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District proceeds with reconfiguration plan

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A vote on principal appointments, a report on teacher assignments for 2020-21 and a scheduled vote to approve the new middle school curriculum

indicate the district is moving forward with the reconfiguration plan slated for implementation in the fall.

At its regular meeting April 13, held virtually via livestream consistent with requirements of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's

executive order due to COVID-19, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted 7-0 to approve two principal appointments for 2020-21.

Jodie Randazzo, interim principal at Ferry

Elementary School, was approved as permanent principal and Walter Fitzpatrick, longtime principal at Trombly Elementary School, was approved as Kerby Elementary School's principal.

Beginning next year,

Trombly will close as an elementary school, but remain open to house three early childhood classrooms. Kerby Interim Principal Julie Bourke will return to the classroom as a teacher in the fall and Hussain Ali, principal at Poupard

Elementary School, which is closing its doors in response to declining enrollment, has accepted a position as principal at Mann Elementary School in Oak Park, Ill., beginning July 1.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN MARTIN

The Sherding family of Grosse Pointe Park pose for a "porch-trait."

Porch posers boost business, help out healthcare workers

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — When photographer John Martin points his lens these days, his goal is more than capturing the perfect image.

Since temporarily closing his Mack Avenue studio after the state-ordered

shutdown of non-essential businesses, Martin has gained considerable notice for helping popularize outdoor home photo shoots being staged in various parts of the country.

But "porch-traits," as Martin terms them, have become a threefold mission of memories, boost-

ing local businesses and supporting medical professionals.

"Normally we're going to Belle Isle or downtown or someplace cool like that, but these sessions are 10 minutes, tops," Martin said.

The lack of business at John F. Martin Photography first led him

to invite neighbors outside to pose for images snapped from 10 to 20 feet away, respecting safety guidelines, just to keep Martin occupied. His first "porch-trait" Facebook post was shared around 50,000 times, which led Martin to set up more mini-sessions and donate profits toward meals for hospital staff.

"I could have taken the money and gone to Kroger or Costco and bought

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Discarded gloves raise concerns

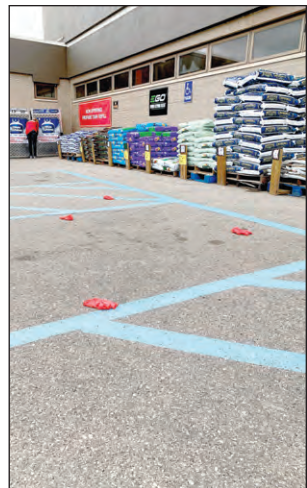
By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Across the state, law enforcement and businesses alike have been struggling with shoppers discarding personal protection gloves in parking lots as they leave — and the Grosse Pointes are no exception.

"It can put employees (at risk), it can put other customers, people that are walking their animals (at risk)," said Cindy Sexton, assistant general manager at Village Market. "It's not good for the environment and those are the things we have to think about for the future, not just ourselves in this time, but for future generations to come."

Anyone improperly disposing of gloves in this way can be cited and fined for littering.

"Obviously, you can't litter," City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni said. "Littering is a violation and we would expect that people would be responsible. If they feel that the gloves are contaminated enough to throw them on the



COURTESY PHOTO

Scattered gloves discarded in the parking lot of an area store on Mack.

ground, then they should know that someone would have to pick those up."

If a customer does not want to dispose of the gloves in a receptacle, he suggested taking an extra bag from the grocery store to put the gloves in and then disposing of it once home.

"The workers don't want to have to pick up someone's possibly contaminated gloves," he added.

Placing store employees and other customers

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Ascension St. John rolls out support bags for frontline staff

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — In a partnership between Ascension St. John Hospital and LA Fitness, the gym has opened its facilities to hospital employees to shower before they return home at the end of the day; the hospital itself has purchased 2,000 laundry bags for nurses to safely transport

their contaminated clothes home to be washed; the hospital cafeteria is treating employees to free meals; and a hardship fund, currently comprised of \$30,000, has been developed to support employees who need help with items such as rent and utilities.

Most recently, adding to these initiatives attempting to ease the burden of healthcare workers, is a program making use of com-

munity donations to create support bags for frontline staff.

"We didn't even really need to put the call out," Executive Assistant Lisa Caradonna said. "The community was calling us for what they can provide and what they can do for the nurses. We were so fortunate. The outpouring of generosity is humbling how much the eastside community has rallied around

this hospital."

The support bags include items such as toilet paper, paper towel, Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, chapstick, items from Bath & Body Works and canned soups, aiming to provide toiletries and household goods that frontline staff don't have the time or energy to buy them-

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Donna Schneck
 Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
 Burn survivor turns tragedy into triumph throughout her life



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Entrepreneur says bartering benefits business in tough times

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Something Fred Detwiler learned from his days working at a local radio station in the 1970s still influences his perspective. The founder of TradeFirst says the value of old-fashioned credit not only helps neighborhood businesses, but can strengthen communities during currently difficult economic times.

Back at WABX, Detwiler recalls on-air restaurant promotion through the station, given in exchange for credit WABX might use to treat its staff to an outing at the restaurant.

“Well, after a while, the

restaurant gets tired and they say, ‘I don’t need any airtime. I need my grease traps cleaned,’” Detwiler said.

While the restaurant looked elsewhere for cleaning service, the lack of a mutual trade with the station could have negative results.

“The restaurant would have tables that go empty, the radio station would have airtime that’s empty,” Detwiler added.

The business model he later launched in 1978 considered a wide range of products and services in the local marketplace, plus the need for both cash profit and occasional support. Today TradeFirst has brokered \$500 million in credit

exchanges and expanded to include member businesses throughout Southeast Michigan and in Ohio, Florida and the Caribbean.

A lifelong Pointes resident, Detwiler is especially concerned about supporting restaurants and other local shops that have lost revenue since the public health crisis began.

“I’ll bet there are business owners now, saying, ‘If only I had made more money last month’ or ‘If only I had made more money six months ago, I’d be in a better position,’” he said.

Detwiler and a few members of the TradeFirst team still operate daily, patronizing

TradeFirst member restaurants at their carryout registers during lunchtime. Along with dining establishments, about 50 Grosse Pointe-area members include auto repair shops, plumbers and cleaning companies, all of which earn “trade dollars” by performing services for other businesses.

Detwiler recommends that non-members consider joining TradeFirst to generate value that can still be leveraged in the community, even as profits might be suffering. The tradefirst.com website and print directory both give a sense of the company’s broad reach, he added.

TradeFirst benefits

entrepreneurs like TradeFirst member Ann Barbieri-Kolinski, co-owner of Da Edoardo restaurant in Grosse Pointe Woods. Her family has operated the iconic spot that offers traditional Northern Italian cuisine for more than 40 years.

As a TradeFirst member, Da Edoardo takes advantage of many benefits like purchasing needed food items at the Better Health Market just a few blocks away. But the importance of TradeFirst membership sometimes reveals itself unexpectedly, like if the restaurant has an HVAC problem.

“When we’ve been in a pinch with refrigeration

issues, trade is a lot better than paying a guy \$1,000 cash to come out and tell us the system needs to be rebuilt,” Barbieri-Kolinski said.

Like many TradeFirst member restaurants, Da Edoardo continues offering carryout service while its dining room is temporarily closed. Detwiler predicts Da Edoardo and others in the TradeFirst network will fully recover from their losses.

“After this is all done I think our members will come back stronger because they have a built-in network of local businesses,” he said. “It just helps companies and companies are people.”

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food for the healthcare workers, but that isn’t helping the local businesses,” he said.

Martin also considered

the benefit to caregivers with contagious patients and their risk of “spreading what they might have contracted at work” when grocery shopping.

So he reached out to Steve Zuccaro, owner of Lunchbox Deli at Mack

and Cadieux. Martin’s call was perfectly timed, Zuccaro said.

“I was very grateful because in the beginning days we were really unsure about how this was going to go for us,” he said.

Also the owner of Burrito Mundo in the Woods, which temporarily closed, Zuccaro was determining how he might keep Lunchbox

Deli operating. The 100 lunches funded through “porch-traits” both “helped keep the lights on” at Lunchbox and helped generate new orders, Zuccaro said.

“So, for the business side, it was a benefit and we were happy to hear that we’re helping the hospital workers,” he added. “It was a win-win. I’m just thankful that John thought of us.”

Martin also has donated “porch-trait” profits to other causes, such as a local charity that was forced to cancel its fundraising event. While generously sprinkling earnings from the \$150 single shoots and discounted, multiple-family sessions, he took a contract photographing General Motors’ transition into a safety mask-manufacturing facility, to compensate for his own losses.

“I’ve lost almost all my work for the next month or two, because most of what I do is corporate photography,” Martin said, “and with the companies shutting down right now, there’s really nothing to do.”

Families like the one that canceled a ski trip and chose to dress for the slopes in their “porch-trait,” and the clan that

missed out on a beach vacation, but posed by a kiddie pool, have been a bonus, Martin said.

“It’s super-fun stuff like that, but there are several where it’s just a nice family portrait,” he added. “Everyone’s stuck at home, so these are really easy to schedule.”

Outdoor home photo sessions are happening in other states and Martin has gotten requests from as far away as Muskegon, but it’s not necessary to hire a photographer, he said. He may be contacted at jfmphoto.com, but families can create their own images, Martin said, though he’s glad when he can participate.

“These are extraordinary circumstances,” Martin added. “It’s selfless, but it’s also selfish because I get a little something out of it.”

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Public safety delivers Easter baskets to seniors

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Grosse Pointe seniors who live alone received a nice surprise this Easter morning, when officers showed up at their homes with baskets of homemade baked goods.

"This is tough for everybody," Deputy Chief John Alcorn said. "I think the holidays are even tougher when you can't do the things you normally do and you can't be with who you normally want to be with. ... The idea behind it is just to give them a little pick-me-up and say, 'Hey, we're thinking about you. Keep your head up. This is going to pass and we're here if you need us, so don't hesitate to call.'"

The baskets also included a letter advertising a friendly competition among the officers: Whoever's baked goods are rated the best will receive a prize yet to be determined.

While this is the first year the City's public safety department has



COURTESY PHOTO

Public Safety Officer Andrew Prueter and Sgt. Thomas Martindale deliver baskets Easter morning.

incorporated this project, its efforts to support seniors in the community are not quite as new.

Approximately four years ago, a program called SALE — Seniors and Law Enforcement — was implemented where officers, on a volunteer basis, are partnered with seniors who are limited by health issues or a lack of family in the area. The officers then provide services such as checking in after a major storm, keeping the senior aware of significant scams and even occasionally picking up items for them.

There currently are 35 seniors who the officers check in with on a regular basis, Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni reported, as well as 14 officers involved in the program.

"It just shows a real commitment of our officers to our community and I'm just really proud of our officers that are involved," he said. "They volunteered to do this and we're proud of them that they put the community first as always."

Also as part of this program, the officers brought care packages to seniors

the week before Easter.

"Not all seniors, but a lot of seniors that haven't kept up with technology, I think they're even more isolated right now since they might not be familiar with social media and modern communication, so it really kind of cuts them off with not being able to travel or go to their favorite restaurants and visit friends and family," Alcorn said. "So just in kind of an effort to keep the information out there and let them know we're thinking about them, we did a care package last week."

The packages included donations from Trader Joe's, cookies donated from Marais Market & Cafe, books from the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and a letter including information on which area banks remain open, as well as senior-only shopping hours at Kroger and Trader Joe's.

Kroger offers senior-only shopping 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while Trader Joe's offers it 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hoppy Easter

The Easter Bunny made an appearance at the entrance to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Easter Sunday, waving to cars driving down Lakeshore and coming in to the club for carryouts. People driving by honked and slowed down to wave.

Kroger loses employee

By Laurel Kraus
Staff writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Four Kroger associates — employed at the Kercheval location in Grosse Pointe, North Center location in Northville, John R location in Troy and 5 Mile location in Livonia — have passed away due to COVID-19.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of four Kroger family members," said Rachel Hurst, corporate affairs

manager for The Kroger Co. of Michigan, via email. "... We are mourning along with their families during this extraordinarily difficult time."

Additional steps being taken at Kroger stores in response to COVID-19 include enhancing the daily sanitation practices, including increased frequency of cleaning cashier stations, self-checkouts, credit card terminals, food service

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selves during this time.

Laundry detergent also is included since employees have to wash their clothes at the end of every shift.

"Life taking care of patients is scary enough," said Kevin Grady, M.D., CEO and president of Ascension St. John Hospital. "What we don't want to do is have their lives, especially when they leave here, be anything but more comfortable."

People also have been donating gift cards, Caradonna added, "which is another good thing because when this thing clears up, we can hopefully give back and support the community businesses as well."

In the first round, 2,500 support bags were passed out Tuesday, April 7. One employee burst into tears when she received hers, Caradonna reported.

The hospital is shooting for a total of 5,200 bags, one for each of its employees. The first phase is going to those with the greatest exposure to patients, such as nurses and respiratory therapists.

"We work very, very hard to make sure that there are smiles on their faces, supplies to keep them safe, services that make their life easier once they leave the institution, so I think that the morale is good," Grady reported. "I don't think you'd ever think it would be cheery, but you'd be amazed. You walk down the hallways and you watch our associates taking care of our patients and it's quiet, it's directed and it's just unbelievably honorable."

The bags are organized and packaged by a volunteer team, carefully practicing safe distancing, who worked 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. April 7.

"It's amazing to see," Caradonna said. "The area is like a small garage that we have. It looks like Costco and that's all from the community."

With southeast Michigan being the highest affected area of the state, Ascension St. John also has had nurses and other support staff traveling from other areas to help with patient care.

"I think the other thing that we have to remember is that out of this institution, we have discharged home 500 peo-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASCENSION ST. JOHN

Volunteers create an assembly line to package the support bags.

ple that were either highly suspicious and/or positive and they went home, so we're getting people better," Grady said. "Not everybody is coming in and dying of this (virus). Sadly people are, but we are having people come in, get better and go home. And I mean people that come in, are on ventilators, come off the ventilator and go home."

"So as sad as this is, there's a light at the end of the tunnel and a

brightness," he continued. "We are immensely thankful to the associates, because they made a difference and the community has made it easier for our associates to make a difference."

Drop boxes to collect donations for the support bags can be found outside of Professional Building 1 and outside of the main lobby. Bins to collect donations of personal protection equipment can be found at the loading dock and the

front of the north parking structure.

Those who wish to donate to the fund that pays for the cafeteria

meals for employees should contact Lorraine Owczarek, chief development officer/interim director of operations at the Ascension St. John Foundation, at (586) 703-1553.

"One of the nurses said on social media last night that the nurses are stepping into the role of family, not just caregiver, and that's the difference in these cases," Caradonna said. "She said that her patients are her family right now, because they're all that that patient has, because they can't have a visitor, they can't have their loved ones in there, so these nurses are just developing these incredible bonds with these patients."

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at risk is perhaps the most crucial part of this issue.

"We do have some people that take their gloves off and leave them in the parking lot, but we generally have our crew go out and pick them up and discard of them on a regular basis, along with gathering the carts in the parking lot or by the side of the store," Sexton said.

She clarified that, for the most part, Village Market customers have not been adding to this trend.

"Now when I go to other stores, I do see it all over," she said. "Every

parking lot is filled with them."

Like most stores that remain open, Village Market and Kroger on Kercheval have trash cans in front of the store as well as inside the store at the exit.

"I think the business owners are being responsible and taking care of their lots and picking up as needed," Poloni said.

He reported the City has seen a decrease in this issue from when COVID-19 first became a concern.

"The people in Grosse Pointe, at least in my opinion from what I've seen, are doing a really good job of making sure their community's taken care of," Sexton said.



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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Pointer turns tragedies into triumph

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Donna Schneck remembers vividly the fear and pain of being burned.

It was May 20, 1980. She was at dinner with her husband at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. She had ordered the Steak Diane, a flaming cut of meat prepared tableside.

When the Christian Brothers brandy was added to the saute pan, flames shot toward her and set her ablaze.

"I was a ball of fire — my face, hands, neck, chest," she recalled. "I stopped, dropped and rolled ... but it wouldn't go out."

Her husband in shock, a man from another table tried smothering the flames with his suit coat. But when he lifted it, the flames reignited under Schneck's neck, because fire fueled by alcohol cannot be smothered; it has to burn out.

Schneck spent some time in a Canadian hospital, before returning to the U.S. — to Bon Secours Hospital — where she was treated for her burns in isolation. She credits her strong Catholic faith and the wonderful treatment she received at Bon Secours for saving her life.

After a plastic surgeon told her not to worry about the burn — he compared it to sunburn — she turned to the Detroit Public Library to do her own research.

This led her to Ann Arbor, where she met a burn expert who authored several of the books she'd read — and was introduced to a support group for burn survivors.

"I discovered they would have, once a month, a support group led by the social worker there," Schneck said. "I looked forward to it, to getting information and talking with other burn survivors."

She was disappointed to learn there were no such support groups in Detroit.

"This was 40 years ago. They had support groups for everything," she said. "If you looked hard enough, you could find one for hangnails. They were popular."

"Well, I decided something had to be done, so I started one."

Burns United Support Groups Inc. began in 1986 and lasted more than 20 years under Schneck's guidance. As soon as she named it, she began promoting the organization anywhere she could.

"Our theory or mission was no matter how big or small the burn, you didn't have to qualify," she said. "I didn't want anyone to feel they weren't burned badly enough."

Her turn leading Burns United was just one facet of Schneck's ever-changing life. The Cass Technical High School graduate, who has lived in Grosse Pointe Farms 34 years, has a penchant for trying new things.

"I'm always trying to reinvent myself; that's what I am," she said. "I ended up being a jack-of-all-trades, master of none."

From medical assistant to Realtor to bartender to Apartment Search relocation specialist to Vanda Beauty Counselor to Cosmetics saleswoman, Schneck has held a variety of jobs.

"Before I was burned I had taken a pottery class at the art center in Mount Clemens," she said. "I had also taken a calligraphy class. I loved calligraphy. My intention was always to go to Oakland University and get a bachelor's degree in nursing. I knew medicine was going to be for me. After I was burned, (I was) so weak and trying to recover."

As she recovered, she decided to put her focus in a different direction.

"I started doing sayings in calligraphy and selling different things at little stands," she said. "I'm not a good calligrapher, but I have sold so much calligraphy. It's all on antique parchment, in the same type of wood frame. I did all these sayings. People loved my work and what it said."

From wedding vows and Father's Day wishes to messages for adopted children and other creative sayings, Schneck found her next calling.

"When I needed \$1,000, I'd do a three-day show at Eastland," she said. "I did that for a very long time. It was a wonderful way to get out into the public. People, when they get burned, they only go out at night, because they get made fun of, stared at."

"You can't get angry at the person," she added. "It's natural; it's innate. ... You're always going to survey your area for danger. Danger, to your brain, is when you see something different."

"Besides, if everybody

was nice, how would we know what's bad?"

Schneck also spent time on the board of the Detroit Audubon Society and was instrumental in relocating it from Southfield to the Detroit campus of Wayne State University.

"I worked hard as a relocation specialist in the '90s," she said. "And I was a Realtor at that time, too. ... I used to envy anyone who could go into the woods to hear the birds. I found out that Detroit Audubon had these outings and decided this is where I want to be."

Putting her promotional skills to use, she began publicizing the society: "Not everybody knows what Audubon means. They think it's a highway in Germany where you can drive 200 miles per hour. They have no idea it's about birds."

Schneck, who in her retirement still works part time helping physicians at Ascension St. John and Henry Ford hospitals find temporary housing, is a lifetime member of the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Altar Society. She also practices Holy Yoga at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

Exercise is one of her passions, she said.

"I love working out and I love dancing," she said. "I always wanted to be a good dancer. Thirty years ago, I started to go to Vic Tanny — the aerobics class, way in the back. ... It got to be where I loved it, people all in a line, doing the same thing. Then I moved up to the next row, then the next. My goal was to be in the front row, where the best ones were. I finally got to the front row and then they came out with Zumba. It's the greatest thing."



COURTESY PHOTO

Donna Schneck started the Burns United Support Groups Inc. after surviving her own burns.

Schneck's aerobic and Zumba moves were featured on Grosse Pointe cable as part of regular classes the station offered. She also started creating dances at different establishments and even worked a short time at LA Fitness teaching water aerobics.

While she still enjoys a solid fitness routine, it was difficult to start. Years ago, a serious head injury left her with stroke-like symptoms, including aphasia, for which she spent a year in speech therapy.

Like her burns, Schneck healed from the head injury, but it wasn't the only trauma she's had to overcome.

Just three years before Schneck was burned, her only sibling, a 21-year-old sister, died. This came on the one-year anniversary of her father's death from lung cancer.

"We were waiting for her to arrive at my mother's when at the door the state police were there to inform us my sister was killed in a car accident," Schneck said.

The losses devastated the family for years.

"My mother was still grieving over my father and sister, so when I was released from Bon Secours, the first thing I had to do when I got home to finish recovering

from my burns in 1980 was to get my mother admitted into a mental hospital," Schneck said. "The drama was more than she could handle. Because I was the only child, I took care of her until her death, which was Sept. 28, 2004. Ten months later to the day, July 28, 2005, was when my daughter, Sherri, passed away."

Sherri was 42 when she died from Insulin Resistance Syndrome.

"She was a professional psychic," Schneck said. "She had the gift since she was little. She was no phony."

A memorial drew mourners from as far as Australia, Schneck said.

"She was that well known and helped that many people," she said. "But she's exactly where she needs to be. Her work was done here. Everyone's time to die is the right time."

Schneck, who also is mother to Rene and Kristen, has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"I am so blessed," she concluded. "God is so good all the time. I pray for all those who are having a hard time and there are many. ... We're too blessed to be stressed and too blessed to be depressed, if we stop to thank God."

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counters, shelves and other commonly used areas; encouraging employees to wear masks and gloves; adding Plexiglas partitions at checkout lanes, pharmacy

and Starbucks locations; implementing floor decals and signage for safe physical distancing, including one-way isles; and adopting limits to the number of customers allowed in the store at one time.

"We are coordinating with local health departments and taking steps to

support and safeguard our associates and customers," Hurst said. "We are making mental health and grief counselors available to support our associates. We continue to employ rigorous sanitation and physical distancing procedures in all of our facilities."

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2020-2021 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.** The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website. The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$ 336,270
General Government	1,832,740
Public Safety	5,402,150
Public Works	2,255,200
Parks & Recreation	1,487,970
Other Functions	2,835,500
Contingency	51,500
Transfer - Other Funds	2,036,220
Total	\$ 16,237,550
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 12,165,200
Licenses & Permits	473,850
State Grants	12,000
State-Shared Revenue	920,800
Charges for Service	1,794,600
Fines/Forfeitures	347,500
Interest Income	25,000
Other Revenue	198,600
Fund Balance Appropriation	300,000
Total	\$ 16,237,550

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

Derrick Kozicki,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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ASK MR. HARDWARE By Blair Gilbert

Improve your cloth face mask

During these days of coronavirus, finding a dust mask for some construction is nearly impossible. And as of this writing, one should not be taking a respirator from a first responder or any professional saving lives just for some home remodeling.



Blair Gilbert

My bandana face mask wasn't bad, but I was cutting old ceiling acoustical tiles, which were a dust disaster, and who knows what materials were used in 1978 when they were manufactured.

As I searched the hardware store (where else?) for a better filter material, I stumbled upon the HEPA-rated Shopvac

vacuum filter bags. If there weren't HEPA-rated bags, I would have used the regular filter bags. In fact, I had some discontinued vacuum bags at home from vacuums long disposed of that would have been a great second choice.

I took the filter, cut it into 6-inch squares and with blue painters tape I secured the filter on either side of the bridge of my nose. You could use medical tape, which is probably safer for the skin, but the point is to make the filter tighter to both sides of the nose where these homemade masks usually leak air.

I then tied a bandana over my face, securing the filter to the rest of my nose and mouth and voila, I was now much safer than with just the cloth or no filter at all.

This is in no way a substitute for N95 masks or other certified face respirators and in no way is it safe for preventing the coronavirus. This is just to make one a little safer when working in a dusty environment during the current shortage of dust masks.

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Easter greetings

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The Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department held an Easter Bunny drive-thru for residents April 11, at Pier Park. Around 500 residents stayed in their cars and waved to the Easter Bunny, first responders, City Manager Shane Reeside, Councilman Neil Sroka and Mayor Louis Theros.

Grosse Pointe Park

Hot wheels

Four rims and tires totaling \$600 were stolen from a 2016 Ford Explorer parked in the 900 block of Trombley between 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, and 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 8. The suspect was unknown.

Breaking and entering

A \$1,600 Bianchi Cyclocross road bike and a \$150 Craftsman line trimmer were stolen from a garage in the 1200 block of Lakepointe between 9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, and 7 a.m. Friday, April 10. An unknown perpetrator entered the structure after removing two windows.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Report information

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Credit card fraud

An unknown suspect made a charge of \$3,410 on a Jefferson Avenue resident's credit card Wednesday, April 8.

Hazardous driver

At 12:05 p.m. Saturday, April 11, Grosse Pointe Park called for the City's assistance in the traffic stop of a 33-year-old man at Cadieux Road and Charlevoix Avenue. While fleeing Park

officers, the man drove head on toward a City supervisor, who drove onto a lawn to avoid a crash. The suspect next drove into a City public safety car, causing \$2,300 in damage, and then was apprehended by Park officers near the Coleman A. Young International Airport.

Smoke scare

Officers received a fire alarm call from a home on University Place at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11, where the resident had left self-cleaner in the oven before leaving the home.

Officers made entry to find the home filled with smoke, but no flames were showing. A fan on

a fire engine was used to clear the house.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speeding without a license

After being spotted speeding 47 mph on northbound Lakeshore Road at 1:20 a.m. Thursday, April 9, a 32-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving while license suspended.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Shores Public Safety, Safety, (313) 343-2400. (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Public safety reports were not available.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
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Grosse Pointe Farms

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus
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OUR VIEW

Guv needs a governor?

Unkempt lawns to match unbarbered heads. Up North cottages and motor boats equally neglected. Home improvement projects without the final finishing coat of paint.

For the next two weeks at least, that's Michigan's much-protested future under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's latest orders to try to contain the coronavirus known as COVID-19. They seem to extend past the truly necessary.

Grosse Pointers, as a very generalized group, rely heavily on the now-banned lawn services, for example. What two more weeks of growth will do — other than delight the birds and bunnies — remains to be seen. But responsible landscape companies surely can preserve the safety of their employees, their customers and anyone else they encounter while out and about; this ban seems pointless.

The same holds true for trips to second homes or boaters out for a day of family fishing. Without obvious proof about where disease transmission takes place, restrictions on such activities look more like punishment than serious contributions to Michiganders' well-being.

At this writing, it also looks possible that Michigan has passed its peak period of new cases, particularly here in the southeast corner of the state. That makes it even harder for impatient Michiganders to put up with Gov. Whitmer's tightened restrictions, put in place Monday and running through April 30.

The frustration also partly comes from having no vision yet for the next new "normal." It can't be a summer filled with dandelion lawns, funerals still on hold, new grandbabies waiting to be cuddled.

Presumably this new future requires masks, lots of them. Oakland County has mandated face coverings for people out and about, so it's probably time for everyone to find a bandana and start practicing.

Visualize lots of gloves or hand sanitizer, too. (And good disposal practices to match.) There could require formalized rules for who can go out when — even- and odd-day shopping trips based on your address, for example, akin to watering restrictions sometimes used in droughts.

But for now, who can see the future? And what does emerge remains mostly sad.

Frontline medical personnel at hospitals still are stretched to the breaking point (for various ways to give workers at local hospitals a boost, see coverage in the April 9 Grosse Pointe News). Grocery store employees appear to bear many of the same risks; tragically, the deceased among Kroger employees include one from the store on Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe.

Indeed, the statistics show the Pointes are as susceptible as any place to COVID-19. Data early in the week from Wayne County (see the dashboard at waynecounty.com) show 12 deaths in the Pointes and another five in Harper Woods.

Perhaps Pointers, very generally speaking, are even more susceptible. Many are active retirees who live with additional diagnoses such as high blood pressure or weakened hearts or lungs — and age and pre-existing conditions remain among the top obstacles to recovery from this illness.

So fear is a factor, too, along with the many unknowns. That may make it simpler to get hung up on the moment — the lack of lawn services, say — because what's actually needed — better testing? contact tracing systems? official quarantine protocols? — isn't spelled out yet, let alone underway.

At the grassroots level, that means local governments — even the tiny Pointes — need to work with more flexibility than ever. For starters, no one should be cited for an unruly lawn or garden. Reminders to stay distanced, not to litter and so on, need to be delivered with kindness.

And even if the governor says not to visit the neighbors, most Pointers live where sidewalk-to-porch greetings, or driveway-to-driveway conversations, can take place pretty easily. Midst the worries, that deserves everyone's appreciation.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

The rock at Grosse Pointe South High School has been painted in thanks to various community members and agencies who are giving their all in these challenging times.

OUR VIEW

Earth Day to quietly turn 50

April 22 will mark a great, worldwide irony: Earth Day celebrates its 50th anniversary — at a time of perhaps the least human impact on the planet since long before the first event in 1970.

The spread of the new coronavirus around the globe has led to the suspension of so many activities that air pollution has fallen, oil and natural gas consumption are at a minimum not seen since travel and many other activities were suspended immediately after 9/11 and so on. A lot of industrial and commercial activity has shut down, too; mostly, society is handling essentials but not much else.

Most amazing are pictures from places like Mumbai, where residents can see a blue sky for the first time in decades. But virtually every place, at least in the northern hemisphere and including the neighborhoods of the Grosse Pointes, surely has better air than usual.

The statisticians will eventually add up the pollutants not released, the energy saved, the carbon not burned, the potential plateau this marks in the climate change trends. It will undoubtedly be remarkable.

When April 22, 1970, dawned, climate change wasn't even a thought. Most of the rhetoric turned on

air and water pollution — whether humanity was in effect poisoning itself. Much of the sentiment was devoted to care for the Earth.

Twenty million Americans came out to protest the damage being done to the planet, a massive event that sparked creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the federal Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Michigan took action that in many cases went further to protect the Great Lakes.

But it is one of the unseen dangers — climate change — that perhaps underpins the real urgency these five decades later. The temperature extremes seem to get more extreme and storms of awful intensity seem to get more intense. New record highs in Great Lakes water levels may or not be part of a changing climate pattern. (The early global warming scenarios dwelt more on the possibility of drought and vanishing lakes, not the increased precipitation currently in evidence.)

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day can't bring crowds together because the pandemic requires people to stay apart. But it will arrive about as clean and fresh as a day can be now — a day worth honoring the legacy of the first Earth Day and the need to keep up the fight.

GUEST VIEW By James Tarrant

Open government still vital

"Sunshine is the best disinfectant" so stated Justice Louis Brandeis. The Michigan Press Association feels strongly that transparency in government is crucial to democracy. Especially in times of crisis like the one we are currently facing.

We understand that at all levels of government public servants are scrambling to do what is best and right for the safety of Michigan citizens and we are working with groups like the Michigan Municipal League to sail these uncharted waters while still preserving the public's right to know.

Last month MML Executive Director Dan Gilmartin issued the following statement:

"The current restrictions of Michigan's Open Meeting Act are hampering the ability of local governments to meet the needs of first responders, health care workers, businesses and constituents in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. We call on state officials to move quickly to allow city and village councils and other local governments to hold meetings via virtual modes of communica-

tions, such as teleconferences and Skype, when possible during this critical period.

"The Michigan Municipal League is strongly supportive of a fully transparent government — but also of one capable of doing its job of protecting the health, safety and welfare of people. Quick, decisive action is needed now, by our state leaders and our local leaders."

It is the position of the Michigan Press Association that quick, decisive action is achievable while still maintaining the important tenets of the Open Meetings Act:

- ◆ Deferring what can be deferred and addressing only those items that are absolutely necessary;
- ◆ Ensuring that the public has ability to hear all participants and participate themselves; and
- ◆ Publishing proper notice.

Because local public bodies should be addressing only those items that are absolutely necessary, we think it is also critical to make agendas and meeting packets available online in advance of the meeting.

If the local public body does not have an online presence:

- ◆ Notices of the meeting and information on how people can participate should be run in local newspapers along with a meeting agenda;
- ◆ Meeting packets, agendas and minutes should be made available online either through a local newspaper or the MPA's offered internet site.

MPA has also made it clear that it will work with its members to make such notices available quickly and inform the public where it can find the information. We also feel that violations should be challengeable up to 90 days after the emergency is declared over to allow for proper review of any questionable scenarios.

James Tarrant is executive director of the Michigan Press Association.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

My not so secret superpower



A few weeks ago, I practically out of nowhere came down with a few of the symptoms of COVID-19.

Since I am young and healthy, there was no point in wasting the limited test kits available and, therefore, I may never really know whether or not I had the virus.

However, out of fear

for those I live with, I decided to self-isolate in my room until three days after the last of my symptoms resolved, which is what healthcare workers recommend.

How many days did that end up being, you ask?

Eighteen.

For 18 days I traveled almost exclusively between my bedroom and the bathroom the next door over, taking every effort to ensure I stayed as far away as possible from those I love.

Upon revealing this number to family and friends, I've gotten significant levels of shock

that seem to always end in some variation of the phrase, "I would lose my mind."

But honestly, I wasn't nearly as affected.

Granted, a significant portion of the time was spent knocked down with sickness, which left the feeling of time not exactly passing linearly; yet even when I began feeling more like myself, I never really developed an overwhelming urge to break free from my isolation.

Why?

Introversion.

I am now convinced I might just be the most introverted person I know.

And if introverts recharge through alone time — spoiler alert: we do — then I have basically become the Energizer Bunny of enthusiasm for living life to the fullest.

This manifested in a determined excitement to stick with better habits, which I dove head-first into by going for a run on my first day of freedom after 18 days of almost exclusively sitting in a bed, leading to a headache that has lasted days.

In hindsight, it was not my finest moment, but I blame the enticement of sunshine and fresh air.

The day before Easter

was when it finally became safe for me to rejoin the society of my household, which is fitting timing when you consider my gratitude to God for how this whole situation played out.

With some slight adjustments to normal procedures, I was even able to continue working throughout this period, and I recognize that is a luxury not many people are so fortunate to have right now.

I'd like to say I had some sort of grand epiphany during my 18 days in a strange, new world, but nothing significant seems to come to mind.

I do certainly feel very loved, with my mom bringing me every meal, my brother-in-law putting together a care package of baked goods and snacks, a close family friend crafting a beautiful Easter sign to put near my window and a friend going on a walk specifically to send me pictures of the outdoors I so missed.

My hope is that each of us are able to pick some sort of good out of the unique and possibly devastating circumstances we are all facing.

"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength," Nehemiah 8:10.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945

75 years ago this week

POST OFFICE ORDERS LEASE SIGNED: It looks as if Grosse Pointe is going to have its post office problem settled. Last week, Victor Burlingame, post office inspector in this district, and in charge of leases and rentals for post office properties, called up City Clerk Neff of Grosse Pointe City and informed him he had been instructed from Washington to proceed with the execution of the lease for the property on Maumee, belonging to the City and which has been used as the Grosse Pointe branch of the Detroit office for nearly two years.

STUDENTS TAKE ON CHORES FOR BOND PURCHASERS: Do you find it difficult to hire someone to wash your windows, mow your lawn or take care of all those

little household chores that come with spring? If that is the case, search no more as the 200 senior students at Grosse Pointe High have struck upon an idea that will solve all your household chores. In previous years each senior class has donated a present to the school, but this year these practical, down-to-earth young people feel the war effort needs their support more than anything else, so they have arranged to hold a War Bond auction.

1970

50 years ago this week

START WIDENING OF VERNIER: The Woods Vernier road highway improvement project, the catalyst for some local legal bickering and the cause of a frantic, last-minute program modification last February, will finally get underway on Monday, April 20, when the drainage portion of the project

is launched. Plans call for the widening of Vernier to four lanes, with a fifth turning lane at the intersection of Marter Road.

INCONSISTENCY CORRECTED BY WOODS VOTE:

Apparent inconsistencies in the established boundary lines within which Woods employees must reside was brought before Woods Council at its April 9 meeting and, when a brief debate came to an end, the boundary lines were changed. The matter first came to light when Woods Public Safety Officer Michael Ferrence requested permission to establish residence west of Groesbeck highway on Metropolitan Beach road. The criteria used in determining the boundaries within which employees must live is the travel time necessary to respond from home to the state or city hall in the event of situations that require services in other than normal working hours.

Obituaries: W. Gilmore Brownlee, Edwin J.

Smith, Harold D. Sill, Frederick J. Button, Elmer F. Holke, Mildred E. Garred

1995

25 years ago this week

LAKE EXPERT FORESEES TOUGH FIGHT:

"It will take a while, there are no short-term solutions," said Bruce Manny, an expert on Lake St. Clair, describing the seaweed, zebra mussels and combined sewage overflow problems the lake faces. The fishery biologist traced the correlation between the arrival of zebra mussels and greater water clarity, which has resulted in increased sea-

weed growth.

BUS MILLAGE VOTE ON BALLOT:

With assurances from SMART that the new Wayne County Transit Authority will levy no more than a 1/3-mill tax, that the Grosse Pointes will have representation on the WCTA board and that the communities in the county will not be liable for SMART's debt if the company goes out of business, the four Pointes that opted out of the May 23 vote are now back in.

Obituaries: Marilla B. Ellis, Gertrude W. Whelden, Frederic W. Steiner, Norene De Vuyst, Woodrow Howard Briggs, Maxine F. Barr, Bernardine MacLean, Clara G. Cooper, Louis J. Jost, Armina C. Besimer, Vincent J. Lynch

2010

10 years ago this week

WOLLENWEBER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:

Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator Mark Wollenweber announced he will retire June 30. Wollenweber informed the Woods council of his decision this week, saying he would not seek renewal of his contract, which expires on that date.

Obituaries: Joseph E. "Mike" Tapert D.D.S., Robert Michael Wilson, Theresa Stock, Diane English, Kathleen Potter Townsend, A. Mario Cudini, Mary Anne Kozlowski, Murray Dodge

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Local artist Chris Wardwell has been painting and exhibiting her art for the past 10-15 years. In her own words, "Nature trains your eye to see light, shapes, and values in a whole new way". This painting, titled "Cottage Still Life", offers the feel of being in your favorite Upper Michigan vacation destination. *Donated by Christine Wardwell. Value \$1,000.*

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DISTRICT:

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"I have been really fortunate this school year to serve the Ferry community — students, staff and families," Randazzo said. "It is my absolute privilege and honor to continue in the role of principal. I love the Ferry family and am looking forward to continuing to support and celebrate them and our district."

Randazzo, who currently lives in Farmington Hills but is moving to Grosse Pointe Farms, added she has enrolled her two sons in GPPSS as incoming fifth and sixth graders.

"We're incredibly excited to be a part of the Grosse Pointe community," she said.

Fitzpatrick noted he has been a part of the school district since 1994.

"I've truly appreciated the opportunity to work in the district every single day," he said. "I truly look forward to continuing my working relationship with Grosse Pointe at Kerby next year. I know Julie has done an outstanding job and I look forward to carrying on all the great work

that she has done. I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jodie being named the permanent principal at Ferry and look forward to working with her and the rest of the elementary principals next school year."

Staffing

Reconfiguration staffing also is well underway, according to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean. A committee formed last November surveyed all elementary and middle school teachers and took that information to create a rubric, Dean said.

On Monday, Dean said he emailed 120 tentative assignments for Young 5 to fifth-grade teachers and other than "one clerical error when I accidentally told a first-grade teacher that she was going to be teaching fifth grade at Pierce," he received "no negative feedback whatsoever from any teacher about their assignment for next year.

"We've been saying over 95 percent of people got their first choice," Dean added. "I think it's closer to 98 percent of

teachers got their first choice. We're really proud and happy about that."

Middle school principals will meet with teachers later in the week to create teams, Dean said, and the remaining elective teachers, special education teachers, middle school classroom and high school teachers will be notified of their assignments Monday, April 20.

New curriculum

Slated for a vote at the next regular meeting Monday, April 27 — also to be held as a virtual livestream — is the district reconfiguration curriculum, approved by the district's Educational Program Leadership Council in a 20-2 vote March 25. The EPLC is composed of students, parents and elementary, middle and high school teachers and administrators.

More than 50 teachers served on subcommittees, with at least one administrator on each subcommittee. The subcommittees met to review and propose a curriculum for sixth-grade English and communications; sixth-grade life skills; grades 6-8 advisory; fifth-grade tech essentials and sixth-grade innovation and design; fifth-grade Spanish; fifth-grade support and enrichment; and a fifth-grade physical education-plus class, an alternative to instrumental music. A subcommittee also met to review and make a recommendation on fifth-grade report cards.

"All the pieces of the curriculum that were unveiled last night represented months and months of hard work on the part of our teachers and administrators," board President Margaret Weertz said, thanking

them for their hard work on the new curriculum, as well as their rapid response to the COVID-19 crisis.

"I've seen in the last month incredible stress and also incredible strength," Weertz said. "I couldn't be prouder of our district, our administrators and our teachers and what they've done in the last month."

Remote learning

As part of the superintendent's report, Dean reported on the contingency-in-learning plan, created from a template provided by the Michigan Department of Education in accordance with Whitmer's executive order to continue remote learning through the remainder of the school year.

Dean outlined the expectations for elementary- and secondary-level students and parents, including the need to connect with families individually to determine students' social and emotional needs along with any COVID-19-related hardships.

Director of Special Education Services Stefanie Hayes reported on continuing to follow individual learning plans and Section 504 plans to provide accommodations and support in accordance with the state's individualized contingency learning plan for students with special needs.

Dean said following meetings with groups of elementary and secondary teachers Tuesday to share the plan, it will be submitted to the Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency for approval Wednesday.

Once approved, the plan will be posted on gpschools.org.

Resistance

Grosse Pointe Park resident Lauren Nowicki

started a petition on Change.org April 9, asking the district to "focus on the mental and emotional well-being of our students, as well as the remote education piece as opposed to using energies to push through with reconfiguration," according to an email.

By April 14, the petition had garnered nearly 1,500 signatures "and counting," according to Nowicki. "What will it take for the school board to realize this is not in the best of the community nor the students it serves?"

Nowicki's public comment was one of 73 submitted in writing to be read in accordance with virtual meeting guidelines, with five comments not read because they did not include a name or comment or were duplicate names. Many statements read were duplicates submitted under different names.

All comments called "for a pause on reconfiguration, with the exception of one senior asking for planning for the class of 2020," Nowicki wrote.

"This pandemic has forced companies both large and small to shut down and refocus their energies. We as a district aren't immune to the pandemic. There will be lasting effects of this virus and a whole different set of money troubles as we realize our new normal. The only responsible thing to do at this point is to pause and allow time for this virus to run its course so we can see what our new 'normal' will be."

Based on addresses provided, approximately 75 percent of comments were from the Trombly attendance area. Of the 1,205 petition signatures reviewed by the Grosse Pointe News, 502 were from Grosse Pointe and eight from Harper Woods. Many were from out of state and one was from Germany.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said the presentations from Monday's board meeting represented the work the administration had completed to move forward

with reconfiguration and "provide the best plan for our students."

In his view, approving principal appointments, teacher assignments and revised curricula was part of the normal process of readying for the next school year, with the impact of COVID-19 a reality for every student and teacher in the district regardless of the reconfiguration process.

"I felt like last night's meeting was about the work we had to do to be able to get the reconfiguration curriculum in place," Niehaus said. "Whenever it's implemented, it's still now done. Placing 120 teachers is something we normally do at this time of the school year. Placing our administrative team and their assignments are something we do at this time of the year. I feel we're doing what we normally do with all of the things that are going on around us right now."

Weertz said she viewed the presentations as evidence moving forward was in the school district's best interests.

"Regardless of the COVID virus, the crisis that we're in right now, eighth graders are going to transition to high school next year. Sixth graders are going to transition," she said. "Fifth graders were preparing for this transition. The curriculum is now in place to support that. We are 85 percent there. The teacher placements have been made. The moving company has been hired. The principals have been named for the schools. We're moving forward with this exciting new middle school program."

Weertz urged parents concerned about the impact of reconfiguration or COVID-19 to review the presentations.

"Here's what I saw last night," she said. "I saw that the teachers and administrators had done so much work. The quality of the work was superb. And our educational experts are so excited about these changes to deliver better programs for middle school kids."

Four DI teams make states

Four Grosse Pointe Public School System Destination Imagination teams qualified during the regional competition for the state competition in Lansing in April, now canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Coming in first place in the technical challenge, "The Big Fix," were the Ticklish Turkeys from Pierce Middle School.

Placing second in the elementary improvisation category, "To the Rescue," was the Laughing Llamas team from Trombly

Elementary School.

Also placing second were Defer Elementary School's Dueling Dogs in the engineering challenge, "In the Cards."

Finally, Grosse Pointe South High School's Sample Text team took fifth place in the senior level, "To the Rescue" improvisation.

Teams of students use innovative thinking strategies to develop creative solutions to complex challenges which they showcase at local tournaments.

— Mary Anne Brush

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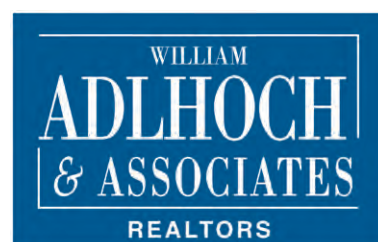
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The happy couple wave to a parade of well-wishers.



Friends wish the couple a "happily ever after."

Love in the time of COVID-19

Couple's happily ever after starts with unique 'reception'

When the COVID-19 pandemic handed Michelle Austin and Tom Vismara a couple of lemons, the lovebirds turned them into sweet lemonade.

The Grosse Pointe North High School and Hope College graduates went on their first date April 4, 2012, and embarked on what would become a lasting relationship. They meant to celebrate their fortune in finding one another by exchanging "I do's" on the same date eight years later.

Plans to wed April 4, 2020, began long before the COVID-19 pandemic put a pause on "normal" life. But even though their big wedding plans were canceled due to coronavirus concerns, Austin and Vismara were determined to still have their big day.

A minister wed the 24-year-olds and their parents served as witnesses — all while



The bride and groom don appropriately themed masks.

practicing social distancing — after which the couple returned to the bride's Grosse Pointe Woods home. "A neighbor deco-

rated the bride's home while they were getting married and all the neighbors had white balloons, so as the couple drove down the street, the neighbors stood outside cheering for them," the bride's aunt, Beth Ahee, wrote in an email. "Not long after arriving home, a parade of 30-some cars — and even a boat — drove by the bride's home, honking, throwing birdseed and congratulating them. Way to make lemonade!"

The groom, the son of Lisa and John Vismara, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, recently completed his first year of medical school at Wayne State University. His bride is the daughter of Mark and Sue Austin of Grosse Pointe Woods. A 10-year brain cancer survivor, she teaches preschool at Ferndale Early Childhood Center.

— Jody McVeigh



Well-wishers pass by in a boat.



Neighbors congratulate the couple with white balloons.



Balloons and banners paraded by the couple shortly after they arrived home.

Church shares messages of hope as part of art contest

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Walkers along Lakeshore often stop near the historic church building of St. Paul on the Lake. It's a beautiful sight to behold, parishioner Anne Graves said, and a perfect spot for prayer and meditation.

Now, passersby have all the more reason to stop and reflect as the church has turned to sidewalk chalk art to share its message. It was a move prompted by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's "Art from the Heart: frontyard art exhibition," an outdoor art contest for the Grosse Pointes.

"Father Jim Bilot sent me an email from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association inviting us to participate and partner with them," said Graves, a staff member who is coordinating the church's efforts. "It's a great way to get everyone united — one heart, one mind — to bring hope and unity within the community."

Graves first recruited nearby parishioner Marie Schueneman, who was quick to accept the

challenge. A second chalk creation was added by Eydie Johnson, who was inspired by Palm Sunday.

"We're celebrating Holy Week and Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week," said Johnson, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "Normally we have a fire outside, then process into the church after the Blessing of the Palms. It came to me that if we can't process into the church like Jesus processed into Jerusalem on a donkey, that we could have Jesus process out to us from the church."

Johnson started her project with a sketch to determine how she'd lay it out, then worked with foam core to create Jesus on a donkey.

"I placed it on the sidewalk to make sure it was the size I wanted," she said. "Just like with watercolor, there's no room for mistakes with chalk art."

After her prep work, it took more than two hours to complete. She also free-handed the quote, "They took palm branches and went out to meet him and cried out,

Hosanna!"

"I volunteer all the time for artistic endeavors at St. Paul Catholic School, where my kids are students," Johnson said. "This is a great way to stay connected with all of us."

"God gave us all different talents," she added, noting she prefers being behind the scenes rather than "being out there. As an artist, this is good for me to share my talents in a quiet way. I let the art speak for me."

Johnson's efforts were awarded Best of Show for the GPAA's first week of competition.

Graves has other artists lined up for the project, which she plans to continue through the contest end date of May 17. Next up are Rose and Alice Williamson, who created a Good Friday scene in front of the church.

"So many people are walking on Lakeshore," Graves said. "It's great to see people out with their families. It's a great space to send messages of hope ... we care, we miss you, we're praying for you. ... We're trying to keep connected to people through

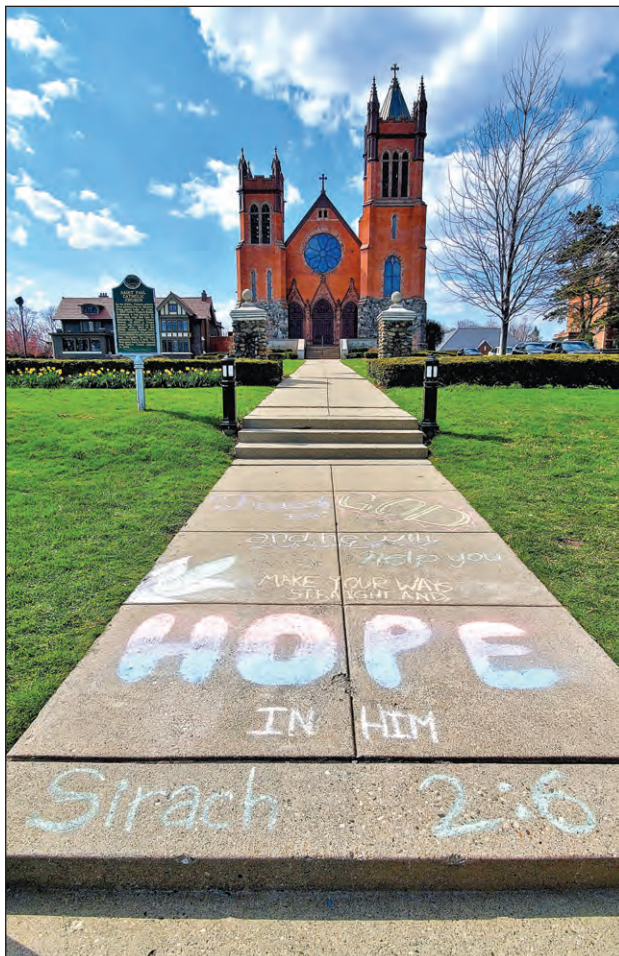


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The Easter message at St. Paul on the Lake.

this exhibit."

St. Paul on the Lake, like many churches, also is staying connected by offering online worship. Daily Mass is posted

online at 10 a.m. every day but Saturday, Graves said.

"People find it very comforting," Graves also films and

posts a weekly story read by Bilot.

"It gives him joy to try to stay connected with people as much as possible," Graves said. "Our clergy misses people and people miss our clergy. ... I love that people are able to bring it into their homes and can see their pastor reading stories with a joyful heart. It's comforting, moving and a great point of connection for families who need a break from the news."

Mass and story time may be found on the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Facebook page.

Additionally, St. Paul parishioners have been reaching out to the community's senior population, providing wellness checks.

"We want to help lift people's spirits and connect with the community and be as helpful as we can," Graves said. "We've made phone calls to over 900 seniors to make sure they're OK. Do they have the essentials? Do they need prayer? Those are the most vulnerable and many times they're isolating."

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OBITUARIES

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

Barbara Yazbeck Vethacke

St. Clair Shores resident Barbara Yazbeck Vethacke, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2020, after a fearless and courageous fight against COVID-19. She was 74. Born April 26, 1945, Barbara was the third child of Elizabeth Elias and Simon Peter Yazbeck.

Barbara was a loving and selfless mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, mother-in-law and godmother. Many knew her as "Babs," a friend who was always there for them.

Barbara had many interests and hobbies, but her passion was her grandchildren. She had endless energy, loved to work, always put others before herself and had an uncanny ability to make every person she spoke with feel special. As a family friend summarized Barbara's legacy, "I have so many great memories of your mom and the home she created for all of us."

Barbara was the loving mother to the late Laura Wortman (Paul James, "PJ") and Karl Vethacke (Carey); beloved sister to Robert Yazbeck (Kathleen), Clyde Yazbeck and the late Sy Yazbeck (Virginia); and adoring aunt to Robert Yazbeck Jr. (Mary), Renee White (Jerry), Steve Yazbeck, Carol Borowski, Mike Vethacke (Sue), Eric Vethacke (Kathy), Lisa Breuer (Thomas) and the late Paul Vethacke. Barbara was the proud grandmother of PJ Wortman Jr., Elizabeth Wortman, Harper Vethacke and Emma Vethacke. She was the former wife of the late Werner Vethacke.

A funeral service and luncheon will be held at a later date.

Kathleen M. Rader

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Kathleen Margaret Rader passed away Sunday, April 5, 2020, at Henry Ford Hospital, from COVID-19. She was 68.

Born in 1951, Kathleen was the loving daughter of Walter and Mary Patricia Barry.

Kathleen grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1970. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social work from Wayne State University.

Kathleen met her soulmate, Jeffrey Rader, in 1974. She and Jeff married in 1976. They enjoyed 43 years together as active members of the Grosse Pointe community.

Kathleen's family describes her life as a profile in courage. Afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis in her teens, she nevertheless led a fully engaged life that was completely supportive of her family, friends and community. A witty, wise and trusted confidant, Kathleen loved reading and travel; she enjoyed many family cruises to exotic destinations.

Kathleen's large extended family fondly

recalls her gala Easter dinner parties. Children, grandchildren, cousins, Kathleen's mother and significant others gathered at Jeff and Kathy's cheerfully decorated home in Grosse Pointe Farms many years. They hunted Easter eggs and feasted on ham and her special sweet raisin sauce.

Kathleen was the devoted mother to the late Colleen Rader and her surviving children, Kelley Stackpoole (Kevin), Maureen West (Tony), Daniel Rader (Kimberly) and Kevin Rader (Lizzie). She will be deeply missed by her adored grandchildren, Alyssa, Kaitlyn, Colleen, Madison, Jaxon, Luke and Conor. Kathleen also is survived by her sister, Kimberley Novak (Mike) and brother, Dennis Barry. She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Michael Barry.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no memorial service is scheduled presently. Family and friends will gather for a tribute to celebrate Kathleen's life at a later date.

Jane E. Schneider

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jane Ellen Schneider (nee Leuking), 78, died Thursday, April 2, 2020, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Jane was born Jan. 9, 1942, in St. Louis, Mo., to Lester and Ellen (nee Obermann) Lueking.

Jane grew up in St. Louis and graduated at the top of her class from prestigious Normandy High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from Washington University and became a passionate and dedicated teacher. She began her career teaching high school students. As head of an English department, she helped create curriculum for English classes. To no one's surprise, her contributions continued as coach of tennis and volleyball teams and heading the school newspaper. Upon leaving her position, it was necessary for three people to replace her.

Jane resided in St. Louis until she married her beloved husband, Fred Schneider, in 1983. She and Fred were blissfully wedded 37 years. They met at Camp Arcadia where Jane and Fred were summer visitors growing up. In the midst of a volleyball game, Fred held his ground rather than change positions so he and Jane could play beside each other. It was the beginning of their love story.

Jane is survived by her beloved husband, Fred. She was the dear mother of Bret Schneider (Denise) and cherished grandmother of Andrew, Ava and Ryan. Jane also was the loving sister of Karen Parsons (Chuck) and Lew Lueking III (Jill).

Jane's son, Chase Brumm, preceded her in death at age 28 during a Caribbean cruise.

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Rondal G. Downing

Rondal Gene Downing, 89, passed away peacefully with hospice care at his Grosse Pointe Park home Monday, March 30, 2020, with his loving wife, Virginia, by his side. He was born Nov. 29, 1930, in Portageville, Mo.

Ron graduated from Wardell High School in Missouri and Southwest Missouri State University and received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He served two years in the U.S. Army and was stationed at the Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago.

While in college, he met Virginia, his wife of 67 years. After they co-edited the 1951 college yearbook, they realized they were in love and forged an enduring partnership. They were married in 1952, in Springfield, Mo. Together they lived in Chicago, Gainesville, Fla., and Champaign-Urbana, Ill., before settling in Columbia, Mo. for 14 years. There they designed and supervised the building of a house on a wooded hillside where they raised their two children. From Missouri, Ron and his family moved to Alexandria, Va., and then to Grosse Pointe Park.

Ron loved teaching and was devoted to the cultivation of minds. He taught political science and public administration at the University of Florida at Gainesville and the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he also was an administrator in the School of Business and Public Administration. He joined the political science department at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1977, and continued to teach there until he was 75.

With his family sharing the adventures, he spent time studying in Mexico and Australia. He was a visiting researcher in the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and was an ASPA fellow at HUD in Washington, D.C. He co-wrote a book, "The Politics of the Bench and the Bar," and published numerous scholarly articles focusing on the interplay of economic, judicial and political systems.

Everywhere he lived, Ron was actively involved in many organizations, including the United Methodist Church, Democratic Party and professional groups. For 40 years he was a member of a Great Decisions discussion group where he was renowned for summarizing all the different points of view at the end of the discussion.

Ron filled his life with family, friends, music, literature, theater and travel. He and Virginia circumnavigated the globe. He had happy memories of many trips canoeing on and fishing in the Jack's Fork River in Missouri. He spent hours jogging, swimming, snorkeling and gardening. He knew



Barbara Vethacke



Kathleen M. Rader



Jane E. Schneider



Rondal G. Downing



Jane E. Johnson



Ronald Pikielek

words, was a debater in college and enjoyed a good discussion. He was kind, honest, conscientious and open.

Ron is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter and son-in-law, Cathryn Downing and John Daugman; son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Pamela Downing; grandsons, Chad and William Downing; and brother and sister-in-law, Robert Wayne and Etha Rae Downing. He was predeceased by his brother, Charles Thomas Downing.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jane E. Johnson

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Jane Edith Johnson died Friday, April 3, 2020, at Ascension St. John hospital in Detroit after her long battle with cancer.

Jane was born May 4, 1946, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to George and Edith Johnson, and was the youngest sibling to Robert "Skip" Johnson and Richard "Dick" Johnson.

Jane attended Grosse Pointe University School, now University Liggett School, graduating in 1964, and briefly left Grosse Pointe to attend Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where she graduated with a degree in history in 1968.

Jane was involved in numerous community groups including Junior League of Detroit, IBEX and Sigma Gamma, and was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for more than 50 years, where she served as a deacon, elder, Stephen Minister and former chairwoman of the Worship Council.

Jane worked for the U.S. District Court in Detroit and Ann Arbor almost 20 years, during a portion of which she served in the chambers of Judge Virginia Morgan and Judge Laurie Michelson, before retiring in 2016.

In retirement, Jane enjoyed playing Mahjong, participating in her book club and spending time with her family and many friends. She also loved movies, dancing and listening to music. Throughout her life, she enjoyed attending performances of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and art exhibitions at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Nothing gave her more joy in retirement than her role as Nana to her

two grandsons, Walter and Teddy. She was an enthusiastic, patient, creative grandmother who loved her grandchildren immensely. They provided her a sense of hope and comfort as she faced the challenge of cancer.

Jane's spirit and infectious laugh brought joy to all who knew and loved her.

Jane was predeceased by her parents and her two brothers. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Julia Vieweg, and two grandsons, in addition to her many friends and family.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230.

Ronald Pikielek

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ronald Pikielek, 87, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at home from a stroke. He was born Oct. 10, 1932, in Detroit, to Antoinette and Joseph Pikielek, who predeceased him along with his dear brother, Frederick Pikielek. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Marcia Pikielek (nee Thurber); son, Brian Pikielek (Cherie); daughters, Leslie Skinsacos (Stevan) and Laura Webber (Lee); and grandchildren, Nicholas, Leah, Elle and Joelle.

Ron belonged to the Northeastern and St. Clair Shores chapters of Toastmasters Club, as well as The Villagers dance club, Grosse Pointe Men's Club, Chrysler 300 Club and Packard Car Club. Ron was the founder of the Michigan Jazz Record Collectors Club and a past president of the International Association of Jazz Record Collectors Club. He served the country in Washington, D.C., in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps. He was a long-time supporter of the American Red Cross blood donation program, attended Our Lady Star of the Sea parish and helped his son, Brian, establish Bike Tech Bike Shop.

Ron and Marcia started several duplicate bridge clubs that continued more than 40 years. He loved playing bridge with friends and loved and enjoyed his family, spending holidays and countless spe-



Thomas E. Staudt

cial occasions together.

An accountant by profession, he was well known for his ability as a tax accountant and admired by many. A graduate of Wayne State University, he attended University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Ron enjoyed his extensive jazz record collection, which he started acquiring at age 17. Music was his passion, as was his 60-year marriage to his best friend. The family said they will miss his loving heart and beautiful wavy hair, of which he was very proud.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Information may be obtained from A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Thomas E. Staudt

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas Edward Staudt, 64, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2020. He was born Oct. 3, 1955, in Detroit, to John C. Staudt Jr. and Marilyn Bursick Cullen.

Tom grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms on Roland Court and attended Our Lady Star of the Sea grade school, Grosse Pointe North High School and Northern Michigan University. He leaves behind many lifelong friends from the Roland Court neighborhood and Grosse Pointe area.

Tom is survived by his beloved sons, Stephen and Chris; sisters, Susie LaBelle (the late Peter) and Sally Cytacki (Walter); brother, Peter Staudt; and aunt, Barbara Racheck, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. His wife, Peggy (nee Higgins), predeceased him in 2007. Tom also was predeceased by his brother, John.

Tom was known as a quiet and kind gentleman with a great sense of humor. He enjoyed boating, golf, reading and yard work. He will be missed greatly by family and friends.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date.

OBITS:

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Paul Rizzo, M.D.

Paul Rizzo was born Feb. 7, 1923, to Crispino and Vincenza Rizzo, and died at home in Grosse Pointe Thursday, April 2, 2020, at age 97. Paul grew up in Detroit and attended Wayne State University, receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1944, at age 21. He served in the Marine occupation force in Japan at the end of World War II. After returning home, he taught pathology and completed his surgical residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

As his medical training ended, he was again called into service, serving on the USS Consolation Navy hospital ship in Korea and as a medical officer at Camp Pendleton. In 1955, Paul began the surgical practice he loved, and he worked tirelessly during his 30-year career in Detroit, primarily at St. John and Bon Secours hospitals. He was chief of surgery and president of the staff at St. John Hospital.

During retirement, Paul continued research on intestinal motility and worked on an insurance claims committee while he began his next life phase as photographer and grandfather. He had a lifelong passion for travel, ski-

ing, golf, bridge, reading and photography.

He is survived by his brother, Joseph; five children, Paul (Kathleen), Mike (Jane), Jayne Reardon (Michael), Theresa Brooks (John) and Laura; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Paul outlived his first two wives, Jane Connolly and Marilyn Sutherland, and is survived by his spouse, Mea Rutan; her children, Christopher and Kristin; and their seven children.

A memorial celebration in Paul's honor will take place later this year.

Paula J. Leonard

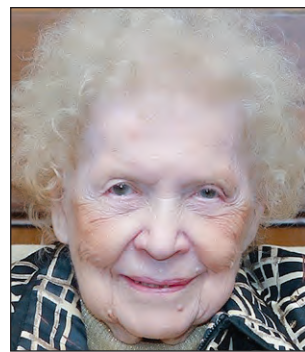
Paula Jane Leonard, 94, died peacefully at home Thursday, April 9, 2020, with her two daughters by her side. Paula was the daughter of Walter and Pauline Jones. She was married 62 years to John H. Leonard, who predeceased her.

Paula was the loving sister of Joan Seymour; mother of Shelley Hunsberger (Bill) and Polly Tech (Kurt); grandmother of Evan Hunsberger (Heejung), Scott Hunsberger (Ashley), Kurt Tech (Jane), Dieter Tech, Konrad Tech and Max Tech; and great-grandmother of Tyler, Emma, Layla and Kurt O.

Paula grew up in Belding and Lake Worth, Fla. She graduated from



Paul Rizzo, M.D.



Paula J. Leonard



Jeremiah Bourke



Catherine Lang

the University of Michigan in 1947. She married John in 1948, and raised her two daughters in Oak Park and Birmingham. She enjoyed luncheons with friends, playing bridge, sewing and traveling throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

She celebrated her 94th birthday Feb. 1, 2020, with her entire family in attendance. She enjoyed her birthday cards and was even able to bowl a frame with her great-grandkids.

A memorial service will be held later this summer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Salvation Army at salvationarmy.org.

Jeremiah Bourke

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jeremiah Bourke, 87, died Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at American House Grosse Pointe. Jerry was born Sept. 15, 1932, in Grosse Pointe, to Francis Harold and Martha Bourke.

He was a 1951 high school graduate of

Marmion Academy in Aurora, Ill. Jerry also was a proud alumnus of Virginia Military Institute, having graduated in 1955. A U.S. Army veteran, Jerry attained the rank of 1st lieutenant.

Jerry owned and operated FH Bourke & Associates in St. Clair Shores. He also was the brewer of Jerry's Upport beer.

Jerry loved spending time with his family and friends in Harbor Beach, as well as building model airplanes and playing golf and tennis.

Jerry was predeceased by his wife, Julie Louisell Bourke. He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Bourke, Jeremiah Bourke (Lydia), Kevin Bourke (Stacy) and Peter Bourke (Julie); grandchildren Eliza, Patrick, Abigail, Thomas, Juliette and Kiera; and sister, Sharon. Jerry's siblings, Sheila and Michael, predeceased him.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, at a later date.

Catherine Lang

Catherine Lang, 95, died Friday, April 10, 2020, in Grosse Pointe, due to complications from COVID-19. Catherine was born in 1924, in Clarksburg, WV., to Antonio and Maria Lucente. She was the seventh of 13 children and married Jack R. Lang in 1941. They moved to Detroit in 1943, and later divorced.

She is survived by her son, Alan D. Lang; daughter, Jacqueline Rentenbach (Paul); grandchildren, Lauren Hunt (Daniel) and Erin Rentenbach; and great-grandchildren, Sylvia and Tobias Hunt. She also is survived by her sister, Virginia Marasco; brother, Frank Lucente; and more than 50 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her granddaughters, Kristen, Katherine and Jennifer Lang; grandson, Eric Rentenbach; sisters, Jenny Prestinizi, Julia Zigante, Rose Pando, Sara Kelly, Antoinette Sabatino, Margaret Amicucci and Mary Sue Ulfig; and brothers, Patsy Lucente, John

Lucente and Anthony Lucente.

Catherine worked at Michigan Bell Telephone, Lybrand Ross Brothers & Montgomery and Goodbody & Co. in the 1940s and '50s and later worked as an administrative assistant for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She volunteered more than 20 years at the Cottage Hospital gift shop and also was a senior volunteer at Ferry Elementary School.

Catherine will be greatly missed, but her warm smile, energy and generous spirit will be forever in her family's memory. She was a "grandmother to us all," as was said by a family member.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Catherine's family would appreciate contributions in her memory to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 161 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60601, or Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Dear Friends of Grosse Pointe,

By the Rev. Jim Bilot
Guest Writer

This passage (pictured) from Winnie the Pooh is a beautiful reminder that many people are fearful, anxious and living with a great deal of uncertainty. We need to take the prompting from a fictional character to sit with each other "until we are not afraid anymore."

In the Christian community we celebrate the greatest solemnity of all time: Jesus Christ, risen and alive! How many times in sacred scripture did we hear Jesus say to us, "Be not afraid." Yet in the narratives of The Passion and The Death of Jesus, all the reasons that brought Jesus to the cross



and his death stemmed from an underlying fear. A fear of losing power. A fear of acknowledging a friendship. A fear of unforgiveness that leads to betrayal. Greed begins in fear. Satisfying a crowd over justice is an act of fear. Not listening to those who are close to God

leads to poor judgment. Fear trumped love and respect. The soldiers who were brutal out of fear of their commanders.

If only the Apostles, the political and religious leaders, the crowds who sat with Jesus and told them their fears and listened to his heart, they would not have been afraid. They would have been courageous. Their anxiety about "what if ..." would not have been an issue. Anxiety about what would, could or should

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Easter blessings

Fr. Tim Pelc continued St. Ambrose Catholic Church's tradition of blessing Easter food baskets Saturday, April 11, in the church parking lot. The blessing was done in drive-thru style to maintain social distancing. After praying over the food basket in each car, Pelc used a squirt gun filled with holy water to finish the blessing. Above, Pelc blesses the Jensen family's Easter food basket, held by Nicole Jensen.

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4B | DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Comfort food: Limited hours, same daily bakes at Morning Glory

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

With so many businesses in Grosse Pointe and around the state closed during “Stay Home, Stay Safe,” some residents are breathing a

sigh of relief at the welcome they’re receiving from Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries on The Hill.

Though owner Gretchen Valade considered temporarily closing its doors, members of the

Morning Glory team asked if they could stay the course.

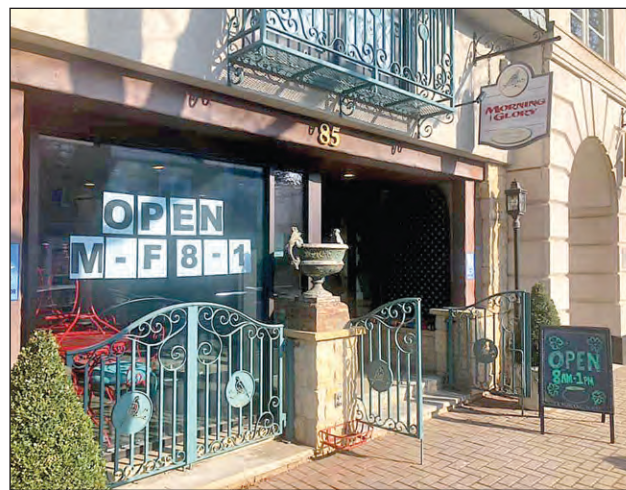
“We said we’d like to keep Morning Glory open so the community still has somewhere to go to get food and drinks,” said Janay Fillmore, gen-

eral manager. “Gretchen wanted to let the community know we’re here for them, let them know there’s still a little normalcy in their lives.”

A team of three volunteered to maintain operations, though hours are limited — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“We’re trying to give customers the things they ask for the most,” said Debbi Gilliland, executive pastry chef, who comes in daily at 6 a.m. to prep with Mary Morley. “We’ve chosen things we can put in a bag or clamshell, so everything is covered. If you’re doing carryout, you can’t have food wide open. We’re being very cautious about everything.”

Apart from two soup choices, the bakery also offers a variety of muf-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Morning Glory on The Hill remains open, though with limited hours.

fins, small scones, biscotti, cookies, breakfast sandwiches, savory croissants, brownies and beignets — “a nice assortment,” Gilliland said.

Morning Glory also is continuing its coffee service.

To maintain its services while staying safe,

the Morning Glory team has implemented some safety measures. For example, only five customers are allowed inside at a time. Spaces are marked on the floor so those indoors stay six feet apart from one another.

“We’re following the rules to a T,” Fillmore said. “They keep coming in every day and they are so thankful. They say this is the only thing keeping them feeling normal. And that keeps us going.”

Fillmore said business continues to pick up daily and customers are being compliant to the new rules.

Gilliland thanked all of their customers, “who trust us to do our very best for them.”

Valade said she’s proud of her team at Morning Glory, for running the show.

“The ladies that are keeping Morning Glory open are giving me credit for the decision,” she said. “The ladies deserve all the credit because we gave them a choice and they decided to stay open. ... They have done it all. Not many people are that dedicated. It shows you what some people will do for their community.”



Morning Glory still offers coffee service to patrons.



Two soups are offered daily at Morning Glory.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input on the distribution of the special assessment levy. In the event that the Governor extends Executive Order 2020-21 that this public hearing will be held via virtual meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's office prior to the hearing date.

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City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. via virtual meeting for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on the Creation of a Special Assessment District to Defray the Costs to Continue the Maintenance and Operation of Police and Fire Protection for the City of Harper Woods.

- The estimate of the costs and expenses of the police and fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and police and fire protection to be defrayed by an annual levy on the lands and premises within the special assessment district. The estimate of costs and expenses is \$5,418,159.
- The creation of a special assessment district consisting of all of the lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods.

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NIH offers psychiatric urgent care

Northeast Integrated Health is now operating a psychiatric urgent care clinic for adults and children at 2900 Connor, Building B, in Detroit. The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Available services include same-day access services for assessment/intake, crisis services, psychiatric evaluations, medication reviews, crisis stabilization, peer support specialists, nursing assessments, injections and non-ER transport.

It is the intent of NIH to offer an accessible alternative to meet the unique needs of the individuals it serves and decrease emergency department

See CARE, page 5B

Correction

The article, “Red Cross in need of host sites, blood donations,” printed in the April 9 Grosse Pointe News, should have read for more information, email Beth Frahm at beth.frahm@redcrossblood.org.

Farms teen alters plan, reaches marathon goal

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Daniel Eschbach wasn't going to let COVID-19 trip up his plans.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School senior trained for five months to run the Buffalo Marathon and when that Memorial Weekend event was canceled, he didn't let that stop him from accomplishing the feat.

"As a senior in high school this year, everything is getting canceled — my senior prom, my senior spring break," he said. "I decided I'm not going to let this virus thing take something I've been working on for 15 weeks away from me."

Eschbach was dealt some serious disappointment when the Buffalo Marathon was canceled. It would have been his first; he completed a half marathon a year and a half ago.

"I felt like I started this journey myself and if I give up and use this coronavirus as an excuse not to do it, I'd be fooling myself into thinking I didn't have to do it," he said. "I knew if I didn't, I'd feel like a failure."

So he set up in his driveway a cooler full of water and supplements — supplies usually avail-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Daniel Eschbach took to the streets of Grosse Pointe to run 26.2 miles after the Buffalo Marathon was canceled.

able throughout the course of a marathon and handed out by volunteers.

"I ran three miles out and three miles back," he explained. "I wore a 16-ounce water bottle on my left arm. After six

miles, that water bottle was empty, so I'd refill it and have packets to eat, if I needed to, in the cooler. Then I'd take a different direction, go three miles out and three miles back."

Eschbach, who also



Eschbach during his marathon, through the streets of Grosse Pointe.

plays lacrosse and hockey, finished the 26.2-mile challenge in four hours, 24 minutes.

"I was dead; it was awesome," he said. "It

was the most fulfilled I've ever felt. Mile 24, 25, 26, I didn't even know my own name, but it was fun. I'm glad I did it."

Eschbach's family cheered him on, driving alongside him during the March 30 run.

"Danny ran his own marathon through the Grosse Pointes to show that this invisible enemy couldn't keep him from accomplishing his goals," his

mother, Tammy Eschbach, said. "I'm very proud of my son's determination in these difficult times as he prepares to graduate from

Grosse Pointe South High School. ... Hopefully this can be an inspiration to other kids whose sports are currently sidelined."

Eschbach said he's looking forward to running in "a real marathon" at some point, to run with a crowd rather than alone. He encouraged others to not let current events stop them in their tracks.

"Don't use the coronavirus as an excuse to sit on the couch or a way to trick yourself into thinking it's OK to not do things," he said. "Believe in yourself; you can do it. Even if something's canceled, find a way to work with what you have. You're being tested; don't fail the test."

CARE:

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experiences and potential COVID-19 exposure. Services are available to individuals regardless of one's chosen clinically responsible service pro-

vider. Consumers must have Medicaid, Medicare, General Fund or most commercial insurance or private pay to be eligible for services.

Northeast Integrated Health has temporarily closed the Eli Z. Rubin Children's Services

building on Kelly Road due to program consolidation and COVID-19. All services are available via telehealth. If a consumer needs a face-to-face appointment, they will be seen at the psychiatric urgent care clinic.

HOPE:

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lated, with no family at home and they can't have visitors. We've got more than 50 people making phone calls."

Reaching out any way it can — from phone calls to chalk art — is the church's way to provide hope, help and

promise to the community, Graves said.

"We want to help those beyond the parish, reach out to the entire community — first responders, those sustaining essential businesses," she said. "We want to say thank you, we love you, we're here for you."

Johnson agreed.

"This program is a

wonderful idea. ... The church has worked hard to connect not only with the parish but all the people in the community who are walking by," she said. "It's a form of connection that people might need and not know how to get. I hope it inspires people to find a way to find a spiritual moment they couldn't find on their own."

FRIENDS:

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happen cannot be answered, for the future doesn't exist. Only this present moment exists because we live in the saving power of the resurrected Christ. The "good thief" and the woman at the foot of the cross lived in the present, attentive to Jesus and not to the anger and jeering crowd.

So here we are with Easter in our midst. What do we do? Where do we belong during this dark

time? We belong to Jesus Christ. We live with Jesus Christ who is risen from the dead. We live not in darkness anymore but in his light. His passion, death and resurrection show us the way. Jesus is victorious over sin and death. Jesus is victorious over all our fears and anxieties. Jesus shows us the way. Jesus never let fear, anxiety or the power of evil move him away from the great love relationship with the Father.

We belong together as a community. We belong next to each other. Sitting

quietly and praying to our risen Lord until we are not afraid anymore. For we believe Jesus will help us and we will be victorious over the virus that is ravishing our world.

"I am afraid."
"What are you afraid of?"

"I don't know. I just am."
Do not be afraid. Jesus is risen from the dead. Jesus is alive and with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Birot is the pastor at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.



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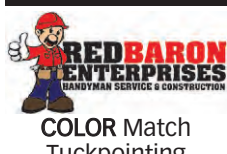
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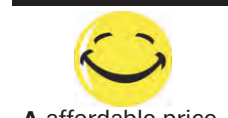


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- Blackbird
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- Praying bug
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- Prego rival
- Start a rally
- Moon vehicle acronym
- Perignon

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- Wisconsin's capital
- Leave out
- Wanderer
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- Apple product
- Cushion
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- Speaker
- Grown-up nit
- Prized possession
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 4/9/20

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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