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

FEATURES



Integrity. Heritage. Lifestyle.
2025 Top Producer at Higbie Maxon Agney.

Paula Draper
paula@higbiemaxon.com
313-886-3400
313-310-0211
higbiemaxon.com



HMA
HIGBIE
MAXON
AGNEY
REALTORS



2-3B AREA ACTIVITIES | 4-5B OBITUARIES | 5B CHURCHES

St. Paul’s 39th auction is March 14

Auction founder, husband are honorary chairs

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A beaming Rosanne Jamieson stands next to Detroit Red Wings defenseman Mike O’Connell, the pair flanked by Karen Beil and Linda Brennan, in a photo published in the Nov. 10, 1988, Grosse Pointe News.

The trio of ladies was promoting the first-ever auction fundraiser hosted by St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School. O’Connell and his teammate, Dave Barr, were tapped to serve as auctioneers.

“It was very small,” Rosanne Jamieson recalled. “We had it in the cafeteria.”

The first auction, which took place in November and was a feature of St. Paul’s “Santa’s Attic” Christmas craft fair, was emceed by WDIV-TV newsman Ned McGrath, who had children at St. Paul.

“The first one was not very big, but it was a beginning,” she added. “I remember seeing people get excited, having hockey players come and support the school. It goes to show that when people care, good things can happen.”

People have cared so much that St. Paul will host its 39th auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The auction founder and her husband, Bill Jamieson, will serve as honorary chairs.

“It was such an honor when they asked us,” Bill Jamieson said. “The school has meant so much to us. It’s a beacon of the gospel — such an important place. The education you get there is wonderful.”

The couple have been members of St. Paul since 1978. All six of their daughters graduated from St. Paul, as have two of their 16 grandchildren. Two grandchildren currently attend the school.

As honorary chairs, the couple addressed the parish in a letter, stating their children and grandchildren were “shaped academically, spiritually and personally,” at St. Paul. “The values they learned at this school and parish — faith, service, discipline and compassion — continue to guide them and their own families today.”

“When they asked my parents, I was thrilled,” said their daughter, Veronica McAtee, who is co-chairing this year’s auction with Donielle Hudson. “My family has



COURTESY PHOTO

St. Paul on the Lake auction founder Rosanne Jamieson and her husband, Deacon Bill Jamieson, are the honorary chairs of this year’s auction.

a long history at St. Paul. ... We’ve had a lot of family events at the church. The church and the school are both so important.”

The longtime parishioners regularly attend their grandchildren’s events at the school, including a recent forensics competition, as well as athletics, plays and other activities, but their devotion to St. Paul began decades ago.

The Red Wings connection from that first auction — and several years after — was Bill Jamieson, who served as public relations director for the Detroit hockey team.

“When I was with the team, I got lots of auction items — at the beginning and after I left — because I still had contacts there,” he said.

He spent 14 years with the team, during which time he became a deacon. He served three years at St. Paul before serving as deacon at St. Ambrose Catholic Church five years, followed by 15 years at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

He returned to St. Paul in 2015, when Mike Ilitch bought the Red Wings.

“We’ve always had an affinity for the parish,” he said. “Our kids went to school there, even when I was working at Star of the Sea.”

“With my dad as deacon, when my daughters were younger, he’d go have lunch with them at school,” McAtee said. “He was always very active at the school. My mom also did a lot at the school.”

Rosanne Jamieson co-chaired the auction with Beil and Brennan for a second year, before handing over the reins.

“The first two years, we

were starting from scratch,” she said. “I took a year to get it together and the three of us became close friends. And we still are, which is something good.

“... It was just something nice to do and we hoped it would go on,” she added. “The fact it does is a testament to the people at St. Paul.”

Keeping tradition alive

This year’s auction takes place at Ford House — a new venue for the event.

“The theme is ‘Anchored in Faith,’” McAtee said, noting how nicely it ties in with the location. “We’ll be on the water. There’s history there and history with St. Paul. It pairs really well with the theme.”

The evening will include hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction at the

Ford House Visitors Center, followed by a strolling dinner and live auction in the second-floor event space.

Among the items up for bid in the live auction include:

- ◆ a private waterfront weekend getaway for 10 guests, complete with pontoon boat and kayaks;
 - ◆ a custom outdoor kitchen by Moccia Landscaping;
 - ◆ a guided historical church tour for eight led by Father Jim Bilot, including sprinter van transportation and dinner;
 - ◆ a charming, romantic Stratford Festival escape for two; and
 - ◆ prime sports tickets, orthodontic packages, sailing experiences, photography sessions and additional one-of-a-kind experiences.
- “We’ve got some fun

new packages,” McAtee said, “and donations are still rolling in. We’ll have some cool experiences for people to bid on.”

Online bidding begins at noon Wednesday, March 11, and closes at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14. The variety of items may be accessed at spstpg2026.ggo.bid/.

“Silent auction bidding is open to all and is a great way to support St. Paul if you are unable to attend due to travel, tournaments or other commitments,” said Rachel Jacques, auction coordinator.

“Some of the bidding can be very funny,” Rosanne Jamieson said.

“There’s a little healthy competition for all these items,” her husband added.

Sponsorships and advertising opportunities also are available. The deadline to be listed in the program is Thursday, March 5. For information, email rjacques@stpaulonthelake.org.

“This auction has been around a long time,” McAtee noted. “We wanted to stay rooted in the history of the auction, but also provide new spins to make it fresh and exciting. There’s a new menu, new items and experiences to bid on. It’s keeping with tradition, but also making it fun for the community.”

Tickets are limited to 200 and cost \$200 each. Tickets currently are available through sponsorship opportunities at stpaulschoolauction.com/ and will open to the public via the same link at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

“We encourage early registration, as ticket availability is limited,” Jacques said.

The last few years, the

auction has raised between \$200,000 and \$300,000 for St. Paul, according to Jacques.

“Our paddle raise is always earmarked for something specific,” she said. “Last year, it was for much-needed new desks. The year before it was to re-do the Canfield Center.

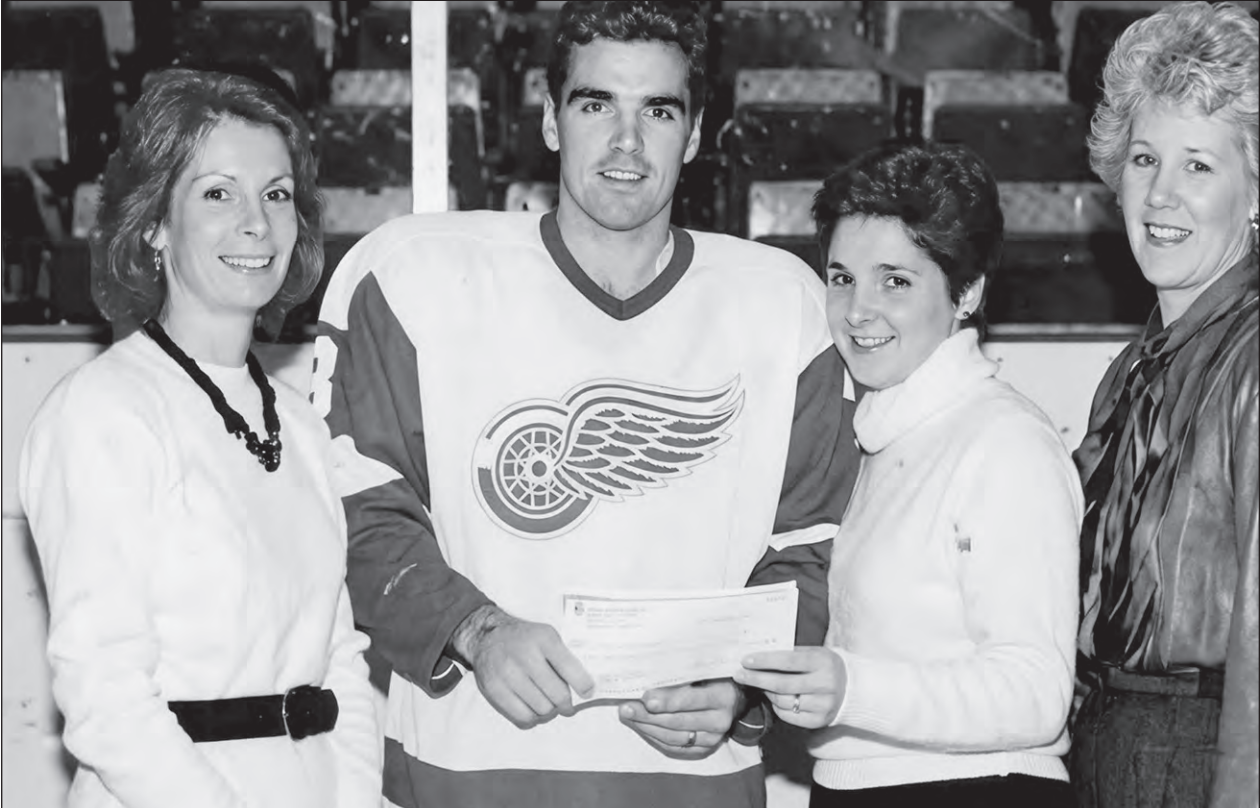
“The funds raised through our auction support books, extracurriculars, art supplies, electives, field trips, enrichment opportunities, playground supplies, staff development, service projects and community- and team-building programs,” she continued. “These funds allow us to provide the rich, well-rounded Catholic education our students enjoy while still keeping tuition within reach for families who choose to make the financial sacrifice to send their child to St. Paul.

“We can see through the example of Deacon Bill and Rosanne what that decision and sacrifice can mean for a family for generations,” she added, “and it’s what makes this auction so important for so many of our families.”

The Jamiesons, who live in Grosse Pointe Woods, said the auction is much more than a fundraiser. It’s a celebration of faith, community and a shared responsibility to the future.

Reflecting on the theme, Bill Jamieson said, “Our lives have been anchored at St. Paul for many years. It’s a wonderful place.”

“We’re so honored to be part of the St. Paul family,” Rosanne Jamieson added. “It’s a cornerstone of the community. ... Our hearts are at St. Paul School and Parish.”



FILE PHOTO

From left, Karen Beil, Detroit Red Wings defenseman Mike O’Connell, Rosanne Jamieson and Linda Brennan promote the first St. Paul auction in the Nov. 10, 1988, Grosse Pointe News.

Serving Our Community Since 1917



Tim Harris
GENERAL MANAGER



John Campbell
MANAGER

We’ve been your neighborhood Grosse Pointe funeral home for over a century. Our experienced and compassionate team will walk you through the process and handle every detail.

20705 Mack Avenue | Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 | (313) 884-5500



A.H. PETERS
FUNERAL HOME
Trusted care. Personal touch.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lori Zurvalec with her painting, “A Scatter of Leaves.”

Exhibition kicks off 10th anniversary celebration

“A Scatter of Leaves & Blooms: Recent Works by Lori Zurvalec” currently is on display at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Arts Ministry Gallery through March 29.

The exhibition kicks off a year-long celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Arts Ministry. A reception for the artist, open to the public, takes place 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, and includes light refreshments.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The gallery is open to the public 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, or by appointment.

For more information, contact the church at (313) 884-3075 or arts@gpcong.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

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

- ◆ Brave Belle’s Bookclub, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ “Korea: Land of the Morning Calm,” 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Non-Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Winter Olympic Drop-In Crafting, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Winer Olympics Craft, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Crafterhours for Adults, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Pizza & Panic: A Teen Scary Movie Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Strategic Plan Engagement, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Strategic Plan Engagement, 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Strategic Plan Engagement, 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Drop-In Craft with Miss Mo, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Strategic Plan Engagement, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ The Keep It Simple Sing Along and Jam, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Ukrainian Pysanka Writing, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Strategic Plan Engagement. 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Teen Laser Tag Takeover, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28, 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

- ◆ Candlelight: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. Tickets range from \$53 to \$76.
- ◆ Candlelight: Tribute to Queen and The Beatles, 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. Tickets range from \$40 to \$72.50.
- ◆ An Evening with Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$45 reserved. Military members and students get a reduced rate.
- ◆ Pre-K Prom, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, for ages 2 to 6. Tickets are \$35 for children, \$15 for adults.
- ◆ The Next Step: Growing Money & Income, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, and Tuesday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$50 for the two-day workshop.

Ford House

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

- ◆ Trivia Night, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. Cost is \$10 for Friends, \$12 for the public.
- ◆ Maple Syrup: Tapped, Shaken and Served, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$30 for Friends, \$35 for the public.
- ◆ Storytime: “I Want My Hat Back,” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in March.
- ◆ Maker Studio: Floral Workshop, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14. Cost is \$35 for Friends, \$40 for the public.
- ◆ The Power of Memoir: How to Write Your Life Story, 10 a.m. Sunday, March 21. Cost is \$75 for Friends, \$85 for the public.
- ◆ Ballroom Dance: American Smooth Tango, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 25 to April 15. Cost is \$45 per person for Friends, \$50 per person for the public.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

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.

- ◆ The movie “The Beautiful Fantastic” is shown at noon Friday, Feb. 20. Cost is \$4 and includes snacks.
- ◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Gilbert’s Lounge, St. Clair Shores. Bus transportation is \$8; participants also are responsible for the cost of their lunch.
- ◆ The Helm Cultural Exploration — Poland, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25.
- ◆ Field Trip & Lunch: Belle Isle Aquarium & Conservatory, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$30 for transportation; participants also are responsible for the cost of their lunch at Alma Kitchen.
- ◆ Coffee and Pastries with Sen. Hertel, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27.
- ◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays with Carol Guither; 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays with Darlene Lovelace; and 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays with Jessica Kodanko. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays with Carol Guither; and 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Fridays with Jessica Kodanko. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Active Fit, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays with Stacey Panduren. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Enhance Fitness, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays with Paul Clark; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Rosa Hunter.
- ◆ Tai Chi Beginner Class, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays with Susan Smith. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Continuing Tai Chi, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays with Susan Smith. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Strength and Balance, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Erika Page. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays with Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Restorative Yoga, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and 19, and March 5 and 19, with Allie Short. Cost is \$8 per class.
- ◆ Fitness center, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

POST Detroit

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

- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Garden Bird Bath, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Cost is \$100.
- ◆ Hand Lettering Workshop, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. Cost is \$55.
- ◆ Weaving Workshop: Intermediate Techniques on Tapestry Looms, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 28 and March 7. Cost is \$125.
- ◆ Screen Print Workshop: Tea Towels with Scarlet Crane, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Mending Workshop: Loom Darning, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Cost is \$75.

See EVENTS, page 3B

GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY

 **Animals Available for Adoption at gpaas.org**


Meet COPPER
Male, 8 months old, Sheperd Hound Mix, Sable, 45 lbs.

Next Open Houses Saturday, Feb. 21st & March 7th. 10-Noon


Meet CAROLINE
Female, 5 years old, Longhair, Gray/White.

Call to arrange a Meet and Greet!

20542 Harper, Harper Woods (Lennon and Harper)
(313) 884-1551 • www.gpaas.org

Bob Downey Plumbing

Licensed and Insured Master Plumber

All Types of Plumbing Repairs

TOILETS • WATER HEATERS • FAUCETS

- ✓ Sewer & Drain Cleaning
- ✓ Excavation Sewers & Water Lines
- ✓ Residential Plumbing Services
- ✓ Toilet Repairs and Installation
- ✓ Disposal Repair
- ✓ Thawing & Frozen Pipe Repair
- ✓ Faucet Repair

\$100 OFF Services over \$1500



Bob Downey Plumbing

SERVING GROSSE POINTE, ST. CLAIR SHORES AND SURROUNDING AREAS

(586) 775-2441

bobdowneyplumbing.com

Free In-Home Estimates



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.

Thomas Ridgely Stansfield Jr.

Thomas “Tom” Ridgely Stansfield Jr., 96, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, in Grosse Pointe.

Tom was born Oct. 2, 1929, in Baltimore, Md., to Mary Hilda (nee Schoenrock) Stansfield and Thomas Ridgely Stansfield Sr., both now deceased.

Tom is survived by his loving children, Scott Stansfield (Kathy), Susan Fowler (Gerry), Craig Stansfield (Brenda) and Sarah Simmons. He was a proud grandfather to Katie Sutton, Will Stansfield, Alexandria Fowler Teixeira, Christopher Fowler and Cole Simmons; and a cherished great-grandfather to four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents and his beloved wife of 47 years, Edyth “Edie” (nee McClellan) Stansfield. Tom and Edie were married Feb. 13, 1954. Notably, Tom passed away on Edie’s birthday, a poignant reflection of the enduring bond they shared.

Tom spent his early years in York, Pa. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He later earned an MBA from the University of Dayton and proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. During his service he met the love of his life, Edyth. Together they raised their four children in Oakwood, Ohio, creating a home filled with love, laughter and strong values.

Tom enjoyed a successful professional career. He began as a salesman with NCR and later joined Mead, where he served as head of Mead Digital. While at NCR, he appeared on the television program, “What’s My Line?” featuring the microform Bible, an experience that became a treasured and often-shared family memory. He later ventured into the advertising specialty business as an entrepreneur, becoming part-owner of Colonial Ad Products (now Colonial Advertising Inc.) and, later, owner of Megasales Inc. His warmth, integrity and natural charm earned him lasting friendships and respect. Known for never having met a stranger, Tom had a rare gift for connecting with people from all walks of life.

An avid boater, Tom treasured time spent on the water in Ohio and made many memorable journeys along the Ohio River aboard his boat, Tomfoolery, with Edie, friends and family. He also was a lucky golfer, with his proudest moment being the first hole-in-one at NCR Country Club. In addition, Tom was an accomplished piano and organ player, a talent he enjoyed throughout his life.

In his later years, Tom relocated to Grosse Pointe to be closer to

family. There, he enjoyed companionship with Ruth Bradfield, became a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and found great comfort in his two adopted three-legged cats, Cheddar and Chipper, who brought him joy and peace in his final years.

Tom will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Services were held Feb. 13, at Tobias Funeral Home-Far Hills Chapel in Dayton, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 30600 Telegraph, Ste. 1131, Bingham Farms, MI 48025; or to any animal adoption or rescue agency of the giver’s choice.

Share condolences at tobiasfuneralhome.com.

Sandra Joyce Beard

Sandra Joyce (nee Bennett) Beard, 82, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 13, 2026. She leaves behind a legacy of love, warmth, humor and quiet strength that will live on in all who knew her.

Sandy was born April 25, 1943. She was an avid gardener who found joy in nurturing life from the soil, transforming her yard into a place of beauty and serenity. She had a deep love of reading and always was eager to learn, reflect and lose herself in the pages of a good book. She also cherished time spent boating on the Sandy B, embracing the calm days she enjoyed on the water with her husband.

Above all, Sandy was devoted to her family. She shared a loving marriage and is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Patrick, whose partnership and companionship meant the world to her. Together, they built a life centered on love, laughter and resilience through both happy and challenging times.

Sandy was a proud and caring mother to her three sons, Rich Dyer (Alison), Allen Dyer (Donna) and Chris Dyer. She found immense joy in watching them grow into the men they are today. Her love only multiplied with the arrival of her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immeasurable happiness and pride.

Sandy also is survived by her brother, Tom Bennett; sister-in-law, Barbara Taylor (John); and many special nieces, nephews and cousins who were an important part of her life.

She will be remembered by all who knew her for her gentle spirit, generous heart and the steady presence she provided for her family and friends. Though she will be deeply missed by her loved ones, her memory will live on in blooming gardens, well-worn books, carefully assembled jigsaw puzzles, peaceful waters and in the hearts of all who

were blessed to know her.

Her family takes comfort in knowing she passed peacefully, surrounded by the love she gave so freely throughout her life.

A celebration of life is planned for mid-March.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, hom.org/donate.

Shirley A. Snow

Shirley A. Snow, 91, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully at home Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026.

Shirley was the beloved daughter of Robert Simpson and Julia Veronica Simpson, both now deceased. She was the devoted wife of the late Gordon Snow, with whom she shared 60 wonderful years of marriage.

A Detroit native, Shirley was a champion synchronized swimmer with the St. Clair Synchronettes. She helped introduce the sport internationally, exhibiting at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, and the Pan American Games in Brazil. She was inducted into the Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame in 1963, and later honored as a pioneer of the sport at the 1984 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Shirley’s heart for service was just as legendary. For 30 years, she worked with Meals on Wheels, overseeing the delivery of nearly half a million meals to homebound seniors in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities.

Above all, Shirley was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She raised eight children while being their biggest cheerleader and most faithful supporter. She was known for her fierce euchre skills, love of reading and joyful spirit. She invented the “Birthday Corner” and was the ultimate gift giver, always believing it was far better to give than to receive.

Lovingly nicknamed “Jackie O” for her class and beauty, Shirley’s true radiance came from her faith, generosity and unconditional love for others. She made every meal feel special and baked countless loaves of her famous pumpkin bread. She delighted in walks along Lakeshore, boating, swimming, music, laughter and time with family. A prayer warrior who believed deeply in miracles, she lived her life anchored in faith and gratitude.

She is survived by her loving children, Jennifer McGuire (J.T.), Elizabeth Nelson (Jack), Gordon Snow (Shannon), Susanne Babcock (David), Paul Snow, Julia O’Donnell (Brian), Christine Wujek (Michael) and Laura Coraci (Joe). She was predeceased by her daughter, Lisa Kathleen.

She was the proud grandmother of David (Lisa) and Lauren



Thomas R. Stansfield Jr.

Stavale, Emmi and Nolan Snow, Ryan Babcock, Julia Bellingham (Jonathan), Brandon Babcock, Christian Snow, Katherine Snow (Gabe Callery), Sean and Cece O’Donnell, Olivia Wujek (Jacob Lightman), Harrison Wujek (Genevieve), Saga Snow, Miles Wujek and Nico and Lexi Coraci; and great-grandmother of Ava and Hudson Stavale, Sophia McLellan, Zoe Bellingham and Parker Callery. Shirley was the dear sister of the late Joan York and the late Robert Simpson. She also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Her legacy of faith, love, generosity and joy will live on in every life she touched.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with a Rosary prayer at 7 p.m., at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, before a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 1730, Southfield, MI 48075, bit.ly/3XuSSi0; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/en/donate/.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Constance M. Kowalski

Constance M. Kowalski, 94, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026. She was a former resident of St. Clair Shores.

Constance was born June 19, 1931, in Detroit, to Frank and Jesse Blocki, both now deceased. She was the beloved wife of the late George “Bill” Kowalski; loving mother of Rosanne Jamieson (Deacon Bill), Mary Lapish (the late Tom), Amy Sledz (Marty), Bill Kowalski (Cheryl), Bob Kowalski (Amanda) and Jim Kowalski (Linda); as well as a cherished grandmother of 17 and adoring great-grandmother of 42. She was predeceased by her parents; dear siblings, Felicia Koss, Christine Zebrowski and Ronald Blocki; and three great-grandchildren.

Connie, affectionately known as Ba, enjoyed family gatherings and passing down Polish traditions to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She delighted in teaching the next generation how to make pierogi and chrusciki at Christmastime. She also was fond of game shows, playing bingo and enjoying sweets and desserts.

Connie was a woman of great faith with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother.



Sandra Joyce Beard



Constance M. Kowalski

Educated by the Felician Sisters, she was very committed to giving a Catholic education to all of her children. For many years, she was an active parishioner at St. Angela Church in Roseville, where she also was a member of the Altar Sodality.

A funeral Mass took place Feb. 14, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to Pregnancy Aid Detroit, 15847 8 Mile, Eastpointe, MI 48021, pregnancyaid.detroit.org/support.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

J. Michael Bernard

John Michael Bernard, 65, passed away in a cycling accident Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026. Mike was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, colleague and friend. His tragic passing is difficult for all who knew and loved him.

Mike was born June 5, 1960, in Detroit, to Walter and Sally Bernard, the first of their four children. His first three weeks of life were tenuous. When he was released from the hospital, his grandmother, Helen, said God surely had kept him here for a purpose. That purpose can be found in the family he leaves behind and is reflected in the outpouring of support from those who knew him.

Mike grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he first met Betsy and they began their more than 40-year journey together. He received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati. He was a recognized leader at Dykema Gossett and in the national legal community.

Mike and Betsy were married in 1988, and raised three sons, Jack, Rudy and Mikey A. They lost an infant daughter, Mary, but their hearts were so big that as a family, they hosted young children needing critical, life-changing surgery as part of the Healing the Children mission.

Mike enjoyed coaching his sons’ sports teams and sharing his athletic and outdoor pursuits with them as they grew up. All three sons graduated from the University of Notre Dame, and he and Betsy were proud to share their love of the Fighting Irish with them.

Mike loved to read, grow vegetables in his garden, captain the pontoon boat, tell stories



Shirley A. Snow



J. Michael Bernard

(sometimes more than once) and hold court with family and friends to discuss matters of consequence.

A tireless proponent of Detroit, Mike was actively involved in helping the city thrive as a board member of the Detroit Regional Chamber, where he served as general counsel since 1999. He was a 40-year member of the Detroit Athletic Club and served on many committees and the board of directors, all the while winning the indoor triathlon year after year. He was a founding member and regular attendee of First Friday Mass with Monsignor Zenz, where he shared his faith and was looked up to as a model of dignity and humility.

Despite never attending a Jesuit school himself, he came to know and love the Jesuits and their mission through the experiences of his dad, brother and sons, all of whom graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Mike epitomized the Jesuit motto, “Men for Others,” as he consistently and purposefully applied his considerable talents for the benefit of many causes and institutions outside of the office. He dedicated himself to Loyola High School, the Neighborhood Club, International Samaritan and other organizations too numerous to list. He led by example in every aspect of his life.

He is survived by his dear wife, Betsy; cherished sons, Jack (Kendall), Rudy (Isabelle) and Mikey A. (Genevieve); adored granddaughter, Janie; beloved mother, Sally; as well as three siblings, Kelly (Dave), Watty (Cathy) and Sarah (Dave); and his extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation will continue at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, until a 10 a.m. memorial Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Loyola High School, 15325 Pinehurst, Detroit, MI 48238, loyolahsdetroit.org/donate-now.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

OBITS:

Continued from page 4B

Susan Margaret McBryan

Susan Margaret McBryan, 64, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Susan was born Feb. 16, 1961, in Detroit, to Mary Ellen and Gerald Van Assche, both now deceased. Susan graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and spent time working in the beauty department at CVS Pharmacy and as a nursing care assistant at Bon Secours Hospital (now Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital). She enjoyed reading, gardening and listening to music.

Susan is survived by her children, Nicholas and Kimberly; and siblings, Rosemary Goniea, Virginia Van Assche, John Van Assche, Gerard Van Assche, Jerome Van Assche and Michele Van Assche.

She was predeceased by her parents; and siblings, Lucille Hallberg, Edward G. Van Assche and Mary Ann Van



Susan M. McBryan

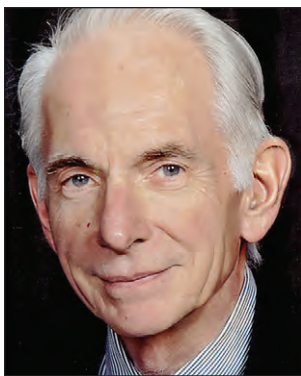
Assche McNew.

Following family tradition, there will be no funeral. A small gathering will be held at her burial.

Ronald Watson Schmidt

Ronald Watson Schmidt, 90, of St. Joseph, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Ron was a devoted husband to the love of his life, Sharon Schmidt. Together they built a life centered on faith, family and service. He is lovingly remembered by his children, Suzanne Holmes (Craig) of South Bend, Ind., and Jeffrey Smith (Lisa) of Green Bay, Wis.; cherished



Ronald Watson Schmidt

grandchildren, Jacob Holmes (Cassi), Rachel Moore (Chase), Makenna Smith, Katie Smith and Libby Smith; and special friend, Linda Doetsch.

Ron earned a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He faithfully served as a Lutheran pastor for many years, ministering at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, both in Detroit.

A funeral service took place Feb. 14, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

Memorial donations may be made to Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln, St. Joseph, MI 49085, bit.ly/4rNdudz.

Share a memory at starksmenchinger.com/.

Memorial Church to host food-packing event March 14

Volunteers are needed

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church once again will be working with Kids Coalition Against Hunger, a humanitarian food relief organization, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, to pack 50,000 meals.

The event will bring more than 300 volunteers together to package meals for hungry children and families in Detroit and around the world. The meals are made of dry food — rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and powdered

vitamins — that is carefully measured into sealable food packs that have a shelf life of two years. When mixed with boiling water, the contents of each package provide a healthy meal for six people.

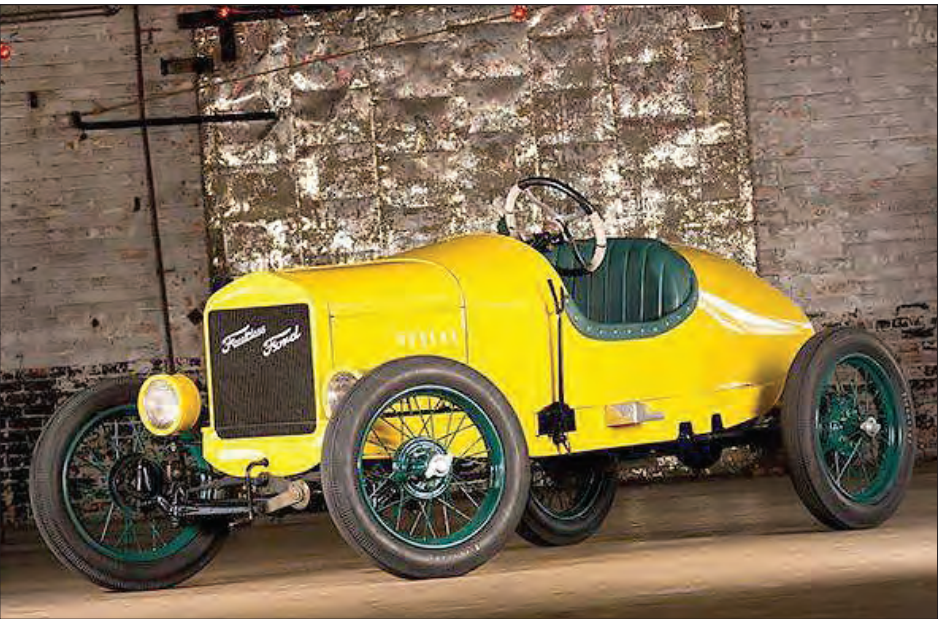
The food packs are provided to food pantries in the Detroit area and sent to relief efforts both internationally and in the United States.

This annual event has drawn volunteers from schools, churches, organizations such as Rotary, service groups and scout

troops. Anyone age 5 to 105 is welcome to volunteer; however, children ages 5 to 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Childcare is not available for children younger than 5.

The 2026 event takes place Saturday, March 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with two shifts available: 10 a.m. to noon and noon to 2 p.m.

Those interested in lending a helping hand may register online at bit.ly/KCAH2026 or call (313) 882-5330.



‘Ts @ Twilight’ is Feb. 28 at Ford Piquette Plant Museum

Evening tours of the Ford Piquette Plant Museum are only offered a few times throughout the year and one of them is on the horizon.

“Ts @ Twilight” takes place 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, during which guests enjoy Motor City history and cultural enrichment at the birth-

place of the Model T.

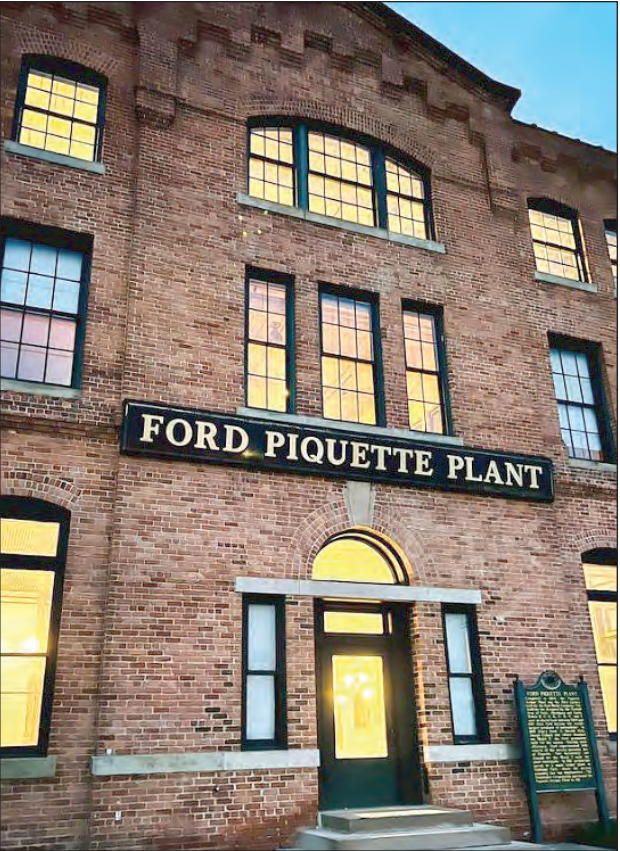
Reservations are required and include complimentary drinks, including adult beverages, and light bites. Docent-led tours, which last approximately 90 minutes, encompass 20,000-square-foot of exhibits and more than 65 rare antique vehicles.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$10 for museum members.

One of the oldest surviving automobile factories in the world, the Piquette Plant is a U.S. National Historic Landmark and Michigan Historic Site.

The museum is open year-round 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Regular admission ranges from \$10 to \$20. Optional guided tours take place daily at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Visitors also may get a selfie in a Model T and visit the museum store.

For a complete event schedule or to purchase tickets, visit fordpiquetteplant.org. For more information, email info@fordpiquetteplant.org or call (313) 872-8759.



The Ford Piquette Plant Museum hosts “Ts @ Twilight” tours at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Lakeshore Optimist Club President Steve Licari, left, and Macomb Foster Closet volunteer Fred Heubener.



COURTESY PHOTO

Macomb Foster Closet visits Lakeshore Optimist Club

Fred Heubner, a volunteer with Macomb Foster Closet, visited the Lakeshore Optimist Club to provide an update on the services provided by the organization. Macomb Foster Closet is an all-volunteer nonprofit 501(c)3 providing much-needed clothing and other essential items free to children in foster care and the families that care for them. Additional services are provided throughout the year such as loaded school backpacks, birthday party bags, Easter baskets and holiday gifts. Services also are extended to young adults as they transition from foster care to independence.

On behalf of the Lakeshore Optimist Club, President Steve Licari presented a donation to Macomb Foster Closet to assist it in its excellent work. For more information about Macomb Foster Closet, visit macombfoster-closet.org or find the group on Facebook.

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 or follow the club on Facebook.

WALLIS:

Continued from page 3B

nates Sunday, Feb. 22. Wallis will preach at the 9 a.m. Eucharist, followed by conversation during the Rectors’ Forum at 10:15 a.m.

Wallis’ visit is presented by The Sweeny Memorial Lecture Fund in Christian Ethics and Theology. All events are free and open to the public.

“It’s a weekend-long presentation for people who feel called to action and aren’t sure what they can do at this particular

moment in our society,” Martin said, “and people who want to see how their faith aligns with civil discourse. It’s not exclusive to people of faith; his message is very universal.”

“One of the quotes in his book that I love so much is, ‘To vote is to pray,’” she continued. “When you vote, you are telling God what you wish for the future and what you want for your children. Until I read his book, I didn’t completely understand how faith and politics work together. I strive not be political. We don’t talk

politics from the pulpit because we don’t ever want people to feel like we are excluding them. We’re a very purple congregation in a very purple community. We want people to have an open heart and an open mind and to see that the way forward as a society is through love. That is not to be weak, to live in love. It is actually to be courageous and creative.”

Registration is not required for any of the weekend’s events. For more information, email Martin at mmartin@christchurchgp.org.

Worship Service

Christ the King Lutheran Church and Preschool
Mack at Lochmoor • 884-5090
www.christthekinggp.org

SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. - Bible Study
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Sunday School - During Service

WEDNESDAY
10 a.m. - Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Worship Service

Solomon Spangler, Pastor
Making New Disciples - Building Stronger Ones

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ)

Worship Sunday at 10:00 am
Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver
An Open & Affirming Church
240 Chalfonte G.P. Farms
313-884-3075 • www.gpccong.org
WE HAVE AN ARTS MINISTRY

Adopt Pet

Every pet deserves a home.
GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY • gpaas.org

Never too early for pet dental care

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

Pets may not be able to smile but dental health is still important when caring for your furry friends. Many pet health experts say that a pet's first professional dental examination and cleaning should occur at around age two or three. Build a lasting relationship with one vet so that they are familiar with the changes to your pet's teeth as they grow. Ideally, pet parents should brush their pets' teeth daily to ensure that plaque and tartar does not accumulate and lead

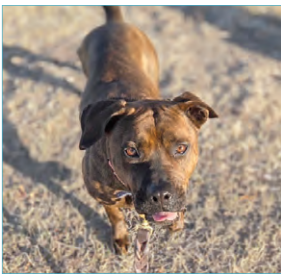
to significant periodontal issues. Older pets tend to require more frequent brushings, while younger pets and small dog breeds may not need daily brushing. There are plenty of pet-safe toothpastes available, simply check online are ask your veterinarian. Just don't ever use a human toothpaste, since such products contain ingredients like xylitol that are not safe for pets. Pets should be acclimated to having their teeth brushed at an early age to make it easier to do so in ensuing years. Start safely touching your pet's mouth and teeth with the brush as a small puppy or kitten to get them used to you being involved with their dental care (just don't put yourself in a position to get bit!)

In addition to brushing, pet owners can help their pets keep teeth clean by providing dental-friendly snacks and toys that can be chewed to scrub teeth. Also, feeding pets a nutritious diet that consists of some hard food to scour teeth during eating also is helpful. Some foods contain additives that help keep plaque from hardening into tartar, so speak with a dentist to see if this is appropriate for the pet's needs.



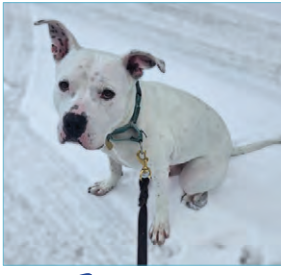
Cagney
Female, 2 years old, Plott Hound Mix, brindle, 50 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(586) 588-6055



Lacey
Female, 2 years old, Plott Hound Mix, brindle, 50 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

JEFFERY TORRICE
(313) 881-0200



Jeffrey
Male, 5 years old, American Bulldog mix, white, 70 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

Bob Downey Plumbing
(586) 775-2441



Hash Brown
Male, 5 months old, shorthair, orange tabby/white
To adopt this cat please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

JEFFERY TORRICE
(313) 881-0200



Bobby
male, 1 year old, Boxer mix, tan/white, 45 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(313) 881-5675



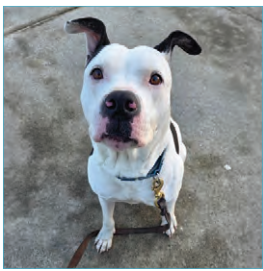
Lenny
Male, 4 years old, Mixed Breed, red gold, 50 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(586) 774-0090



Nico
Male, 1 year old, Husky mix, tricolor, 45 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(586) 350-0776



Jester
Male, 3 years old, American Bulldog mix, white/black, 80 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(313) 882-7233



Honey
Female, 8 months old, shorthair, buff
To adopt this cat please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

JEFFERY TORRICE
(313) 881-0200



Guinness
Male, 3 years old, Staffordshire Terrier, brown, 80 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(586) 775-2441



Nora
Female, 8 months old, Pitbull Terrier mix, brindle/white, 40 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(313) 885-1560



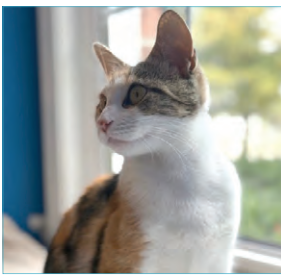
Faith
Female, 3 years old, Pitbull Terrier mix, gold brindle, 50 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

JEFFERY TORRICE
(313) 881-0200



Maple
Female, 5 years old, Mixed Breed, gray/white, 45 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(586) 415-6700



Cabbie
Female, 1 year old, shorthair, calico tabby
To adopt this cat please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

(313) 885-1560



Nolan
Male, 1 year old, Mastiff mix, fawn, 55 lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

pointedesigins.com
(313) 332-0549



Starsky
Male, 5-7 years old, Mastiff, fawn, 55lbs.
To adopt this dog please call GPAAS (313) 884-1551
SPONSORED BY:

JEFFERY TORRICE
(313) 881-0200

LIFE & LEISURE



Kim Valice, Realtor
Sine & Monaghan REALTORS®
Kimpvalice@gmail.com
@kimperezvalice
Kim.searchmichiganhomesforsale.com
313-320-2544

SINE & MONAGHAN
REALTORS®
18412 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms

2C GP GABBY | 3C MOMBEAU’S TABLE | 4C MOVIE JUNKIE MARK | 6C - 7C COMICS

Maire valentine visit to The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

“I made this valentine, because you’re my favorite store in The Village,” said Sophia Kline, a second grader at Maire Elementary School, as she presented her valentine to a manager at Trader Joe’s last Wednesday.

Nineteen students, ages 5 to 8, bundled up mid-morning to hand-deliver an Eric Carle-inspired, bear-themed art piece and a matching handcrafted valentine to 19 businesses in The Village.

The outing was the culmination of a five-week project born through Maire’s Lunchtime Enrichment Program and cheekily named the NeighBEARhood Craft Studio.



Quinn Morawski, in second grade, with Bakehouse 46 employee Italia Hernandez.

“Their connections are authentically theirs.” Businesses will display the artwork and valentines throughout February as a celebra-

dergarten, Sidecar Slider Bar; “The food is great. I love TVs.” ♦ Avery Hester, second grade, Beyond Juicery + Eatery; “Your smoothies are so good! Especially the banana strawberry!”

♦ Sophia Kline, second grade, Trader Joe’s; “I love Trader Joe’s cause I love looking for the lobster!”

♦ Berkley Pata, second grade, Nothing Bundt Cakes; “I love cake!”

♦ Lee McCoy, second grade, Kroger; “I love the desserts. I love the pie and ice cream. I love the cherry pie and I love the vanilla ice cream.”

♦ Parker Depcinski, kindergarten, Pet Supplies Plus; “I can buy things for my pets.”

♦ Callie Chase, kindergarten, Lululemon; “I like the clothes.”

♦ Coramina Raether, kindergarten, Small Favors; “I like the toys you have!”

♦ Clio Mondalak, kindergarten, CVS; “I used to go to CVS with my dad a lot.”

♦ Livia Geideman, kindergarten, Panera; “You have good mac and cheese. And your soup.”

♦ Lily Hernandez, kindergarten, TCBY; “I like getting cotton candy.”

♦ Cohen Braithwaite, Young Fives, Poke Poke; “I like its ice cream. My favorite flavor is vanilla.”

♦ Betsy Bergmann, kindergarten, Cold Stone Creamery; “I like Cold Stone because I like its ice cream.”

♦ Sage T., second grade, SideStreet Diner; “I love your poached eggs!”

♦ Anna N., second grade, Einstein; “You have the best bagels ever. I cannot wait to eat a bagel.”

♦ Elizabeth McCoy, kindergarten, Village Grille; “I like its games.”

♦ Quinn Morawski, second grade, Bakehouse 46; “I love the doughnuts yum.”

♦ Luciana Hancock, kindergarten, Whiskey Six; “I like the food.”

The young students then also jointly crafted a 20th valentine for Krausmann Service, thanking the garage’s owners for serving as the crossing guards at Cadieux and Kercheval more than 50 years.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Kindergartener Coramina Raether with Small Favors owners Kasey Malley and Betsy Enders.

“Maire truly is a neighborhood school,” Ehrlich said. “Every child who attends lives within the 12-block district that includes approximately 67 businesses, from small local shops to national

anchors. Children walk or bike to school. They see each other in The Village, at the parks and around town. School and community are not separate. They overlap. “I’m really happy to

have done this with these kids,” she added. “They’re super enthusiastic about it and I think it just really celebrates what’s unique about being a really tight-knit community.”



Kindergartener Parker Depcinski with Pet Supplies Plus manager Christen Jeffers.

“The idea is simple and very kid-centered and kid-sized,” said Maggie Ehrlich, a Maire parent who led the workshop. “It’s helping children understand that they’re not just students. They’re neighbors and they’re part of a larger shared community.”

tion of the connection between Maire and The Village. The selected shops also were provided small bags of gummy bears to offer to Maire families who visit and identify themselves during the month.

“This is definitely the best thing that has happened to me all day



Sophia Kline, in second grade, with Trader Joe’s manager Kate Brush.

Students were tasked with each selecting a Village business that held personal meaning for them — perhaps somewhere they visit with their family, recognize by name or simply feel connected to as part of their everyday neighborhood.

“This is the younger group, so a lot of them picked restaurants because that’s their association — going to eat,” Ehrlich said.

long,” said Kasey Malley, co-owner of Small Favors, as she received a valentine from kindergartener Coramina Raether.

On the valentines, students wrote why the business they selected is their “neighBEARhood” favorite:

♦ Arlie Ehrlich, second grade, Starbucks; “Your drinks are so yummy! Also because I love your chai tea.”

♦ Grace Hester, kin-



Students gather for a group photo after delivering their valentines in The Village Wednesday, Feb. 11. Also pictured are Public Safety Director John Alcorn, who escorted the children through the business district; Maire principal Nicole Filiccia; and Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock.



FORD HOUSE
EDEL & ELEANOR

Don’t miss these amazing Educational Programs!



MAKER STUDIO: FLORAL WORKSHOP
Saturday, March 14 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Create something beautiful with flowers in this hands-on workshop led by Rosian florist Monica Sabella.



TRIVIA NIGHT
Thursday, March 19 at 6 to 8 p.m.
Test your knowledge in a lively evening of friendly competition with questions across diverse topics.



THE POWER OF MEMOIR
Saturday, March 21 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Learn how to start, shape, and tell your life story in a compelling memoir workshop.

Scan for tickets for these learning opportunities!

Ford House is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and National Historic Landmark



LEARN MORE

GROSSE POINTE

Gabby

POINTING YOU IN
THE RIGHT
DIRECTION WITH
REAL-LIFE ADVICE!

Credit where credit is due

Dear Gabby: My coworker takes credit for my ideas in meetings. I don't want to seem petty, but I think it's affecting how I'm viewed at work. What's the best way to handle this? — Invisible in the City

Dear Invisible: The next time your idea is

presented, calmly say, "I'm glad that resonated. When I suggested it earlier, I was hoping we could build on it further by doing X, Y or Z."

If the pattern continues, document your contributions and speak privately with your supervisor.

Recognition for your ideas is important, even in a team setting.

— Gabby

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



Balancing independence with newfound curiosity

DEAR ANNIE: I need advice about a situation I never expected. I'm 37, single and mostly happy with my life. Then my new neighbor moved in. He's charming and easy to talk to, and I realized I'm suddenly aware of every interaction, overthinking every glance or comment.

He's friendly and sociable, nothing overt, but I catch myself reading too much into casual gestures. I find myself planning my errands around seeing him, replaying conversations in my head, and feeling a strange mix of excitement and anxiety I haven't felt in a long time.

I've always been independent and cautious about letting someone

into my life. Now I'm unsure how to maintain my boundaries while navigating this new connection. I don't want to misread signals or make a move I'll regret, but I also don't want to shut myself off entirely.

How do I stay grounded and preserve my independence while figuring out whether this connection is worth pursuing? — Cautiously Curious

DEAR CAUTIOUSLY CURIOUS: You can see where things go without rearranging your life for a potential connection. If he's worth your attention, it will become obvious — and mutual — without you orchestrating a daily performance.

But remember, open-

ing your heart a little doesn't mean losing yourself. Curiosity and caution can coexist, and letting yourself feel something new might just make life a little richer.

DEAR ANNIE: My mother-in-law of 17 years has always had too much stuff in her house, but as the years go by, it's getting worse.

Her basement is a memorial of her children's old belongings, tools and canning jars. Every closet is crammed with jackets and clothes. Her house isn't dirty, per se, but every space — every windowsill — is crowded with dried flowers, dust, glass knick-knacks and photos.

She's always been this way. Her children are now 50 and 46, both with families of their own. She also lost her husband of 50 years last year.

I've tried talking to my husband, explaining that this will eventually become his and his sibling's responsibility, and that it's dangerous for his 75-year-old mother to be living like this. But neither child wants to address it with her.

How can we lovingly relay to this woman that she needs to start getting rid of the clutter? We need guidance, and she is a regular reader of your column. — Hoarding Horrors

DEAR HOARDING HORRORS: What you're



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

describing isn't really about clutter; it's about comfort, control and grief. Your MIL may have always been this way, but after losing her spouse, familiar objects can feel like anchors. Asking her to simply "get rid of things" is unlikely to land. That's why this conversation needs to come from her children, not you, and it needs to start with safety, not sentiment.

Frame it around clear walkways, fall risks and emergency exits, not what she owns. Start small and concrete -- one item, one windowsill, one room at a time — rather than making sweeping demands.

This won't be a quick fix, but avoiding it now will only make things harder later. Caring for an aging parent often means pressing gently, even when it's uncomfortable.

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

COPYRIGHT 2025 CREATORS.COM

Restaurant Week, part 1

Here we are, already halfway through February, which means spring is hopefully around the corner, no matter what Punxsutawney Phil proclaimed!

This winter hasn't been easy and it's no secret that winter months are always the hardest for all of our local restaurants. That said, I cannot believe it's already time to discuss part one of the who, what and where of Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week.

This year's fun-filled week of good eats and treats is March 1 to 7. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce welcomes new sponsors and members, some of them also new to the neighborhood. Pangea Global Kitchen, Z's Pub, Lola's Taco Bar, Daily Jam and Antidote are just a few.

Let's kick off part one with some Restaurant Week specials from a few of this year's sponsors. Up first, new to the mix — and a personal favorite of mine — is Pangea Global Kitchen. If you have not experienced the flavors of this kitchen, now is the best time to do so. They're offering an entree special,

Your Comfort Combo, which includes any entrée and a bowl of soup for \$20. I highly suggest their cream of mushroom soup and any entrée is guaranteed to be deliciously memorable. Also new to Mack Avenue, in the former Big Boy location, is Daily Jam. Ralph and Dan at The Jam are offering a few different sweet-and-savory specials. Choose from house-baked French toast, The Daily Burrito or focaccia Roma chicken for \$14.99, which includes a house mimosa or soft drink. Looking for something sweet? "Bring Your Crew" consists of a mimosa flight and Ralphie's house-baked cinnamon roll for \$29.99. Those rolls are definitely shareable and a perfect bubbly brunch pairing.

High Point Burger Joint is back on the sponsor list with three different specials and definitely something for everyone. First is the girls' night special: a bottle of Party Girl Brut Bubbly and truffle fries for \$40. Next is dinner with dad: \$35 for six classic beef smashers, two domestic beers and \$2 16-ounce

Icees. Finally there's family fun: \$53 for 12 classic beef smashers and \$2 16-ounce Icees. If you haven't had a High Point beef smasher yet, don't pass up these specials.

Just up the street on Kercheval, The Whiskey Six is back this year, as well as their sister location on The Nautical Mile, Watermark Bar and Grille. Both locations are offering three not-to-be-missed specials: Free saganaki with the purchase of any two entrées; half off a bottle of select wines with the purchase of an entrée; and all specialty desserts are \$6 with the purchase of an entrée. You can't go wrong when wine and sweets are the bonus. Returning sponsor, The Continental at the Ford House, is spotlighting

a \$56 prix fixe meal with the choice of a crab cake croquette or wild mushroom tart to start, followed by the choice of Berkshire port schnitzel or Lake Erie walleye and finished with a yummy choice of gooey butter cake or gluten-free chocolate cake.

The participants' list is rapidly growing. The Spice & Tea Exchange of Grosse Pointe has joined the fun as a participant with The Pointe Pair: The Proper Steep or The Village Glow-Up. Try one or both at its tea bar during Restaurant Week for \$5. Sounds like a no-brainer if tea is your thing. Everyone's favorite neighborhood rib joint, Champs Rotisserie & Seafood, is participating again this year with its \$20 dinner specials: your choice of rib snack with cottage fries and soup, salad or slaw; a half chicken dinner with cottage fries and soup, salad or slaw; or an entrée salad topped with broiled chicken breast and your choice of house-made dressings.



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

fun entertainment for all ages. Next door at Ryyu Sushi, enjoy half off classic rolls with the purchase of any other roll. The Ryyu Roll sounds amazing: crabmeat and avocado, topped with fresh salmon and lemon to provide a perfect citrus finish. Happy Hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. every day here, too. Those are two amazing options to consider.

complimentary black-drip coffee. At Bricks, when you buy a large pizza, you get a complimentary draft beer or Fly By Cabernet Sauvignon for \$28. Pro tip: Sit at the bar. You're welcome.

To round out part one of Restaurant Week, let's end with the new kid on the block: Lola's Taco Bar. For \$5, let me introduce you to the the Walking Taco: Fritos corn chips, chorizo, chipotle lime sauce, jalapeño onion relish, queso fresco and cilantro. YUM! Not only have they created a street taco just for this event, but \$1 from every taco sold will benefit the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Lola's, your generosity is much welcomed into the community (And there will be more to come on this location in the future).

The weeklong specials are literally pouring in as I'm typing, but that's a wrap for part one. I can't wait to see what part two brings to table — and your tables, too!

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

Fun Fact: This year the chamber is featuring a Restaurant Week interactive map, making it easier to see who's participating, their location and what they are offering. Now everyone can navigate their way from St. Clair Shores, through the Grosse Pointes and into Detroit without any confusion.



Pangea Global Kitchen Entrees: shawarma plate, butter chicken, majidra and lentil soup.



High Point Burger Joint truffle fries.



Watermark bar and Grill Saganaki.



Ryyu Sushi and SideCar Slider Bar.

Back over in The Village, neighbors Sidecar Slider Bar and Ryyu Sushi have some great offerings, including \$13.99 for two sliders and a side at Sidecar. Let's not forget about the arcade, offering



The Bricks Pizzeria.

Down in Grosse Pointe Park, The Bricks Pizzeria, Brine Oyster House and Le Rouge Boulangerie all are participating this year. Brine is offering a glass of Showstopper Champagne with the purchase of 12 oysters for \$50. At Le Rouge, buy a scone, get a



Brine Oyster House.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I have a confession to make: I feel like deep cleaning a shower is kind of a foreign concept to me. Like yes, I clean my bathroom. I wipe things down. I spray things. I try. But that truly spotless, looks-like-a-hotel-shower kind of deep clean? It always feels slightly out of reach. Does anyone else feel this way? Anyway, I decided that 2026 is my year of figuring things out and getting things done that have been sitting on

my mental to-do list forever. Operation No. 1: Seriously intense bathroom deep cleans. Enter the electric spin scrubber. This cordless scrub brush comes with multiple interchangeable heads, so you can switch between larger surfaces and the annoying little corners that collect soap scum like it's their full-time job. The rotating brush does the hard work for you and



it makes cleaning feel less like scrubbing and more like supervising.

It also has an extendable handle, which is a major win because I refuse to spend my weekend crouched in the shower like I am training for a triathlon. The different attachments helped me get into the corners, cracks, grooves, grout lines and places I usually pretend are "fine." I paired it with The Pink Stuff bathroom cleaner and I swear the showers in

this house are shining like never before. I mean, I caught myself staring at the tile afterward. That has never happened. Honestly, I think this is an amazing product for older people, pregnant woman and anyone who simply does not want to spend their day on their hands and knees cleaning the bathroom. It saves time, saves effort and saves your back. This electric spin scrubber gets 5 out of 5 alliga-

tors from me. My grout has never looked better.

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



5 Out Of 5

The middle lane pasta

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

I love a good tomato-less pasta, but that doesn't automatically mean I want something that's cream-based. There's a beautiful middle ground: a sauce built on chicken stock, aromatic herbs and slowly cooked vegetables. A sauce that's rich and deeply flavorful without feeling heavy or overly complicated. This one uses ground pork which gives a savory depth and lots of grated carrot that melts into the sauce and adds a subtle sweetness and a bit of body. Fresh rosemary is simmered gently into the base, infusing the stock with its woody and fragrant warmth. A spoonful of mushroom powder brings an extra layer of umami, giving it that deeply comforting, almost slow-simmered taste. The result is simple, balanced, and full of flavor. It's the perfect middle lane pasta. Mushroom powder is a quick and easy ingredient addition that I use often in soups, stews and especially pasta sauce. Trader Joe's sells a great option called "Multi Purpose Umami All Seasoning Blend." It's especially convenient because it's not just

mushroom powder. It also includes crushed red pepper, thyme and onion powder, which add an extra layer of warmth and complexity. If you don't have that blend on hand, you can easily make your own by grinding dried porcini mushrooms into a fine powder. A blender works well, but you can also place them in a plastic sandwich bag and crush them with a rolling pin. This pasta reminds me of the Veal Bolognese at San Morello. It just warms you through and through. It's truly satisfying and proof that you don't need tomatoes or a ton of cream for a great pasta.

- Cheers, Mombeau
- Pork Bolognese**
- 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 1 lb ground pork
 - 1 large carrot, grated (about 1 cup)
 - 1 leek, trimmed, washed, thinly sliced
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 tbsp mushroom powder

- 1 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped
- ½ tsp red chili flakes
- 1 ½ cup chicken broth
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 lb spaghetti
- Salt and pepper

In a large pot with a lid, add the olive oil over medium heat. Add in the carrots and leeks. Season with a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Saute for about a minute then cover the pot and turn down to medium-low. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring once in between. This is a good time to start boiling the water for the pasta. When the carrots and leeks are tender and soft, take the lid off and start browning the ground pork. Add in the mushroom powder, chili flakes, garlic, rosemary and another generous pinch of salt and pepper. Stir together until the pork is browned through then add the broth and red wine vinegar. Bring to a simmer to reduce. While the sauce is



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

cooking, cook the pasta until al dente. Usually one minute less than the package tells you. It will finish cooking in the sauce. Reserve half cup of pasta water for the sauce. To finish, add in the

butter and stir until melted. Use tongs to move the pasta from the water into the sauce pot. Or, use a colander and reserve half cup of pasta water. Pour the pasta water over the pasta and start working the sauce

through. Let most of the liquid soak up into the noodles but be careful not to overcook the pasta. This should take just a few minutes. Serve with lots of freshly grated parmesan and chopped rosemary.

Taste more success!

Sponsor Mombeau’s Table and showcase your advertisement in this highly-visible spot!

To reserve this space, call (313) 882-6900

Grosse Pointe News



Rating wine

A friend heard that I was going to be a judge at a wine competition and he laughed a little bit when he said, sarcastically, "That's gonna be a tough job!" Actually, I said, it was. Having a glass of wine at dinner can be a joy, but when they place 100 dark red wines in front of you to analyze, the work changes to arduous. I've often written about how context plays such a vital role in how we all perceive wine. But it's hard to imagine how it affects those who review wine for a living. For one thing, the rules in many blind tastings vary from place to place. Imagine being asked to evaluate 90 syrahs and

then 90 petite sirahs in six hours. I was asked to do this in 2006. As you can imagine, the results were anything but precise. I preferred the wines that I tasted with a fresh palate. At the end of the day, I was so tired that a few wines might have been judged incorrectly. In 2005, I visited a famed Champagne house. Candlelight sparkled in the handsome dining room. The new bubbly, presented in crystal glasses, seemed perfect. I wrote glowing things about it. Weeks later, in the quiet of our home, we opened the first U.S. bottle of the same bubbly. It was good. But it wasn't identical to the wine we had had in Champagne.

The gorgeous setting in a French chateau must have colored my thinking. The wine remained nearly as excellent as I had originally thought, but I knew that the "gloss factor," which attaches itself to wines served in special surroundings, was at play. Another tale. I was asked to "judge" the wines entered in a San Francisco food show. Only a handful of wines were at the show. An organizer put them all in a group and asked the only wine "experts" in the hall (me and another fellow) to judge the wines. We tasted them. Most were pretty bad. One modest producer's sauvignon blanc showed well; we both liked it, so it was proclaimed the best white wine in the show. Weeks later, in another blind tasting against much better wines, the food-show winner seemed ordinary. Side by side with poor wines, it was good. But in better company, it was nothing exceptional.

A terrible place to get tasting notes is at walk-around tastings, like those staged by charities. Walking around with a glass and a notebook can be distracting and rarely leads to an accurate critical analysis. Think of all the aftershave, perfume, hair gel and deodorant that fill such venues. Another reason walk-around events are a challenge is that some are staged outdoors.

Although the winds are nice, they can bring distracting aromas. Moreover, the best way to evaluate any wine is over a period of time, to see how air affects it. But in those walk-around tastings, there is rarely time for concentrated thought. And the faster the evaluation, the more the showier wines will take the spotlight. As a result, subtlety is rarely rewarded in today's

wine-tasting world. Sometimes, the best way to find a good bottle of wine is to simply buy a bottle, take it home and try it. If you like it, it may be worth buying more. To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2025 CREATORS.COM.

Open Saturdays at Noon!

FRENCH DIPS
Saturday & Sunday

SLOPPY JOES
Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Kennedy's IRISH COFFEE
BAR & GRILL EST. 1980

\$7 BURGERS
Saturday Noon - 4pm
Monday 5pm - 11pm

Lent Specials
Served 7 Days a Week

18666 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms
CALL IN for CARRY-OUT!

313-881-5675 SEE MENU

DOORDASH Uber Eats & GRUBHUB



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MATERIAL PICTURES AND PICTURE FILMS.
Brittany played by Jillian Bell in the 2019 movie “Brittany Runs a Marathon,” written and directed by Paul Downs Colaizzo.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Brittany Runs a Marathon”
2019 - Rated R
1 hr 44 min
★★★★☆

Everyone out there who’s ever taken up jogging/running to get into shape or to lose weight, raise your hands. C’mon, I know you’re out there. Now, everyone who’s run a marathon, keep your hand up. Not too many of you, are there? For the life of me, I simply can’t imaging running 26 miles, 385 yards. At least, not all at once. As the title would suggest, that’s what this engaging film is about. But it’s quite a bit more than that.

“Brittany Runs a Marathon” is the writing/directing debut for playwright Paul Downs Colaizzo and is loosely based on the story of his friend, also named Brittany. The movie features a great cast including Jillian Bell (“22 Jump Street”), Michaela Watkins (“In a World...”), Micah Stock (“Kindred”), and Utkarsh Ambudkar (“Blindspotting”). It’s the first leading role for Ms. Bell and she gives a remarkable performance. I have no idea why she hasn’t starred in a film before. She’s thoroughly engaging right from the start.

Brittany (Bell) is a total mess, to put it mildly.



Movie poster.

She’s overweight, her life is directionless and she has a thoroughly meaningless job. We learn that she had a job in advertising, but now works part time at a theatre. She spends every night getting blind drunk with her friends, and uses her quick wit as a defense mechanism. She’s amusing, but she’s also so bitter and caustic, she’s rather hard to like. And the so-called friends she hangs out with, are about as vapid and shallow as it gets.

When we first meet

her, Brittany is partying her head off. Then one day she goes to a doctor she describes as “good and cheap”, to score some Adderall. He refuses to give her a scrip but makes a shocking assessment that’s destined to change her life. He tells her she’s way overweight and her blood pressure is through the roof. In fact, if she doesn’t lose 55 pounds, she’s in for some serious health issues in the near future. Her response is, “That is the weight of a Siberian Husky. You want me to pull a medium-size working dog off my body?” A typical humorous response to everything serious she encounters.

Needless to say, she’s stunned. But she’s also determined to do something about it. So she decides to start running. Dressed up in her running togs, she stands outside her NYC apartment and tells herself she’ll just run to the end of the block. Well, she initially

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”



Working out at the gym.



Brittany and her roommate Gretchen (Alice Lee).



Another day, another hangover.

goes a bit further. And then, as luck would have it, she bumps into a woman Catherine (Watkins), who lives in her building. She’s invited to join her casual running group for an outing. Brittany ends up running daily with her and Seth (Stock), a charming young gay father.

The unlikely trio also become fast friends, often sharing thoughts about their feelings of self doubt and shortcomings. Then they decide to attempt something that just might be out of their reach — to run in the annual New York City Marathon. They have almost a year to prepare for it, so their goal just might be obtainable.

Brittany is not only suffering from a feeling of inadequacy, she’s in financial trouble as well. So after lying about her job experience to a recruiter, she lands a gig as a dog walker for a rich couple who are on vacation. The inside of the townhouse they own is jaw-droppingly beautiful — something right out of “Architectural Digest.”

When she shows up to

walk the dog, she’s met by a young man Jern (Ambudkar). He informs her that he watches the house at night. But it turns out he’s basically homeless and is squatting at the home. It’s not long before Brittany ends up moving in with Jern. And naturally, they become a couple.

Everything seems to be going smoothly for her. As she begins shedding the pounds, men start noticing her. They open doors for her and begin to flirt with her. It instills a certain measure of confidence in her too. (I read that Bell dropped several pounds while making the film.) Then, when things are rolling along nicely, and the marathon is just a month away, Brittany suffers a painful leg injury. She’s forced to wear a cast and is told she can’t run for at least six weeks. Of course she’s devastated. And when her two running mates successfully complete the race, she turns bitter towards them.

Naturally, I won’t reveal the outcome of the movie. But let’s say it does take a few twists

and turns before it’s over. And if you’re at all like me, you may want to have some tissues on hand. The entire movie is a carefully crafted series of funny, sad, and emotional moments—not your typical “root for the underdog” storyline. Since it’s written by a playwright, the dialogue is front and center throughout.

I’ll leave you with a bit of trivia I recently discovered. Do you know why a marathon is 26 miles 385 yards? During the 1908 Olympics in London, the starting line for the marathon was adjusted to start just outside a window at Windsor Castle where half of the royal family watched. The finish line was 26 miles 385 yards away, directly in front of the royal box in the White City Stadium for the other half of the royal family! Who knew?

Currently streaming on Prime Video.

Note to parents: The film is rated “R” due to profanity and a tastefully done sex scene. I’d probably rate it “PG-13”, but I’ll let you be the judge.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually buy it!

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

BEGINS NEXT MONTH!

Disney
THE LION KING
THE WORLD'S #1 MUSICAL
MARCH 12 - APRIL 5
Detroit Opera House
us.atgtickets.com/detroit
Groups (10+): broadwayindetroitgroups@atgentertainment.com or call 888-746-1799, Option 3.

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE PRESENTS

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
February 19 - March 1, 2026
PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Tickets at gpt.org/pride
or call 313-881-4004

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution								
4	2	7	8	5	1	6	3	9
5	6	9	7	3	4	2	1	8
3	1	8	2	9	6	5	7	4
9	7	4	3	2	8	1	5	6
6	5	1	4	7	9	8	2	3
2	8	3	1	6	5	9	4	7
1	4	6	5	8	7	3	9	2
7	9	2	6	1	3	4	8	5
8	3	5	9	4	2	7	6	1

2/19 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★ 2/12 Solution © 2026 by Andrews McMeel Syndication

Pointe Word Search

Find the words on the left in the puzzle below.

AMERICAN
CARVED
CHIEF
FACE
FOUR
GIANT
HILLS
HORSE
PRESIDENT
SCULPTURE
STATE

X	U	C	X	N	B	D	T	V	S
P	A	Y	C	H	I	E	F	X	C
C	R	A	O	S	T	A	T	E	U
A	J	E	M	D	W	F	F	H	L
V	C	F	S	E	M	G	O	I	P
G	H	A	N	I	R	R	U	L	T
I	O	C	R	I	D	I	R	L	U
A	R	E	I	V	G	E	C	S	R
N	S	C	J	Z	E	C	N	A	E
T	E	J	D	O	N	D	E	T	N

Contract Bridge

THINK FIRST, PLAY LATER

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

The importance of planning the play is well-illustrated in this deal, where South failed to justify his leap to six spades by not finding the way to make the contract.

West led the ten of hearts, covered by the jack and king and ruffed by South. Declarer then drew trump and led a club to the queen, losing to the king. There was now no way to avoid losing another club, and South finished down one.

Declarer could have made the slam

had he given more thought at the outset to how he might avoid staking his chances solely on the club finesse. He knew from both the bidding and opening lead that East had the A-K of hearts and could have capitalized on this knowledge to assure the contract.

The simplest approach (a similar variation also works) is to refrain from covering the ten of hearts with the jack at trick one. After East also follows low, South ruffs, draws two rounds of trump, cashes the K-A of diamonds and ruffs the ten of diamonds in dummy.

The stage is now set for the decisive play. Declarer leads the queen of hearts from dummy's Q-J-4 and, after East covers with the king, discards the club deuce!

This places East in a hopeless position. If he returns the ace or a low heart, dummy's jack becomes a trick on which South can dispose of his other club loser. A club return from East into dummy's A-Q is equally fatal, and so is a diamond return, which allows declarer to discard a club as he ruffs in dummy.

Many declarers would fail to appreciate the value of dummy's hearts as a means of endplaying East and would sooner or later resort to the club finesse, just as the actual declarer did. But that's not the right way to play the game. Think first, play later!

©2026 King Features Syndicate Inc.

by Steve Becker

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 19, 2026

ACROSS				DOWN			
1	Cpl.'s superior	4	Poisonous atmosphere	10	British trolley car	14	Is for many?
15	Being borrowed	16	Jewish wedding dance	17	How a paddle is used at an auction house	19	Chimpanzee and gorilla, for two
20	Landmass that includes Latvia and Laos	21	Most tidy	23	Militaristic city-state of antiquity	24	Stately trees
25	Where you may find music stands	31	Holiday candelabras	35	High-fat diet	36	Acrobat company
37	Alphabetical nickname	39	Nilla cookie	40	Attains	41	Writer such as Joan Didion or Susan Sontag
43	How priests dress	47	Apple assistant	48	Shohei of baseball	53	Excuse for not turning in homework
56	Prophets	57	sci (study of govt.)	58	Where you may hear cover songs	60	Oscar-winning Ben Affleck film
61	Real surname of Dr. Seuss	62	End of Stanford's URL	63	James or Jimmy	64	Obfuscate, as a message
65	Pumpernickel ingredient	66	Actor Alan "hear"	7	Way of behaving	9	" in the Outfield" (film featuring Anaheim's baseball team)
10	"No worries!"	11	Plastic Clue weapon	12	Greek god of war	13	Sail support
18	Exam for a law graduate	22	Theater chain	26	Agcy. that oversees FEMA	27	Lauder of cosmetics
28	Mortgage deal, for short	29	14-Across, in French	30	Kind	31	Three nativity visitors
32	Biblical garden	33	Punishment for a '90s kid	34	Fixation	38	Org. with aircraft carriers
39	Like some kids' markers or paint	44	Basic dog command	45	Prioritization process	46	Glove alternative
49	Fort Worth sch.	50	Change slightly	51	Not self-reliant	52	Problem
53	Top-selling tablet	54	Folktales and such	55	Russian name meaning "holy"	56	Words after an estimate
59	Spasm						

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

B	E	S	T	I	L	S	S	P	A	T	S
U	T	A	H	N	O	A	H	P	A	N	E
G	A	Y	E	F	O	R	E	A	S	T	R
S	O	L	O	P	A	R	E	N	T	I	N
S	O	O	N	E	R	B	R	I	E		
T	H	R	E	E	M	I	L	E	I	S	L
A	I	R	E		P	I	T	C	H	B	A
G	O	Y	A	S	A	G		P	A	C	S
L	E	T		H	A	H		E	C	H	O
F	A	T	A	L	A	T	T	R	A	C	T
I	C	U	M	F	A	S	L	O	P		
L	A	N	D	O	F	T	H	E	F	R	E
E	D	N	A	E	T	O	N	R	E	A	L
T	I	E	R		R	O	N	I	A	V	R
S	A	L	T		O	K	C		L	E	N

2/12 Solution © 2026 by Andrews McMeel Universal www.upuzzles.com

I Need Space! by John Holmes

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14				15							16			
17				18							19			
20								21		22				
23								24						
				25		26	27					28	29	30
31	32	33	34								35			
36						37		38		39				
40								41		42				
43					44	45	46							
				47						48		49	50	51
53	54	55						56						
57						58		59						
60						61						62		
63						64						65		

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping and important decisions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST today (7 a.m. to 12 noon PST). After that, the Moon moves from PISCES into ARIES.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, February 19, 2026:

You are sensitive, individualistic and perceptive. You want to contribute to the greater good. This year it's time to create solid foundations in your life, both externally and internally. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Physical exercise will be important. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) As this day wears on, it gets better and you become more powerful. Don't be discouraged initially if you feel shot down, criticized or diminished. By the end of the day, you are mighty! Tonight: You win!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Two separate influences are at play today. In one way, this is a popular time for you, and you'll enjoy hanging out with younger, creative people. However, a different influence can make you want to be low-key. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An older friend might create confusion for you today. Perhaps you don't know how to take what they're saying. Fortunately, later in the day, it will be clear. Furthermore, you will make things happen. Tonight: Be friendly

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Tread carefully today because your conversations with bosses, parents and authority figures are subject to confusion. But later in the day, you will speak up. Tonight: You're admired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Steer clear of controversial subjects and issues related to politics, religion and racial matters. These could become depressing, as well as confusing. Tonight: Explore and learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you have the choice, postpone important financial decisions about inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt for another day because today there's an element of confusion, even resentment. Have a clear, calm mind. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Although this is a wonderful, productive time for you and you can get a lot done, today has a few drawbacks when talking to partners, spouses or close friends because misunderstandings might occur. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Mostly, you want to socialize and play today. You also might want to address increased chaos and activity taking place at home so that you can restore order. Patience is key. Tonight: Work to get better organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Romance is challenging today, along with the arts and anything to do with your kids. You might feel increased restrictions or responsibilities. You also might feel an element of confusion and are not sure what's happening. Keep your eyes open. Tonight: Enjoy socializing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Family discussions with parents and older relatives might be discouraging today. They also might be misleading or confusing. This is why by the end of the day you will speak up to clarify things and try to improve the situation. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't fall into the paralysis of negativity by worrying about something today. Admittedly, someone older might be critical or discouraging. You will have your chance to reply, perhaps later today. With fiery Mars in your sign, you're not taking a backseat. Tonight: Interesting conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Financial matters might disappoint you today. Double-check everything because you might not have the correct facts, or you could even be misled by someone. Tonight: Check your belongings.

BORN TODAY Actor Benicio del Toro (1967), actress Millie Bobby Brown (2004), actor Jeff Daniels (1955).

Grosse
Pointe
News

THURSDAY

COMICS

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



YOU DIDN'T SEND ME A VALENTINE, DID YOU?



I DON'T CARE... IT GIVES ME A GOOD EXCUSE



EXCUSE FOR WHAT?



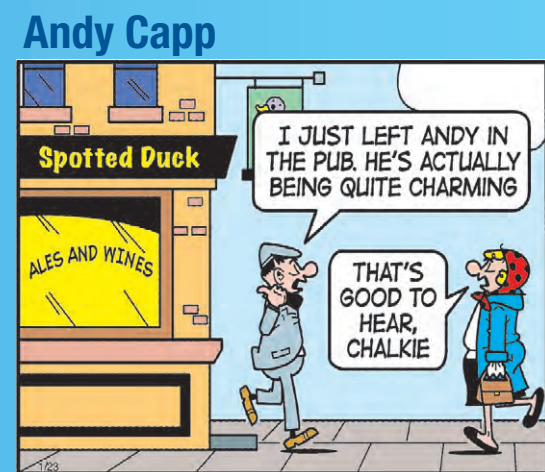
TO KICK YOUR PIANO!



I'll mow the lawn after this game, Dad.

It's already dark outside.

DAYLIGHT WASTING TIME

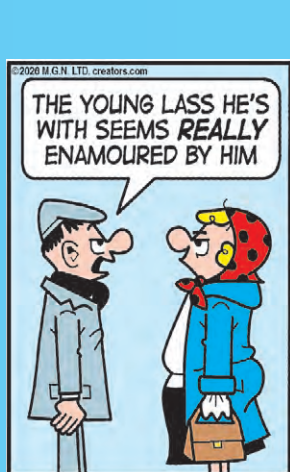


Spotted Duck

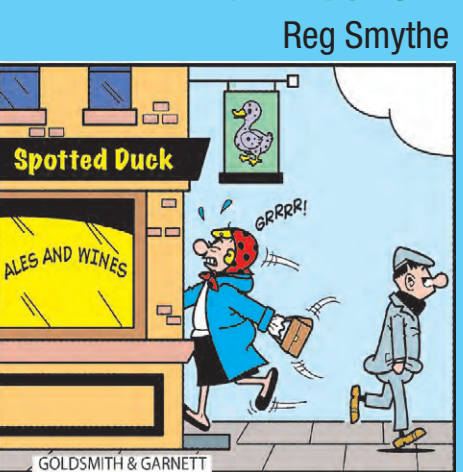
ALES AND WINES

I JUST LEFT ANDY IN THE PUB. HE'S ACTUALLY BEING QUITE CHARMING

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR, CHALKIE



THE YOUNG LASS HE'S WITH SEEMS REALLY ENAMOURD BY HIM

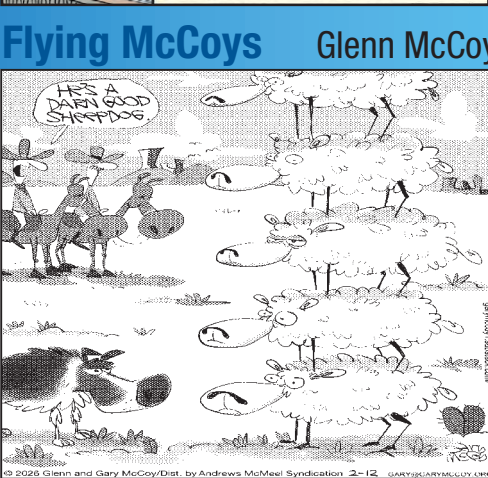


Spotted Duck

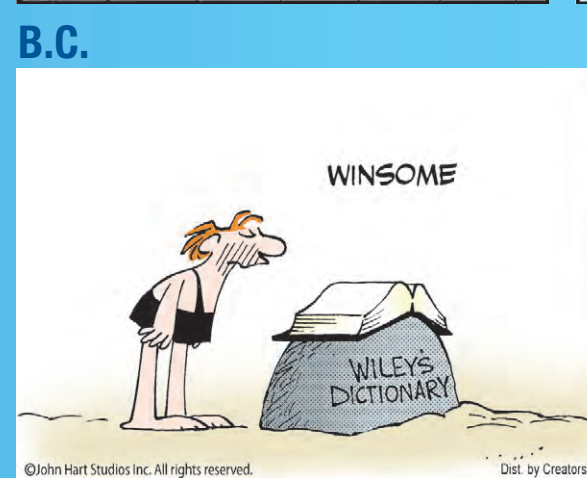
ALES AND WINES

ORRRR!

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT



HE'S A DARN GOOD SHOTDOG



WINSOME

WILEY'S DICTIONARY



THE FIRST HALF OF A PHRASE UTTERED BY A LOSER.

WILEY'S DICTIONARY



IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY EXACTLY HOW MUCH THIS NEW STADIUM WILL COST THE TAXPAYERS

JUST GIVE US A BALL-PARK FIGURE





DID YOU DO WHAT I TOLD YOU TO DO?

WHAT WAS THAT?



I FORGET



BUT YOU BETTER GET STARTED DOING IT NOW

GREG + MORT WALKER



NECK, NECK, NECK... IS THAT ALL YOU GUYS THINK ABOUT?



"REALLY, LORETTA... I'VE EMPTIED THE DISHWASHER BEFORE."

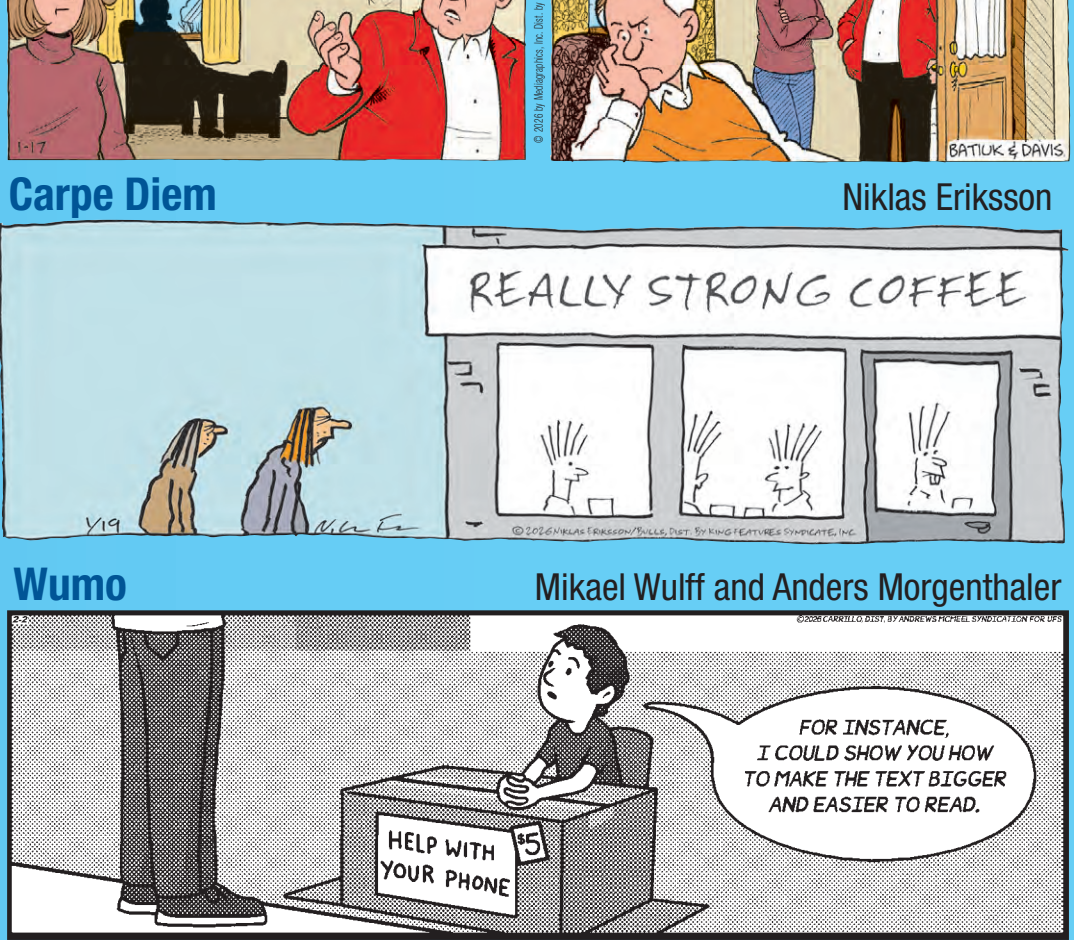


GEORGE SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR TO MAKE SURE THAT ANKLE ISN'T BROKEN.

I KNOW... BUT FOR NOW HE'S GOING TO TREAT IT WITH WISFUL THINKING.



"WELL, IF YOU DIDN'T WANT ANY HELP, WHY DID YOU PUT THAT SIGN IN THE WINDOW?"



REALLY STRONG COFFEE

HELP WITH YOUR PHONE

FOR INSTANCE, I COULD SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE THE TEXT BIGGER AND EASIER TO READ.

Grosse
Pointe
News

THURSDAY

COMICS

Garfield

Jim Davis

IT'S SO COLD IN
HERE, I'M SHIVERING



© 2026 PAMS, INC. All Rights Reserved.

WHICH IS FREAKING
ME OUT



Distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication

THIS IS DANGEROUSLY
CLOSE TO EXERCISE



JIM DAVIS 2-3

Hagar The Horrible

(Dik Browne & Chris Browne Original Creators) Bob Webber Jr. and Gary Hallgren

Close To Home

John McPherson



COME BACK!



PLEASE TAKE THE DUKE'S NASTY CIGARS!



HEAVEN

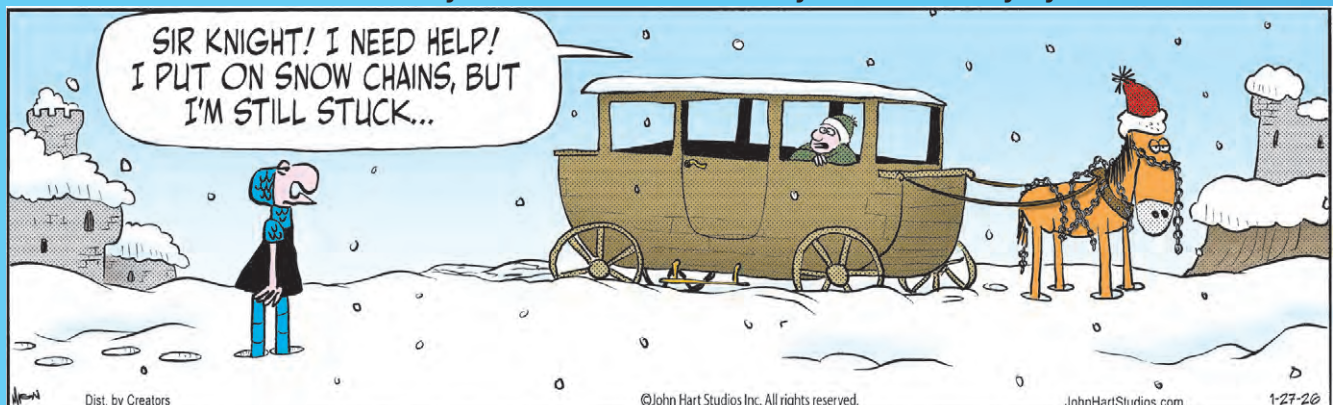
ST. PETER

Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni

Ziggy

Tom Wilson



SIR KNIGHT! I NEED HELP!
I PUT ON SNOW CHAINS, BUT
I'M STILL STUCK...



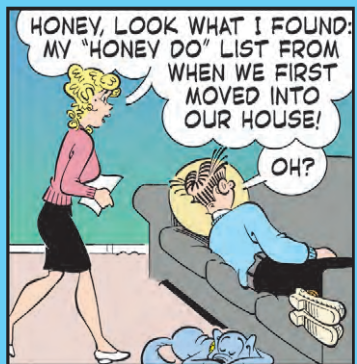
I WASN'T SURE WHICH OF TWO
CARBURETORS
YOUR CAR TOOK...
SO I PUT 'EM BOTH
IN, JUST TO
BE SAFE!!

Blondie

Chris and Dean Young

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



HONEY, LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
MY "HONEY DO" LIST FROM
WHEN WE FIRST
MOVED INTO
OUR HOUSE!

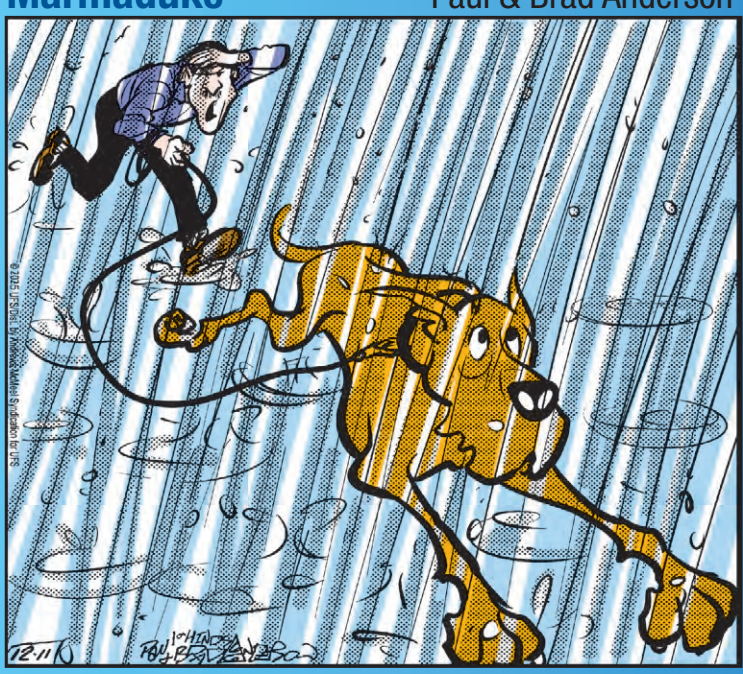
OH?



WOW, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS,
YOU STILL HAVEN'T COMPLETED
MOST OF WHAT'S ON THIS LIST!
YOU MUST HAVE
FORGOTTEN
ALL ABOUT IT!



ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT I HAD
IT BETTER THAN THAT!



NEEDS
POLYSORBATE
60.

Crock

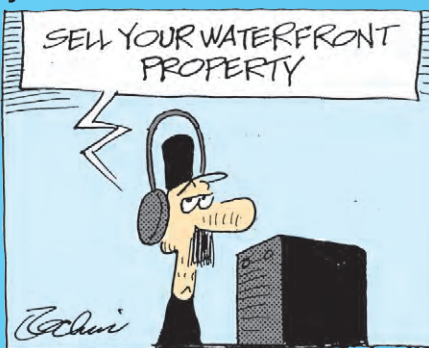
Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker

Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



COME IN, FORT...ONE DROP OF
WATER LEFT...PLEASE ADVISE



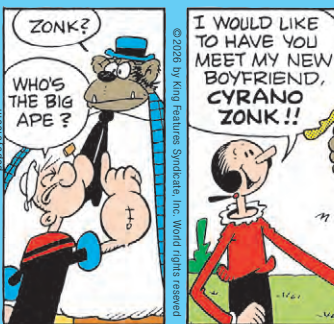
SELL YOUR WATERFRONT
PROPERTY



AHOY, OLIVE!

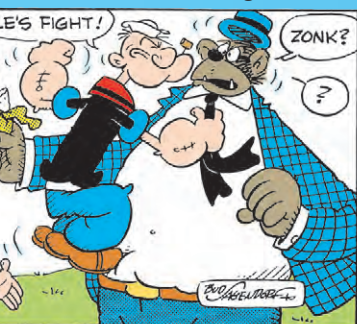
HOW-DO-YOU-
DO, MISTER
POPEYE!

ZONK?



ZONK?

WHO'S THE BIG
APE?



I WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE YOU
MEET MY NEW
BOYFRIEND,
CYRANO
ZONK!!

LET'S FIGHT!

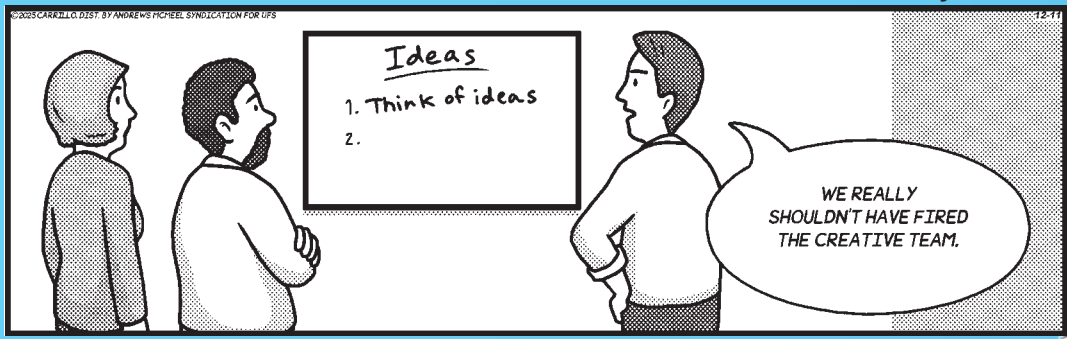
ZONK?

F Minus

Tony Carrillo

Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



1. Think of ideas

2.

WE REALLY
SHOULDN'T HAVE FIRED
THE CREATIVE TEAM.



"Look, Dolly! I can see my voice."



Kid Scoop®

.com

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

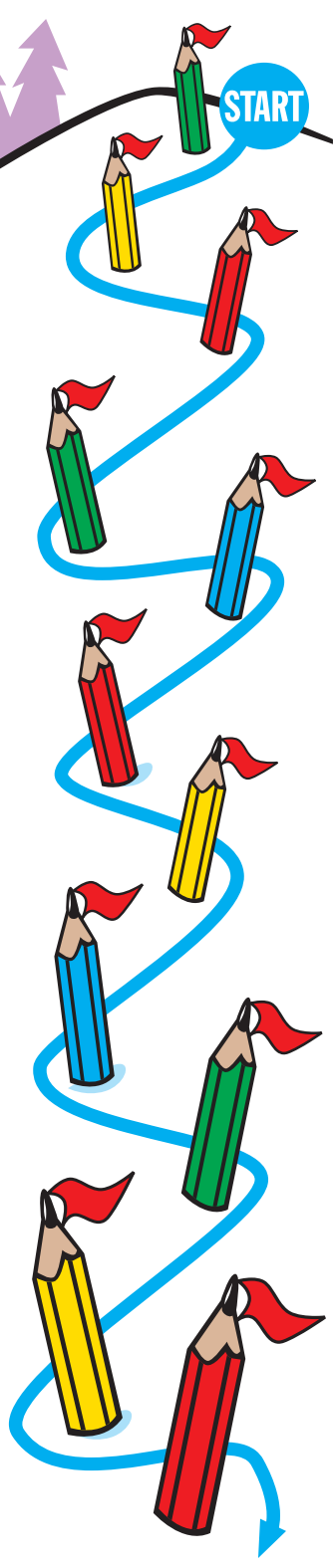
Get puzzle answers, recipes and more at www.kidscoop.com

© 2026 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 42, No. 12



Kid Scoop Together: Slalom Racers

Place a pencil on START. Close your eyes. Trace the curving path down the slalom run. Score **1 point** for each slalom flag cleared. Now have a friend try. Who scored highest?



The Science of the Olympics

GOLD MEDAL DICTIONARY

Fall Line: _____

Friction: _____

Drag: _____

Fall Line

Competitors in downhill skiing, the luge and bobsled races look for the **fall line**. The fall line is the quickest way down a hill. When a sled moves away from the fall line, the athlete must steer to correct the path, losing energy and speed.

Add up the numbers following each bobsled track. The animal athlete with the lowest number has found the fall line and wins the gold!

Standards Link: Physical Science: When forces on an object are unbalanced, the object will change its velocity (i.e., it will speed up, slow down or change direction).



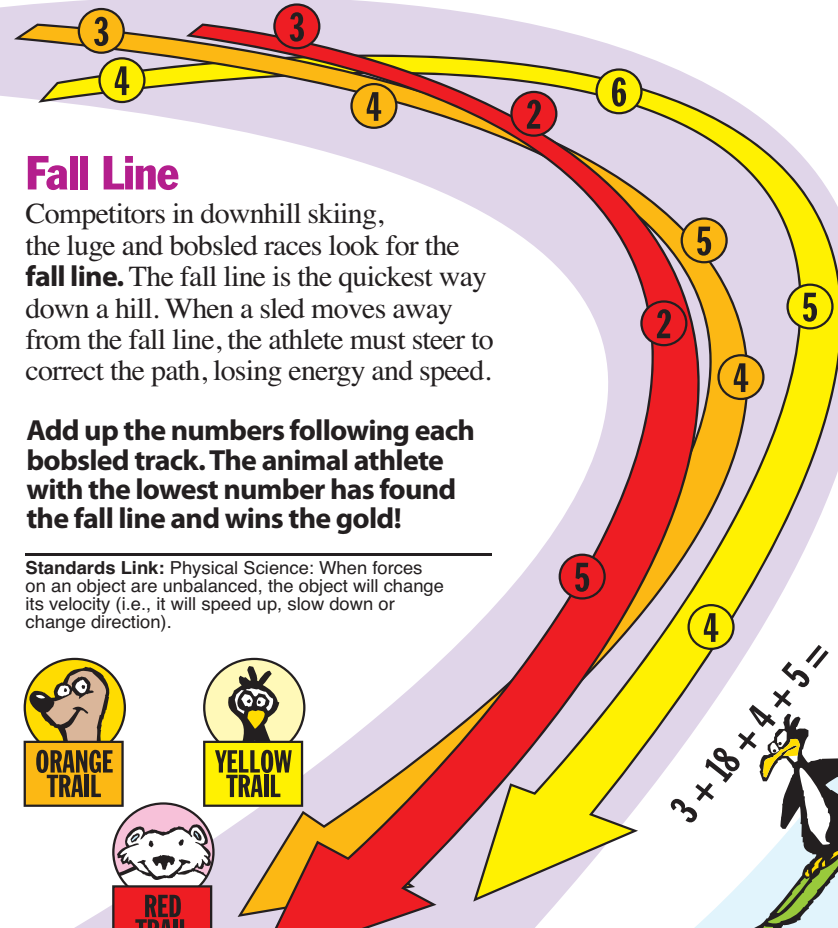
ORANGE TRAIL



YELLOW TRAIL



RED TRAIL



Cutting Down on Drag

While we don't always feel air, we are always moving against it. The faster we move, the more we can feel the air rushing past us. Air is actually slowing down our motion. This is called **drag**.



Downhill skiers crouch with their chests to their knees. They try to be very small, so that only a little of their body is in contact with the air. This lessens the drag. Skiers who have the least amount of drag will ski faster.

Drag Racers

Look at the three skiers. They are all skiing down the fall line. The one with the least drag will win. Circle the skier you think will win.

To find out each skier's time, add up the numbers above each skier. The skier with the fastest time wins the gold!

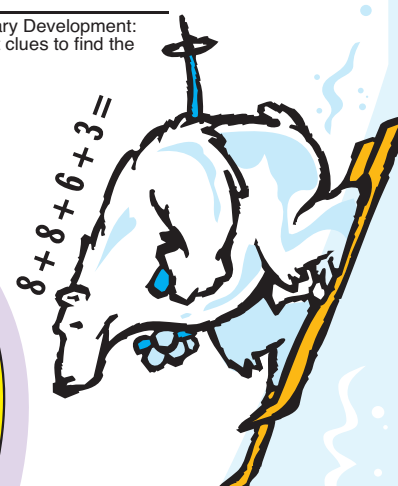
Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 30.



$3 + 18 + 4 + 5 =$



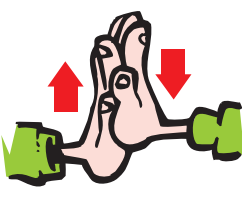
$4 + 2 + 4 + 3 =$



$8 + 8 + 6 + 3 =$

What is Friction?

Friction is the rubbing of one object or surface against another.



Place your two palms together with your palms only lightly touching each other. Slide your palms back and forth against each other. There is only a little friction and your hands move easily. Push your palms tightly together and try to move them back and forth. It will be harder to move your palms because there is a lot of friction and that slows the motion.

Now put soap and water on your hands. This will reduce the friction and your hands should move together faster. Athletes wax skis, boards and runners to lower friction and help them go faster.

Standards Link: Science: Identify forces that can act on an object, including friction.

SNOWBOARD CHALLENGE

The athlete who did the best job waxing their board will win this race. (The lowest number is the fastest time.)

11
6
+ 5



10
2
+ 1



12
3
+ 5



Extra! Extra!

Faster, Higher, Stronger

Look through the newspaper to find pictures and words that represent the above words. Make a Spirit of the Olympics poster with your findings.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Understand and apply media techniques and processes.

FREE DOWNLOAD:
Kid Scoop Teacher Activity Pack!

With hundreds of topics, every **Kid Scoop**® printable activity pack features six-to-seven pages of high-interest extra learning activities for home and school! Get your free sample today at:

kidscoop.com/activity-pages/

Kid Scoop® Puzzler



BOBSLED

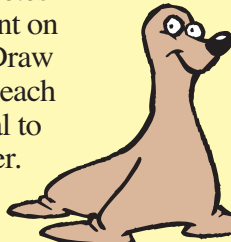


SNOWBOARD



SKIING

Each of these animal athletes won an event on this page. Draw a line from each gold medal to its winner.



Standards Link: Life Science: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

SCIENCE
MEDAL
ATHLETES
OLYMPICS
BOBSLED
SKIER
SPIRIT
FRICTION
DRAG
FALL
LINE
GOLD
LUGE
KNEES
RACERS

G	O	F	O	D	T	L	B	U	C
G	K	T	A	I	G	O	L	D	O
A	A	L	R	L	B	L	E	C	S
R	E	I	K	S	L	O	N	C	M
D	P	O	L	Y	M	P	I	C	S
S	R	E	C	A	R	E	L	P	E
E	D	S	E	E	N	K	D	T	G
N	O	I	T	C	I	R	F	A	U
S	E	T	E	L	H	T	A	I	L

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

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
LUGE

The noun **luge** means a racing sled where riders lie on their backs with feet pointing forward.

There are **luge** competitions in the Winter Olympics.

Try to use the word **luge** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Science Behind the Scenes

The communities that host the Olympic games must respect the environment. Look through the newspaper for ways people protect the environment. Can you find any ideas for protecting the environment during the games?

Standards Link: Earth Science: Know ways in which humans can change ecosystems.

What does an athlete need most to be a great hockey player?



ANSWER: Good ice sight.

Write On!

My Olympic Achievement

Write about a time you achieved something that made you very proud.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

ONE VISION, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COLLEGE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.WCCCD.EDU OR CALL 313-496-2600

Follow Us!   

SPORTS



Shana SINE CAMERON
REALTOR® | SINE & MONAGHAN REALTORS
313.530.7705
313.821.7881
shanasinecameron@gmail.com

Shana
SINE CAMERON

SINE & MONAGHAN
REALTORS

Your next move
starts here.
I know real estate.

2D WRESTLING | 3D NORTH BOYS BASKETBALL | 6D CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Knights keep CHSL crown, girls hockey teams gear up for playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The weather is warming up this week and so are winter sports, as the postseason is nearly here for varsity girls hockey. Some of the biggest games of the season are taking place as teams try to build momentum for the playoffs. The University Liggett School girls varsity hockey team earned a major victory last weekend to defend its Catholic League championship, while Grosse Pointe North closed out the regular season looking to regroup ahead of the playoffs.

University Liggett
The Knights have dominated the Catholic League in recent years when it comes to girls hockey and this year was no exception. Liggett faced off in the CHSL title game against Cranbrook-Kingswood Saturday, Feb. 14, and earned a comeback victory to retain the league championship for another season with a



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

The University Liggett School varsity girls hockey team celebrates after successfully defending its Catholic League title Saturday, Feb. 14, with a 3-2 victory over Cranbrook-Kingswood.

3-2 win. “I was so proud of the girls knowing what they’ve gone through to get here and win the Catholic League title in the first year of our new regime,” Liggett girls hockey head coach Jonathan Yanovsky

said. “It was a special moment and we let the girls celebrate this weekend, but we know we’ve got an even greater challenge ahead of us.” To defend their Catholic League title, the Knights had to do so

by overcoming an early deficit. Cranbrook took an early 2-0 lead in the first period, but Liggett’s Kate Ricci helped the Knights reduce the gap to one goal by the end of the opening frame. Avery Welsh helped tie things up for the

Knights in the second period. With the game tied 2-2 midway through the third period, the game-winning goal came from the stick of Stella Smiatacz, who found the back of the net to secure another league title for Liggett.

Winning a league championship could prove to be a major boost for the Knights. With the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League (MGHSHL) playoffs beginning in just a couple of weeks, Liggett sees the CHSL title as a chance to gain momentum, but not to get complacent before the state tournament. “We know states are a different animal with the top teams in the league and we can’t make any excuses,” Yanovsky said. “We just have to move forward and keep getting better.” The Knights play one of their final regular-season games at home Friday, Feb. 20, hosting Mid-Michigan Alliance. Puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North
North had an action-packed week in its final stretch of the regular season. It started Wednesday, Feb. 11, when the Norsemen

See HOCKEY, page 4D

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Simmons guides Norsemen through a season of change

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last winter, the Grosse Pointe North varsity boys basketball team had one of its most successful seasons in recent memory and did so with a strong senior class. Another key piece of that season, which included 20 wins, a MAC Blue Division championship and a trip to the district title game, was rising star Lewis Simmons, who has taken over the mantle as one of North’s biggest impact players this season. Although he is only a junior, Simmons is one of the most experienced members of this year’s North team, as the roster includes only a few

Grosse Pointe News

ATHLETE
OF THE WEEK

Lewis Simmons

School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Basketball

Sponsored by Pointe Capital Management

cess over individual success,” Simmons said. “... That idea of having everybody succeed together and trying to be the same person every day, coming in with a positive mindset and a growth mindset, they really passed that down to me. That’s where I get my leadership from.” Simmons also learned the importance of leading by example. Of course, he can take over a game when the Norsemen need him to and he is averaging about 15 points per game this season, along with five rebounds and a 40 percent success rate on three-pointers. But it is how Simmons prepared himself for this year, knowing his leadership would be counted on,



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Lewis Simmons makes a move past an Anchor Bay defender in North’s win over the Tars Friday, Feb. 13.

that made a difference. Defense was one of the main things on Simmons’ mind in the buildup to this winter. He sees himself as a natural scorer, but knows his game has

to be sharp on both ends of the floor to be the type of player the Norsemen need him to be. “I was always a good defender, but I did not really play defense on-

ball last year, so I put a lot of effort into that,” Simmons said. “I’ve also never been really confident or good with my left

See ATHLETE, page 2D

Super Simmons

- Leads North boys basketball with 15 points per game
- Averaging 5 rebounds per game
- Shooting 40% from three-point range this season



POINTE CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT LLC

A MODERN APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL INVESTING™

Jeff Huebner • Liz Ottaway • Jim Carroll • Heather Williams • Susan Doughty • Carter Sales

102 Kercheval Avenue, Suite 200 • Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 • (313) 882-7100 • www.pointecapital.com

Three Pointes wrestlers earn spots at regionals after district finishes

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The journey to Ford Field and the state finals began last weekend for wrestlers around Michigan, including competitors from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North. Blue Devil and Norseman wrestlers took to the mats Saturday, Feb. 14, in their respective individual district tournaments. Three wrestlers, two from South and one from North, kept their dreams of making it to Ford Field alive by placing high enough in the district brackets to advance to the regional round.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils traveled to Chippewa Valley Saturday for the Division 1 district tournament. While the team battled throughout the day, Mason Zentz and Matt Duso ended up being the two South wrestlers who were able to secure their spots in the regional round. “We’re super proud of the hard work and dedication they had this season,” South wrestling coach Dave Salazar said about the team’s regional qualifiers. “We are excited to test our skills with the

best in the state at the regional level and hopefully punch tickets to Ford Field.” Zentz qualified for the regional tournament by finishing fourth in the 144-pound weight class. Zentz won his first two matches of the day at districts, defeating Joshua Scheng from Warren Cousino and L’Anse Creuse North’s Thomas Rowe, both by pinfall. Zentz lost his semifinal match, but defeated Warren Mott’s William Lewis in the consolation bracket to earn a spot in the third-place match. Zentz fell just short of the podium with a loss in the third-place showdown, but still qualified for regionals with his fourth-place finish. Duso also earned his spot at the regional tournament by finishing fourth at districts in the 190-pound class. He won his first match against Beckett Walsh from Anchor Bay, but lost his quarterfinal match. In the consolation bracket, Duso was able to pin Stevenson’s Daniel Herrera. He then advanced to the third-place match with a win over South teammate Liam Willson in the consolation semifinals. Duso was unable to win the third-place

match, but finished fourth and earned his place at regionals. Duso and Zentz will compete at the Division 1 regional tournament Saturday, Feb. 21, at Warren Cousino. **Grosse Pointe North**
The Norsemen made the trip to Melvindale to take on the competition in the Division 2 district tournament. Derand Sako became the only Norseman to move on to regionals, earning a spot on the podium at 157 pounds. Sako defeated Warren Woods-Tower’s Nick Gager in his first match and earned a spot in the semifinals with a win over Ky’rell Williams from Detroit Martin Luther King Jr. in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Sako suffered a loss and had to battle his way through the consolation bracket. He was able to secure a spot in the third-place match and took his spot on the podium and at the regional tournament with a win over Lamphere’s Logan Henkel. Sako will compete for North and look to secure his spot at Ford Field at the Division 2 regional tournament Saturday, Feb. 21, hosted by Warren Woods-Tower.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

Grosse Pointe North senior Derand Sako earned third place in the 157-pound class at the Division 2 district tournament Saturday, Feb. 14, earning a place in the individual regional tournament.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Simmons lines up for free throw in a game against Fraser Jan. 16.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS 2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The City of Harper Woods 2026 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2026 assessment, at City Hall, 19617 Harper Ave. All appeals are by appointment, in-person or submitted in writing. Letters of appeal must be received by March 23, 2026 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted. Please call (313) 343-2527 to schedule an appointment.

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday	March 9, 2026	1:00 pm Organizational Meeting Hearings 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday	March 23, 2026	Hearings 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form 618) L-4035) which can be obtained at City Hall or at the time of appointment or on the City website: www.harperwoodscity.org under the Assessing Department; Board of Review Information.

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk
Published: GPN, Feb. 19, & Mar. 5 2026

ATHLETE:

Continued from page 1D

hand, so I spent all off-season working on that. ... I also knew we needed a leader coming into this year because we lost nine seniors from last year. ... I knew I had to step up in my vocal leadership of the team to make up for what those seniors left.”

The departure of so many seniors from last year’s team brought

some major adjustments that needed to be made for North. Simmons was poised to step into a major role and so far has met everything that was expected of him, even if the win column is not as full as it was last winter. “We asked Lewis to be the leader of this really young team and we are proud of the way that he has handled it,” North boys basketball head coach Rob Johnson said. “He has taken a big jump this year and his best basketball is still ahead of him.”

Even if things are going

rough for the Norsemen, Simmons feels like he can count on himself and his teammates not to bring each other down. Keeping the locker room united through a season of ups and downs can be a tough task for any young leader, especially a junior on the team, but Simmons thinks he and his fellow veterans have been handling the adver-

‘We asked Lewis to be the leader of this really young team and we are proud of the way that he has handled it.’

ROB JOHNSON, GP NORTH BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH ON LEWIS SIMMONS

sity well and are keeping the vibes in the locker room positive.

“Our chemistry and team morale are pretty good, even though we haven’t had the best games,” Simmons said. “We always come in and nobody is pointing fingers at one another or blaming anyone. There’s a really positive morale to the team.”

Keeping up that positive attitude is key with the final stretch of the regular season here. North has won four of its last five games and Simmons has been help-

ing lead the charge.

A playoff run is not out of the question, regardless of what North’s record might be. After all, Simmons was part of the team last season that shocked Detroit Cass Tech in the district semifinal round. He knows anything is possible in the postseason and he and his teammates have

to be playing their best basketball to pull off some of the biggest wins. Things may have started

rough for Simmons and North, but he is helping to right the ship at possibly the right time.

“In the first part of the season, it felt like we just couldn’t play basketball,” he said. “We couldn’t transition. We struggled defensively. Then, we started picking up offensively. ... Now we have all the pieces of the puzzle and I think we just need some wins under our belt. ... We have a good stretch of our season coming up where we can stack some wins and get us on a roll for the playoffs.”

Grosse Pointe News

Do you know an outstanding high school athlete?

Nominate them for Athlete of the Week and put them in the running for Athlete of the Year.

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, scan the QR code or visit our website.

grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week

North boys hoops rallies for wild double-OT win over Anchor Bay

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Things may have gotten off to a slow start this season for Grosse Pointe North boys basketball, but the Norsemen are picking up steam with the playoffs quickly approaching. North entered the final game of MAC Blue Division play Friday, Feb. 13, against Anchor Bay, having won four of its last five games. The Norsemen made it five out of the last six with a thrilling comeback win in double overtime, 78-68 against the Tars.

“It shows how much we’ve grown in the last couple of weeks,” North boys basketball head coach Rob Johnson said about the win against Anchor Bay. “That’s one of the crazier games that I’ve been a part of. ... It’s good for us because we’re learning and we’ve been in these moments now. These guys are growing up a little bit. At the beginning of the year, we were finding different ways of not being able to win those games and now we’re finding different ways to win.”

Until the end of regulation in last Friday’s game, North was keeping things close with Anchor



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North sophomore guard Jarrell Thomas scored 22 points in the team’s double-overtime win against Anchor Bay Friday, Feb. 13.

Bay, but could not quite catch up. The Tars held single-digit leads much of the night, leading by three at the end of the first quarter and going into the halftime break up by five with the score at 31-26.

It was not until the final minutes of regulation that the Norsemen finally were able to close the

gap. North knocked down a few clutch shots and the defense made a few key stops that eventually put the Norsemen in a position to tie the game or pull ahead.

North’s Lewis Simmons made a shot to give his team a one-point lead and also was fouled, making the free throw to put North up 56-54 with

just 14 seconds left. It left just enough time on the clock for Anchor Bay to rush down the court and tie the game at 56 in the final seconds. One last heave at the buzzer by North’s Cole Champine was close, but came up short and sent the game to overtime.

Like the rest of the game, the first overtime

was closely contested. Neither team broke away in the first four-minute extra period and the game went to double overtime tied 68-68.

The second overtime was all North. The Norsemen stepped up on defense to completely shut down the Tars in double overtime, pulling away to win by 10 as

Anchor Bay was held scoreless in the final four minutes.

“Now there’s a belief of not only can we win these close games and win in different ways, but we’re never really out of it,” Johnson said about the importance of winning a game like this before the playoffs. “I think the guys believe now that they’ve seen a few of these late-game wins and winning five out of the last six is that they’re never really out of it.”

In a long game, two Norsemen were able to surpass the 20-point mark. Simmons led the team with 24, while sophomore guard Jarrell Thomas finished with 22 points. Senior Aidyn Brown also got into double digits with 12 points.

North added another win to its streak Monday, Feb. 16, with a dominant 87-48 victory over Sterling Heights. The Norsemen close out the regular season on the road Thursday, Feb. 19, visiting Utica. They open the playoffs in the first round of the Division 1 district tournament Monday, Feb. 23, against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South. That game will be played at Detroit Cass Tech at 7 p.m.

South, North battle for bragging rights in the pool

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It was an all-Pointes affair in the pool at Grosse Pointe South Tuesday, Feb. 10, as the South varsity boys swim and dive team hosted Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School swimmer Brendan Beland for one of the regular season’s final meets. There were some great performances by the Blue Devils, Norsemen and Knights, but South ultimately reigned victorious with Pointes’ bragging rights by defeating North 119-66 in the head-to-head scoring.

South sophomore Brady Bond had perhaps

the best night of anyone in the pool. Bond had four first-place finishes at the meet, including earning the top spot in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. He also took first place in the 200 medley relay along with teammates Joseph Fodell, Everett Wood and Nadeem Haurani. Bond, Fodell, Haurani and Lucas Curtis also finished first in the 400 freestyle relay.

Curtis took first place in the 200 freestyle and finished second in the 500 freestyle behind North’s Brady Winbigger. Winbigger had a big day for the Norsemen, also taking first place in the 200 IM and finishing second in the 200 medley

relay with teammates James Gusmano, Thomas Kezhaya and Paul Stephens. Gusmano also earned the top spot in the 100 breaststroke for the Norsemen.

Senior swimmer Beland had a strong day representing Liggett at the meet. Beland took first in the 100 butterfly and finished second in the 50 freestyle.

South’s Myles Meldrum was the top diver at the meet, taking first place with North’s Eli Kociba finishing second.

Up next for North and South is the MAC Red Division meet, which is set to be hosted by South beginning Friday, Feb. 27.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANE WINBIGLER

The Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North varsity boys swim and dive teams shake hands after their head-to-head meet Tuesday, Feb. 10.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE

2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will meet in the Conference Room at 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:			
Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 10, 2026	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 10, 2026	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
March 17, 2026	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
March 24, 2026	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2026 Board of Review Petitions are required and must be submitted to the Board of Review upon arrival to your meeting. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in-person before the Board of Review is end of day Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper. All board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the “Open Meetings Act.” If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor’s Office at 313.343.2452

Eric Dunlap
City Assessor

G.P.N.: Publishing Dates
2/19/26, 2/26/26, 3/5/26

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2026 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting

March 10, 2026 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings

March 10, 2026 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM

March 24, 2026 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. In person hearings are by appointment only and write in petitions will be accepted. **COMPLETED 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS (L-4035 FORMS) ARE NECESSARY**, and must be filled out entirely prior to your appointment or petition drop off. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by a taxpayer representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor’s office. Written petitions must be received by the Assessor’s office end of day Tuesday, March 24, 2026 to be reviewed by the Board. **Postmarks are not accepted.** More information on Board of Review dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the city website.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the “Open Meetings Act”.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor’s Office at (313) 822-6200.

GPN: 2/19/26, 2/26/26, 3/5/26

4D | SPORTS

Rising stars ink college sports signings

Seven Grosse Pointe athletes, five from Grosse Pointe South and two from Grosse Pointe North, recently signed on the dotted line to make their college sports futures official. These athletes will represent the Pointes in three sports at seven different colleges and universities around Michigan and the country.

Above right: Five Blue Devils from Grosse Pointe South sign their college sports letters. From left; Malia Thole (Catholic University of America women’s rowing), Stanton Kapla (John Carroll University football), Whitney Handwork (College of the Holy Cross women’s swim and dive), Mischa Eng (New York University women’s swim and dive), Grady Deenik (Marist University men’s rowing).

Right: Cole Champine, left, and Jacob Sahadi from Grosse Pointe North both commit to play college football. Champine will compete at Albion College while Sahadi signed with Lawrence Tech.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS



Blue Devils outlast Falcons

Evie Baer, left, scored 16 points for Grosse Pointe South varsity girls basketball in the team’s 57-50 win over Henry Ford II last Thursday, Feb. 12. Baer was one of three Blue Devils to reach double-digit points in the game. Senior Morgan Duff led the team with 22 points and junior Ciara Pongratz had 11. South followed the win up with another victory Saturday, Feb. 14, defeating Frankfort Elberta 54-41. The Blue Devils finish the regular season on the road Friday, Feb. 20, taking on Port Huron.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

HOCKEY:

Continued from page 1D

earned a 5-1 win on the road against Walled Lake. Mia Wilhelm and Paige Martin each scored twice for the Norsemen in the win. The game also included two points from sophomore Twila Shappy-Behn, who leads the team in points and has burst onto the scene as one of North’s most key players this winter. “Twila is a tremendous player and it’s been incredible to watch her grow into both a skilled competitor and a leader on and off the ice,” North girls hockey head coach Taylor Shaheen said. “She’s intense and locked in on game days with complete focus. One of the biggest steps in her development has been learning how to slow the game down mentally

and physically, which is a huge milestone and something that’s very difficult for athletes to master. She brings relentless energy and never quits and that drives the entire team.” Shappy-Behn made an even bigger impact in North’s next game, despite the result not being as kind to the team. North returned home Friday, Feb. 13, to host Bloomfield-Birmingham. Shappy-Behn was the only North player to find the back of the net, tallying a hat trick in a 5-3 loss for the Norsemen. The final game of the regular season for North came Sunday, Feb. 15, when it hosted Livonia United. Another hat trick for Shappy-Behn was spoiled by another loss for the Norsemen, falling to Livonia 6-5. Ava Villani and Kate Kasuba scored the other goals for North in the loss.

North now gets a bit of a break before the playoffs begin, with the post-season not starting until Feb. 26. In that time, the Norsemen want to remain focused on improvement and positivity, with their ability to adapt and communicate being key in the most important games. “The team is doing their best at practicing how to work as one unit, with all teammates, not shuffled and the girls are doing a great job adapting. They are talking on the ice and lifting each other up.”

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
BOARD OF REVIEW
Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2026 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026
From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
and
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313)-692-0081. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY 4:00pm ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24th.

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City
2026 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS
The Assessments for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores in Wayne and Macomb County have been completed for 2026. The Board of Review will hear petitions on the following dates:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
795 LAKE SHORE RD.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write-in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf). Appointments may be made by calling 313-881-6565. **Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/16/26) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner.** You may call 313-881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions, please contact the Assessor’s Office at 313-881-6565 or email pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov.

Published: Grosse Pointe News: 2/19/26, 2/26/26, 3/5/26

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, school winter sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Erin Korsak, Claire Nurse and Eva Jarvi finished first in trio for the Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team in a meet at Troy last Thursday, Feb. 12.

It was a strong day for the Dolphins overall, with Jarvi and Nurse also finishing first in freestyle duet.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS



GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The University Liggett School varsity girls basketball team earned a narrow victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills last Thursday, Feb. 12. The Knights held on to take down the Gryphons 41-39. Liggett takes the court again Monday, Feb. 23, hosting Divine Child at 5:30 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North varsity girls basketball team was victorious 45-25 over Imlay City Monday, Feb. 16. It was a bounce-back game for the Norsemen, who lost to Eisenhower 62-49 in their previous game last Thursday, Feb. 12. North defends its home court Friday, Feb. 20, hosting Dakota at 6 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe South varsity boys hockey finished the regular season with a win Saturday, Feb. 14, taking down Walled Lake United 8-6. Will Gryzenia led the Blue Devils with a hat trick. Marty Wayman had a pair of goals, while Cole Zaccagni, Liam O'Donoghue and Lucas Reynolds found the back of the net as well. South began the playoffs in the Division 2 regional tournament, taking on Allen Park after press time Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey squad was victorious over Bishop Foley 4-3 last Wednesday, Feb. 11. Junior captain Charlie Mueller scored twice, helping him surpass the 100-point mark in his career with North. Aidan Burney and Brandon Schock added North's other goals in the win.

The win for the Norsemen was followed by a loss to end the regular season last Friday, Feb. 13. North fell 2-1 to the Capital City Capitals, with Burney scoring North's lone goal. North began playoff action after press time Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the opening round of the Division 3 regional tournament against Marysville.

The University Liggett School boys hockey team finished the regular season with a pair of wins last week. The first came over Marysville 4-1 last Thursday, Feb. 12. Griffin Marchal scored twice for the Knights, with Landen Maltby and Nick Gould also scoring.

Liggett then went on the road and notched a 5-2 win against Chippewa Valley United in the regular season finale Saturday, Feb. 14. Maltby netted a pair of goals this time. Marchal, Luke Slanec and Owen Delisle scored as well.

The Knights begin the playoffs in the Division 3 regional tournament, earning a bye to the semifinals. They will face either Bishop Foley or De La Salle Collegiate Friday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Wallace Ice Arena.



COURTESY PHOTO



FOLLOW
GROSSE POINTE NEWS
SPORTS



Send your best sports photos and achievements to our DMs on Instagram or to our email, sports@grossepointenews.com, for your chance to be featured on our social media and even in the sports section of the Grosse Pointe News each week!



Scan the QR code above to follow us!

CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on **MARCH 04, 2026** at 5:00 P.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, East Pointe, MI, 48021 The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

2008 PONTIAC G6.....	1G2ZG57N484187835
2010 DODGE CHARGER	283CA3CV3AH311777
2002 CHEVY TAHOE	1GNEK13202R153516
2013 CHEVY SPARK	KL8CD6S96DC507577
2009 CHEVY TRAVERSE	1GNER13D99S148799
2010 NISSAN MURANO	JN8AZ1MWSAW101116
2020 MAZDA CX-30	3MVDMBCL3LM106742
2023 FORD EXPLORER	1FMSK8JH6PGB92091
2015 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP9FC244624
2008 CHEVY EQUINOX	2CNDL13F086046327
2005 FORD F-150	1FTPW1457FA10103
2014 CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WA5E34E1153525
2011 GMC YUKON	1GKS2MEF0BR195074
2014 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP4EC419750
2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM	1G2NE52F95M238195

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Lt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

POSTED: February 17, 2026
PUBLISHED: February 19, 2026

A copy of this notice can be viewed on www.harperwoodscity.org under Public Notices.

WEB: GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM

Responsibility for classified advertising errors is limited to either a cancellation of the charge or a re-run of the portion of the error. Notification must be given in time for the correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility for the same after the first insertion.

487 CHALMERS ST.
 Jefferson/ Chalmers
 Historical business
 district.
 Bordering Grosse
 Pointe Park, south
 of Jefferson.
 3 bedroom,
 1 1/2 Bath,
 clean fireplaces,
 den/ office,
 kitchenette,
 hardwood floors,
 privacy fencing,
 air, etc...
 \$1,850+ deposit+
 \$250 cleaning
 fee deposit.
 (313)530-8825

Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license

Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license.

Grosse Pointe News
Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 4