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**Complete news coverage of all the Pointes**

## COVID-19 cases spike in Park, Farms

By GPN Staff

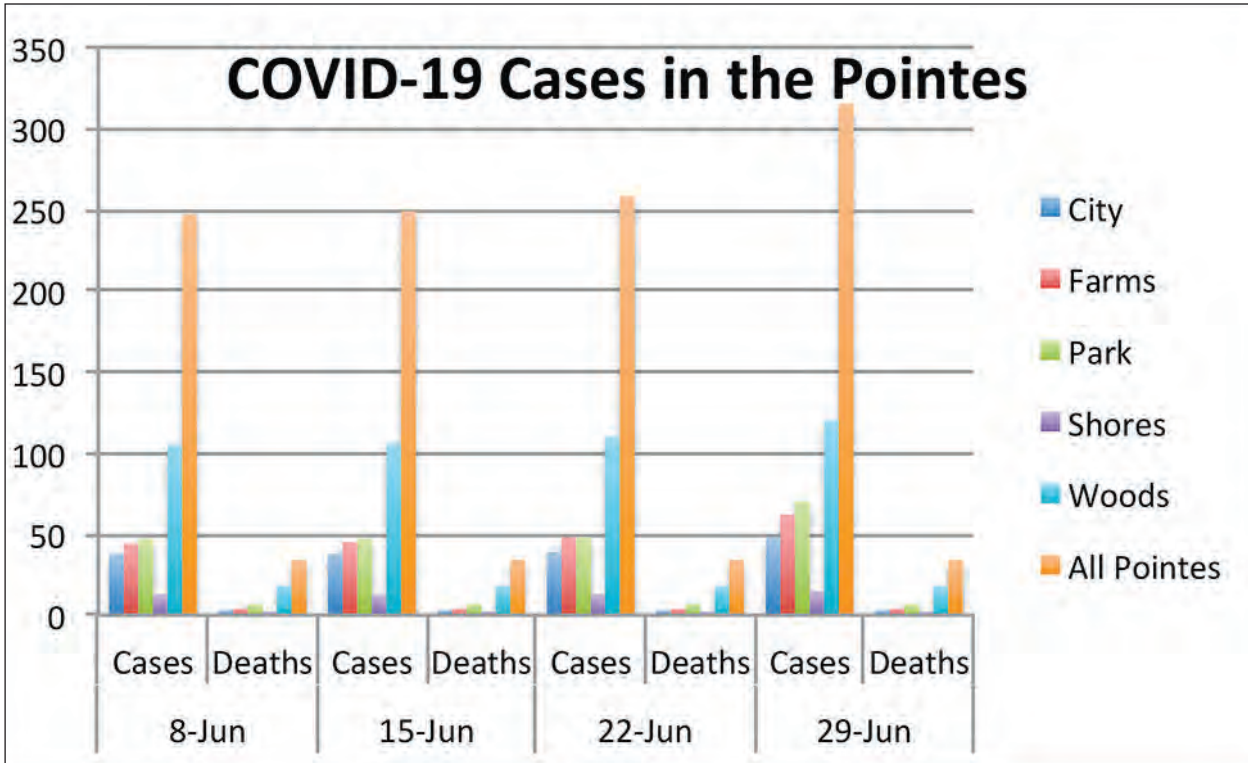
**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Local officials had little to add to reports over the weekend of COVID-19 cases spiking in the Pointes.

The Detroit Free Press ran a story Saturday alleging a college-aged resident from Grosse Pointe Woods contracted the coronavirus at an East Lansing bar in mid-June. The virus was then reportedly spread at several house parties in the Pointes attended by young adults — 75 crowded into the basement of a house on Lochmoor Boulevard — and at a bar in Grosse Pointe Park frequented by young adults.

Public safety officials said they have not received any reports of large house parties in the Pointes.

“I’ve worked in the Pointes 30 years and when there’s a wild party, we usually know about it,” said Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke.

Kosanke said he received other queries from residents early Monday after the Free Press reported the event as taking place Friday, June 26. But public safety officers received no report of a large party or



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noise complaint at a Lochmoor address or anywhere else in the Woods, he said. The use of an anonymous source in the Free Press story makes it even more difficult to investigate, Kosanke added.

The numbers of COVID-19 cases over the past week, however, do tell the story.

The Park saw cases jump from 48 on June 22,

to 70 on June 29 (46 percent). Cases in the Farms went up 29 percent over the same period.

On Friday, June 26, Grosse Pointe Park issued a press release stating, “Today, the City of Grosse Pointe Park received its daily report from Wayne County of COVID-19 cases. Overall, the county had 76 cases confirmed today with 12 of them

from Grosse Pointe Park. For the last week or so, the counts in the Grosse Pointes have been increasing by about 10-15 in total after having been stable for about a month.

“Due to the spike in cases today, the city is asking residents, neighbors and friends to please continue the following:

1. Stay home if you are sick.

2. Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow when coughing or sneezing.

3. Wear a mask and keep a 6-foot distance.

4. Wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

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## Noose found at South

By Mary Anne Brush  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A safety walk-through on a major construction project underway at Grosse Pointe South High School unveiled a drapery cord fashioned into a noose in a first-floor classroom.

Upon this discovery June 23, representatives from Turner Construction Co., the construction manager on all Grosse Pointe Public School System bond projects, immediately sealed off the room and notified the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. The job site was closed for the remainder of the day and an investigation is underway.

The next morning, Turner met with the entire workforce “to create a more supportive work environment, increase racial sensitivity and send the clear message that harassment of any kind

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## South choir choreographer removed from district programs

By Mary Anne Brush  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — An independent investigator hired by the Grosse Pointe Public School System to look into the behavior of two adults associated with Grosse Pointe South High School’s choir program — director Christopher Pratt and choreographer

Andy Haines — recommended removing Haines from the program and re-examining the role of the Grosse Pointe South choir boosters. No disciplinary action was recommended against Pratt.

Haines was contracted annually by the booster club, a parent organization providing financial support to the choir program.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus informed parents and students of the decision in an email June 24.

“After discussion with our legal counsel and others, I decided to accept Mr. (Kevin) Sutton’s recommendations, and as a result, Mr. Haines will no longer be associated with the South choir program or any

other district-affiliated program,” Niehaus wrote, adding he asked Jon Dean, deputy superintendent for human resources and educational services, to work with South Principal Moussa Hamka and Pratt to obtain the services of another choreographer.



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This photo of Andy Haines with members of South’s choir accompanied a petition to reinstate Haines.

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## Grosse Pointe Woods city hall to reopen its doors

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — City hall is expected to reopen to the public no later than Tuesday, July 7, officials say.

After multiple delays and necessary renovations that began with a flooding incident in March 2019, employees at the Mack Avenue municipal com-

plex will receive visitors again. “We’re almost complete and we’ll have all brand new furniture,” said City Manager Bruce Smith.

Water gushing from an overhead boiler-heat copper line at the building caused damage to all administration offices with Smith’s office sustaining some of the worst loss. About an inch of water covered the floor of his

work space, while ceiling tiles above Smith’s desk were soaked with water, causing them to fall. As a result of the flood, the municipal building’s community center temporarily housed city administrative offices.

City hall had been projected to complete renovations in spring 2020 before statewide restrictions in contract work and all non-essential services

led to a pause in the process. City hall employees loaded computers, files and other office essentials into their vehicles Monday, March 23, as the Woods moved to reduce exposure to illness amid a nationwide health crisis. The public safety building’s lobby, where residents can file crime reports,

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# Lake Front Park pools reopen with new safety rules

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Summer might feel like it came a few weeks late for eager swimmers, but the aquatic facility at Lake Front Park has reopened to the public with new safety restrictions. Typically operated from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, the center's pools were closed for several additional weeks of 2020 due to executive order.

Reopening guidelines allow a total of 200 Woods residents to time slots a full week in advance for using the facility's four pools, but hurrying out to

the summer attraction for first-come entry won't be allowed.

"This way, rather than having big, long lines and angry people, we'll be able to let the first 200 people in, and then move to the next 200," said City Administrator Bruce Smith.

Residents with valid 2019 or 2020 park passes may reserve two-hour time slots to enjoy the pools twice weekly or one-hour time slots on designated days. The reopening of the center Wednesday, July 1, followed a public safety inspection in the aftermath of community pool and recreation area clo-

sures throughout the state.

The earliest time slots will be reserved for seniors and those with health concerns that make them more susceptible to illness, Smith said. To help reduce and prevent the spread of COVID-19, health screening questions will be asked of each guest who checks in upon arrival at the center after claiming time slots by phone or online. Face masks must be worn in the bathhouse changing area and guests who aren't from the same household are required to maintain six feet of distance from one another in common areas.

Using facility lockers is not recommended, so guests are encouraged to arrive dressed in bathing suits and with few personal belongings to carry. Residents also are encouraged to bring portable seats and their own personal water bottles to avoid contact with the water fountain or tap. Professional sanitizing of

the building area will be performed throughout the day.

Around 400 guests daily was the past average of visitors to the center, so reducing the number of residents during operating hours is expected to minimize the risk of illness, Smith said.

"If we find we're not

filling up the time slots, we'll modify it," he added. "We just don't want people waiting in line. We don't think that's a good idea."

Residents may reserve available time slots by calling (313) 343-2408 or visiting <https://recweb.gpwmi.us>. Guest pass-holders are not permitted at this time.

## Doerer heading to Valparaiso

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior James Doerer played an integral part in helping the Blue Devils' football program win division titles.

His dedication to his craft has earned him an athletic scholarship to play college football at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

The 18-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident will play collegiate ball for head coach Landon Fox.

The Crusaders are a member of the Pioneer Football League with San Diego, Dayton, Drake, Davidson, Marist, Stetson, Morehead State, Butler and Jacksonville.

He was recruited by Valpo, Butler, Western Michigan, Dension and Yale.

"I chose Valparaiso University because their communications major is one of the best in the country," Doerer said. "There are a lot of



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES DOERER

**Grosse Pointe South's James Doerer anchored a solid defensive unit during his time as a varsity football player.**

internship opportunities for football players on the communication side.

"Also, I loved the coaches there as they are all players' coaches," he added. "From my visits and conversations with them, they don't want to just make you better football players, but better people as well. I could especially relate to my position coach on a personal level. They were the first school to offer me and believe in me early on,

which meant a lot to me."

The Crusaders play in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision.

Doerer will get a chance to play the defensive quarterback, middle linebacker. He is working out daily to stay in shape and has been in contact with Valpo's strength coach, Alex Curtis, as well as runs a workout program

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Jennifer Palms Boettcher

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# Farms residents switch to absentee voting

## LWVGP aids cities in prepping for unique election

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Compared to the most recent March election, the Farms has found an increased need of approximately 1,000 additional absentee ballots as it prepares for the upcoming election.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic reached Michigan, Assistant City Manager and City Clerk Derrick Kozicki reported he has seen, “a large increase (in absentee voters), because the state was proactive and mailed out absentee ballot applications to all of the registered voters not on the permanent application list.”

In preparation for the Aug. 4 election, the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters volunteered its efforts to aid the city in prepping 2,200 absentee ballots Tuesday,

June 23, while wearing masks and practicing social distancing at Pier Park.

The ballots were mailed this week to those who registered.

“That’s the job of the League of Women Voters,” said Mary Ellen Brayton, director of voter services for LWVGP, “to educate, help register voters and then this year, help even more so with elections because of the extenuating circumstances.”

Holding an election during a pandemic has brought other changes as well, including a requirement for personal protection equipment to be available for precinct workers and voters, if they choose, which Michigan is going to provide to all its jurisdictions.

The state also has provided the city with \$2,500 to purchase a high-speed

letter opener, which should help with expected time constraints due to a significant increase of absentee ballots that will need to be opened.

“We are not allowed to open up the envelopes until the day of the election,” Kozicki explained. “It will create more time to focus on getting the ballots through the tabulator machine, which is the bottleneck, because you can only do one at a time.”

The city purchased an additional two tabulators for the absentee voter counting board when the laws changed in 2018.

While in-person voting still will be available to residents, those wary of public spaces have the option to both register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot online.

“In summary, the state of Michigan Secretary of State during the pan-



PHOTO COURTESY OF DERRICK KOZICKI

**Volunteers with the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters gathered at Pier Park to prepare 2,200 absentee ballots Tuesday, June 23.**

demical has done a lot to make it easier for city clerks to deal with the increase in absentee voting,” Kozicki said.

For anyone interested in aiding the Pointes as an election worker and receiving a small stipend, Brayton noted each city website has a link to an application.

“More people are prob-

ably going to do absentee and a lot of the older poll workers are pulling back from their normal volunteering at the polls,” she explained, “so I think this year they’re going to need more help than in prior years.”

Residents can find information such as whether they’re registered to vote, their pre-

dict and the status of their absentee ballot at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote). For additional information on candidates, residents should visit [vote411.org](http://vote411.org).

“We don’t want (COVID-19) to deter people this year,” Brayton said. “It’s an important election, so we just want to make sure people know they can do it.”

# Petition language for board recall rejected

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

## THE GROSSE POINTES

— The Wayne County Election Commission voted unanimously to reject language submitted for a recall petition against Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education President Margaret Weertz and Trustee Chris Lee.

The language was submitted to the commission June 11, by Monica Palmer of Grosse Pointe Woods. A hearing was held via Zoom video conferencing Tuesday, June 30, to determine if the language for the petition was factual and of sufficient clarity for voters to understand the course of conduct that is the basis of the recall.

All three members of the commission — Chairman Freddie G. Burton Jr., chief judge, Wayne County Probate Court; Secretary Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County

clerk; and member Eric Sabree, Wayne County treasurer — approved a motion to reject the petition due to lack of clarity.

The reasons for the recall to be listed on the petition were: Weertz and Lee voted on June 24, 2019, in favor of reconfiguring elementary and middle schools in the GPPSS; they voted on Oct. 11, 2019, to approve “construction contracts with Rocket Fiber costing \$2.5 million even though Rocket Fiber was being sold and would not have the ability to perform obligations”; and on Jan. 27, they voted to extend GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus’s contract.

Prior to the vote, Palmer said the reasons she was seeking the recall were clearly defined in each of the items provided.

“I believe there is sufficient support in the community for this recall,” Palmer said.

Lee could not attend

due to a family emergency. Weertz represented herself and Lee at the hearing.

“The first statement is correct,” Weertz said. “We did vote on that date for reconfiguration. We did vote to close two schools because our district went from 12,000 students to 7,000 in 10 years. This is a national and statewide trend. Lots of districts closed schools in the last decade because the birth rate decreased.”

Weertz acknowledged the third statement was correct as well.

“We did renew the contract of the superintendent,” she said. “This is a routine extension when a superintendent is rated highly effective. In Grosse Pointe, we have two-year contracts. Many districts have three-year contracts. When one year ends, you simply extend it for another year.”

“The second statement is troublesome and incor-

rect,” she continued. “We didn’t vote Oct. 11, 2019 for the Rocket Fiber contract. We voted on Sept. 9, 2019. We didn’t award \$2.5 million. The contract is for \$2,095,000. That’s a \$400,000 difference. Rocket Fiber wasn’t being sold when we awarded the contract in September. It was sold in February. We had no knowledge of a sale when we approved the contract in September. The CEO of Rocket and the CEO of Everstream came to the March 9 meeting to assure us there was no change in our project or contract.”

“The recall language made it appear to voters we approved a contract knowing a sale was pending and the work would not be done. That is false and confusing,” Weertz added.

Palmer said she will be filing a revised recall petition on behalf of the recall group.

“There are a substantial

number of people who are unhappy with the direction of the Grosse Pointe Public School System,” she wrote in an email.

“I’m pleased Dr. Lee and I won, that the process works and the Wayne County Election Commission upholds the importance of clear and factual language,” Weertz said.

Completed petitions must have 7,646 signatures from qualified voters — 25 percent of the total number of voters within the school district who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election.

The last date a recall petition can be filed for a recall question to appear on the November general election ballot is July 31.

## The Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

◆ American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., VFW 1146, 11 Mile and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

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“This is part of an effort to continue slowing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are symptomatic, call your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please call the nearest hospital.”

On Tuesday, the Park website added, “After careful consideration with the recent height in COVID cases within Grosse Pointe Park, the city has elected to delay the pool opening until Wednesday, July 8.”

Overall, cases in the Pointes went up 22 percent June 22 to June 29, when 315 cases were reported in all the Pointes.

The good news is no new deaths were reported in the Pointes due to COVID-19 since 34 were reported June 8.

Statistics on total cases and deaths; new cases by day; and cases split by city, age, race and gender can be found

on Wayne County’s COVID-19 dashboard, found at [waynecounty.com](http://waynecounty.com), which is updated at 5 p.m. weekdays.

Local private clubs and municipal parks are dependent on teenagers

and young adults filling summer jobs at parks and marinas. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club has seen the effects firsthand, according to General Manager Aaron Wagner.

“We’re not the only business,” Wagner said. “Every business is having challenges, but it really hits pretty quick.”

This story has been edited to remove an inaccurate statement.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## For Woods resident, all politics are regional

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Amanda York grew up along the Mississippi River in western Illinois in Moline, one of five cities half in Illinois and half in Iowa known as Quad Cities. She and her husband, Dan, attended the same high school, but didn't meet until years later through mutual friends.

It was a political discussion that drew them together and it was politics that drove York earlier, while still in college, to pursue a degree in political science in lieu of her original plan to major in art after a group of friends persuaded her to volunteer on a campaign.

York became active in a local college Democrat group, volunteering to campaign for a local congressman. At the time, Barack Obama was running for Senate, so York had the opportunity to campaign for him as well.

Once "bit by the political bug," there was no turning back. Local politicians took her and her friends under their wing, encouraging them to get involved and volunteer at fundraisers and political

events. As a result of this encouragement and support, most of them pursued public service in some way, York said.

"After school, I actually decided I had better see what this is like in the real world. I worked on a couple of campaigns in Iowa and worked on the Iowa caucuses in 2008.

"After Iowa, one thing kind of leads to another when you're in this world," she added. "I ended up working for a special election in Illinois for a congressional candidate and we won. That's when I got my first job in a congressional office."

York worked as a community outreach director for the Illinois congressman. The congressman lost in 2010, but it was time for York to move on regardless. In 2011, she and her husband relocated to Michigan for his job as a civilian employee with the U.S. Army.

The couple looked at houses all over metro Detroit, ultimately landing in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"In the end, the old homes, the big trees, the proximity to Detroit won us over," York said. "And the school district."



COURTESY PHOTO

Amanda York is pictured with her daughter, Olive, and Sen. Debbie Stabenow at the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day parade in 2015.

Their oldest, Olive, 6, will attend first grade at the local elementary school in the fall. Their younger daughter, Hazel, 4, will join her sister the following year.

They also chose the area for its proximity to Detroit. In addition to art projects, gardening and raising butterflies at home, the family enjoys trips downtown for sporting events, concerts, festivals, theater and their

favorite spot — Eastern Market.

When she arrived in the area nine years ago, York said she "didn't know a soul."

To launch her career in government in Michigan, she started reaching out to people. A meeting with Rep. Sandy Levin's staff led to an offer to work in his office as a community outreach representative. She remained six years, leaving when there was

an opening in Sen. Debbie Stabenow's office for a southeast Michigan regional manager.

Having worked for the U.S. House of Representatives nearly nine years, York was excited to work on the Senate side of Congress. The difference, she said, is the senator represents the entire state of Michigan, while "each congressional district is pretty unique."

York's job is to keep Stabenow updated on the views and issues, what's going on in the community and in her region. She attends meetings with constituents and local leaders, as well as community meetings on the senator's behalf.

"We help constituents with issues involving federal agencies," she said. "If I'm out in the community and I hear someone is having an issue with Social Security or the (Veterans Administration), we try to help as much as we can."

"It's a unique job," she added. "When the senator is in the area — in my region — I'm usually with her at events and meetings. I really am her eyes and ears on the ground in

the communities I cover." York's job also affords her the opportunity to meet with people with different points of view.

"When an issue comes up in the community, I get to hear all sides of that issue, which is really interesting," she said, adding she wishes more people "knew how much we have in common."

Another thing York appreciates about her job is learning how unique each community is, how proud residents are of their communities and how invested they are in making them better.

York has witnessed this caring and community pride in her own town and neighborhood.

For example, for her daughter's sixth birthday during full "lockdown mode" April 5, the neighbors decorated their front porches. The family paraded up and down the street — Olive riding in her Power Wheels — to enjoy the celebration.

"We're just so thankful we happened to land in Grosse Pointe Woods and we happened to land on our particular street with our kind-hearted neighbors who go out of their way to help each other," York said.

## City becomes second Pointe to eliminate PEG fees

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Subscribers within the city's limits soon will see the elimination of a 1.15 percent Comcast fee and a 2 percent AT&T fee from their bills, following a unani-

mous vote by city council to eliminate the collection of PEG fees during the virtual meeting Monday, June 15.

"Grosse Pointe Woods, which is part of that coalition that supported these efforts, has already voted to remove the PEG fees and I do expect all the

other Grosse Pointes to follow suit," City Manager Pete Dame said.

For the past 10 years and as part of an agreement with the Grosse Pointes, The War Memorial ran PEG — Public Educational and Governmental Channels — programming on behalf of the communities.

Since the agreement ended in February, the Pointes had been in talks with the Grosse Pointe Public School System regarding the potential of

providing a similar service with the fees, but an agreement was not reached largely due to new FCC rules, which dictate PEG funds cannot be used for anything other than equipment.

"The school's proposal was almost entirely a service that would have gone to operational costs of providing the service," the agenda noted.

The City had continued collecting PEG fees since February and while Dame said it would be significantly easier to simply

return the fees to the subscribers, other options could be explored as well.

"We could reach an agreement with the schools to give some of that money for equipment purposes for upgrading their equipment," he explained. "That would be an allowable use, so that's a possibility too."

Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted public interest programming is no longer a necessity for municipalities to be able to reach out to their residents.

"It was probably very effective and a good thing to do and a great idea, because there wasn't an easy way to get your message out," she said. "Now, with computer technology, with municipalities having websites, with the multiple ways we have to communicate with residents and with people cutting the cords (with cable companies, (they) don't have the impact that they used to have, so I think the notion of even doing this at all is somewhat outdated."

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developed by South boys' track and field coach, Mark Sonnenberg.

The NCAA has given college athletes clearance to head to campus for workouts. Doerer reports to Valpo in late July or by Aug. 1.

"I am looking forward to meeting different types of people," Doerer said, "competing for championships in football and forming a

brotherhood with my new teammates to last a lifetime."

He is going to major in communications.

"My future plans after college include being an NFL prospect and playing in the league," he said. "Then going into the broadcast booth to call games, as well as be an analyst for college football and the NFL."

His 3.8 grade-point average is an example of his ability to ace time management.

Doerer attended St.

Paul, Richard Elementary and Brownell Middle schools before South.

During his time as a high school student-athlete, his best memory was being named captain of the Blue Devils' varsity football team.

"I put in so much time over the last four years trying to lead and push not just myself, but other people to be their best versions of themselves," Doerer said. "This was a reward of all my years of hard work paying off. I

felt a lot of responsibility was on my shoulders, but I was prepared because of the people who mentored me.

"I am nervous, but ready to head to college because of the good values my parents and coaches have instilled in me."

Doerer has the support of his parents, John and Laura Doerer, as well as his brother, Jack.

His first college football game is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at North Dakota.

## OPEN:

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register firearms and record home security alarm system contact

information, was added to departments that have been closed to the public.

Residents were instructed to avoid visiting city hall to pay bills or conduct other busi-

ness.

Renovations resumed as government restrictions were relaxed and the installment of new walls, asbestos removal and other key tasks were completed. Cleaning and sanitizing of facilities did not add substantially to any ongoing delay, Smith said.

The reopening in the first full week of July will remain likely, based on "how the install goes," including final furnishings, he added.

Residents seeking information on when programs based at city hall may resume may check the Grosse Pointe Woods website for updates.

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## NOOSE:

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will not be tolerated," according to a company statement.

"It's a horrific incident," said Dave Kelly, vice president and general manager for Turner's Detroit office. "I can only imagine how deeply hurtful this is not only to the entire community, but especially to the Black community to have to be subjected to this incident."

Jon Dean, school district deputy superintendent for human resources and educational services, said the building is inaccessible to South students or staff or the public and the only individuals currently in the building are related to the ongoing construction activity.

Members of the district technology crew are investigating footage from surveillance cameras, but it's likely the cameras were turned off during construction, Dean noted. Any images

found will be turned over to the police.

A photo provided to the Farms public safety department was unavailable as of press time. However, Dean said the image was "easily identifiable" as a noose.

"There's no mistaking it," Kelly confirmed.

"I would say in our society, a noose has clear racial and hatred overtones," Dean said. "As an American, that's how we must read these things unless proven otherwise. And I don't know what 'proven otherwise' would look like."

According to Turner's statement, anyone found responsible for the act "shall be removed from the site and, as appropriate, referred to local authorities for criminal prosecution."

"If it's a direct employee, they will be terminated immediately," Kelly said. "If it's an employee of a subcontractor, they will be removed from the site ... and we're going to recommend they get prose-



PHOTO BY JACK RYAN

**GPPSS Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean, left, and Dave Kelly, Turner vice president and general manager, were part of a press conference June 24.**

cuted.

"There's no safe zone for any of this," he added. "Zero tolerance as far as I'm concerned for myself all the way down the organization."

Kelly said Turner is conducting anti-bias and sensitivity training company-wide and training for crew members was underway at South earlier that week when the incident occurred.

"It appears to be a coincidence, but we are rolling out training on all of

our projects and having conversations with all of our workers," Kelly said, "talking about inclusion, diversity and the events surrounding the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Rayshard Brooks and stressing to the workers themselves that our job sites have zero tolerance for this."

"That discussion about inclusion and diversity happened at South yesterday," he added. "As our staff was giving our final safety walk at 3 o'clock

that afternoon, they found the noose. What we don't know and hope to find out is when that noose was tied. Was it tied at lunch? The sites are big; you may not see it. Was it tied after the meeting? We don't know. We're hoping to find that out."

In response to a question of whether the act of tying the noose could be related to the meeting, Kelly said the training is receiving "tremendous positive feedback. And part of that is having a diverse group of workers. People get to know each other on the site. The more diversity you have, the barriers just break down. People see each other as people. They don't see each other as labels."

He noted the company promotes diversity in its hiring practices and the crew working on the project is diverse, with five or six Black workers and approximately 20 to 25 white workers across a variety of trades.

"We haven't had any-

body get up there and push back on this," Kelly said. "It has been an accepted message and I hope that what we're seeing nationally is finally going to turn another gear in everyone's collective consciousness about this and I'm hopeful we're starting to head down that road."

According to Farms Deputy Chief John Hutchins, detectives are questioning all contractors working in the building in an ongoing investigation. However, he said they didn't have much to go on other than a photo — showing a knot tied to resemble a small noose — because officers weren't called until the next day and the noose was already untied.

The FBI notified the school district last week, according to Dean, and is assisting in the investigation. Turner is conducting its own internal investigation as well.

Staff Writer Laurel Kraus contributed to this report.

### Grosse Pointe Park

#### Caught on camera

An 18-year-old Detroit man is sought for embezzlement after he was caught on surveillance removing around \$1,200 from the cash register and tip jar of a retail establishment in the 15000 block of Jefferson around 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 23.

#### Operating while intoxicated

A 51-year-old Park man was arrested after striking a tree with his vehicle while fleeing police around 5 a.m. Monday, June 29, at Jefferson and Lakepointe.

The suspect was awakened after a public safety officer found him sleeping behind the wheel of a 2018 Jeep Cherokee, while at a stop sign. The officer pounded the suspect's window before the man shifted the vehicle into drive and soon crashed into the nearby tree.

He was taken into custody for operating while intoxicated.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

### City of Grosse Pointe

#### Destruction of elementary school property

On both Wednesday, June 17, and Monday, June 22, an unknown suspect damaged property at an area elementary school. A seed spreader also was stolen on one of the occasions.

#### Give and take

A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe girl fell victim to fraud by wire Thursday, June 25, when an unknown suspect sent her a friend request on Instagram and then offered to pay for her student loans and wired money into a student account at her high school.

She became suspicious when the suspect began asking to add money to different accounts.

The scam was an

attempt to get the victim to send back money that was sent to her from a closed account.

#### Bear in mind, theft is illegal

A wooden bear statue was stolen from the alley of a business in the 17000 block of Mack Avenue sometime during the night Thursday, June 25.

#### Unemployment fraud

An unknown person applied for unemployment under a Grosse Pointe man's name Friday, June 26.

#### Twice the limit

A 30-year-old Detroit woman in a vehicle with two flat tires at Jefferson Avenue and Sycamore Lane was arrested for operating while intoxicated after being found two times over the legal limit Saturday, June 27.

#### Social distancing disturbance

Officers were called to a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue Sunday, June 28, when a 68-year-old Park resident began arguing with other patrons over social distancing.

The manager advised the woman not to return and that she would be charged with trespassing if she did.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information about these and other crimes to the City of

Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

### Grosse Pointe Shores

#### Operating while intoxicated

After being pulled over for driving erratically on Lakeshore Road at 8:32 p.m. Friday, June 26, a 41-year-old Harrison Township woman was discovered to be intoxicated.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content was .19 and she was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

### Grosse Pointe Farms

#### Parking gate destruction

Security video in a parking garage on Kercheval Avenue showed two young men riding bikes down the ramp before one snapped the arm off a parking gate at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

Photos of the individuals have been circulated.

#### Credit card theft

Officers were called to a business in the 19000 block of Mack Avenue around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, June 28, when a man wearing a hospital gown attempted to purchase items with a woman's

credit card.

The 61-year-old homeless man's name was run through LEIN and he was found to have a parole violation warrant out for a home invasion, for which he was arrested.

Officers then found mail belonging to various addresses on Hoover Road on his person, as well as additional credit cards and a woman's purse, which were taken from her unlocked vehicle while parked at a business on Hoover.

#### Destruction of high school property

Unknown suspects entered the equipment cage under the football stadium bleachers at an area high school Friday, June 26, and spray painted the bleachers and track equipment.

Officers are investigating two boys identified as minors.

The cost of the damage could be extensive if the equipment cannot be cleaned.

#### Stolen vehicle

A 58-year-old Farms man's black 2014 Lexus was stolen from the driveway of his Touraine Road residence between 7:25 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 26.

He may have left a key

fob in the vehicle.

#### Field house trespassing

Four boys from the Pointes, ranging from 13 to 14 years old, were discovered trespassing in the Orten Field House at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25.

Small items had been taken from the field house and the boys returned them.

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

### Grosse Pointe Woods

#### Stolen vehicle

A black 2019 Dodge Durango was stolen from a home in the 2100 block of Roslyn between 10 a.m. Thursday, June 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28. The owner, who said the vehicle had been locked, reported broken glass on the driveway.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
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I SAY By Bob St. John

# A new look for summer sports in 2020



Sports fans are breathing a huge sigh of relief now that sports are back, including Little League.

All players have to exercise safety due to the COVID-19 crisis. Things will work if everyone follows the rules. Unfortunately, people aren't following the rules and a spike in

numbers has been seen. Professional sports begin with a couple of weeks of getting the rust off before beginning play at the end of July.

The National Hockey League is going right into the playoffs. Sorry local fans, the Detroit Red Wings aren't in the playoffs, but they will be back next season with a better team.

The National Basketball Association returns with a few weeks of regular season games before hitting the playoffs. Once again, our local team, the Detroit Pistons, didn't make it

based on their poor record.

Major League Baseball is back with our Detroit Tigers taking center stage. It's a 60-game schedule that starts the weekend of July 23 and ends Sept. 27.

For this season, it's a sprint and not a 162-game marathon. Anything can happen and it will be fun to watch the young guys develop. Give them time because the Tigers will be back in contention. It may not be this summer, but in due time they will be back.

College and high

school athletes are working out. We're not sure about how many, if any, fans can be in attendance.

NCAA Division 1 college football programs generate a lot of money for its schools' annual athletic budget.

Huge television deals have brought in millions of dollars, so I don't see the NCAA pulling the plug on fall sports. Smaller Division 3 schools have canceled fall sports, but not in Michigan. Hopefully they play, but stay tuned.

High school- and middle school-age baseball

and softball travel teams have been playing tournaments in Ohio. Social distancing is required and hopefully followed.

As for Little Leaguers, the seasons are on. Check out the games at local fields near you.

Each Little League has a website with its rules and regulations for this season.

In Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores, Farms-City and Grosse Pointe Park, players, coaches and umpires have to take precautions, such as wearing masks, to make sure everyone is safe.

Equipment must be sanitized; there is no sharing of water bottles, and they must try to apply social distancing.

For complete information, visit each website.

There you go. The summer of sports as related to COVID-19. This is a year that will never be forgotten.

It's a brave new world, but at least we have an opportunity to get outside and enjoy some fun, plus watch the sports we love at the end of the month.

Sit back and enjoy. We hopefully will be back to "normal" in 2021.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1945

75 years ago this week

**COUNTY MAY BUY FORD ESTATE:** The Park and Parkways Committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors has recommended to the county board that it purchase the Edsel Ford property at Gaukler Point for an eastern district county park.

The Ford estate, comprising one of the most beautiful homes and supplementing structures in America and about 65 acres of land,

has been on the market since the death of Mr. Ford three years ago. Rumor has named many prospective purchasers since then.

*Obituaries: Pfc. John D. Snowday*

### 1970

50 years ago this week

**POINTE ROCKED BY STORM:** A small tornado cut a swath of destruction in the Park, City and Farms, during a heavy rain and thunderstorm on Wednesday, June 24, causing vast damage to public and

private property. A woman in the Park was injured near her home when she was hit by a falling tree.

*Obituaries: Rachel H. Hawkins, Russell S. Collins, Rose Louise Krause, Irene D. Mehning, Isobel Cahill*

### 1995

25 years ago this week

**STOREFRONTS CLOSE IN PARK:** Just weeks after the Grosse Pointe Park City Council voted to tear down two buildings in the 15100 block of Mack, two

business owners have decided to board up their buildings. John Carlisle, owner of Jimmy Mack's bar, closed his establishment right after the Red Wings were eliminated from the Stanley Cup finals. Claiming that he was so embarrassed by the look of the block, with all its boarded up storefronts, Carlisle said he decided to close the bar. His action, in turn, has caused Park bar and restaurant owner Dennis Dallacqua to board up his establishment, Grumpy's.

**SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET:** After a lengthy discussion, some disagreement and a mix of complaints and criti-

cism from the public, the Grosse Pointe school board voted 6-1 to adopt a \$74.4 million budget for 1995-96. Trustee Taylor cast the dissenting vote. Most board members were pleased with the proposed budget and praised Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, and his department. Taylor, however, voted against the spending plan because, he said, it represents an 8.2 percent increase over last year's budget.

*Obituaries: Harriet R. Seyler, Dorothy H. Dade Kane, Olive M. Meikle, Barbara L. Stone, Virginia C. Boardman, Doris Rinke Potvin*

## 2010

10 years ago this week

**'REEL STEEL' ON VENDOME:** Members of the "Reel Steel" movie crew took time from filming in Grosse Pointe Farms to answer myriad questions of Logan Wood, 5. Logan and his mother, Trisha, rode bicycles from their house in the City to the movie location in the first block of Vendome. One movie technician showed Logan a selection of lights used during filming; another let the boy see equipment stored inside a semi trailer.

*Obituaries: William C. Boydell, Mae H. Entenman, Zina Braden Bennett, Virginia G. Koerber, Caroline Elaine Leto*

## LETTERS:

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### One G.P.?

To the Editor:

I am surprised and deeply saddened to hear that a decision was made "not to allow Mr. Andy Haines to continue" his contribution to GP South's national award-winning choir program.

I understand there were students who were unhappy with conducted rehearsals, but there were far many more students (in fact the majority) that support the way he taught his choreography.

I wanted mostly to say how wrong it is that this decision does not allow for any rectification and placement of a conduct policy as we (choir booster members, par-

ents and students) were actually told that we were going to be given this opportunity (and our choir president was assured by Dr. Niehaus and Dr. Dean!), and then it was abruptly taken away. This conduct promotes a great distrust of you and the current members of our school board.

The "One GP" which seems to promote solidarity in reality is a disguise for a larger

problem. That is, if one department or program in a particular school is achieving great heights and awards, our school district seems to want to bring it down so other similar programs don't feel "less than."

Instead, our district and you, our board, should use it as a bell weather to what we can all achieve with perseverance and hard work.

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Andra Woods of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from Bowdoin University in May with a major in Africana studies and a minor in cinema studies.

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Kaiya Sutton of Grosse Pointe Farms was recog-

nized by Arcadia University for academic excellence during Honors Convocation, a ceremony honoring students who earned Dean's List or Distinguished Dean's List for the spring and fall 2019 semesters, as well as departmental

and university awards.

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Sydney Eger from Grosse Pointe Shores was named to Marquette University's spring 2020 Dean's List. Eger is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in biomechanics.

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The following students were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2020 semester at Grand Valley State University: Maxwell Carrier from the City of Grosse Pointe; Emily Barbour, Hadley Clemens, Claire Dalian, Jacquelyn Knapp, Robert Koerber, Heidi Marchi, Caleb Marion, Allison Stapleton and Joseph Veneri from

Grosse Pointe Farms; Delaney Hart, Kaitlyn Kolk, Lillian Kozak, Devin Henderson, Mary Kozak, Sara Michalik, Danielle Roman, Kathryn Sauget, Cameron Schreiber, Cameron Schultz, Sophia Smith, Madeline Stacheit and Kaitlyn Wilson from Grosse Pointe Woods; and Marty Brown, Paul Lucchese, Jenna Miller, Ardie Melnick and Mekelle Pace from Harper Woods.

## CHOIR:

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### Findings

Two things can be true at the same time, Sutton, managing partner with Lusk Albertson PLC, concluded in his executive summary, obtained by the Grosse Pointe News through a Freedom of Information Act request. Many current and former students had a positive experience as part of South's choir program; many current and former students had a negative experience as part of South's choir program.

"Moreover, simply because some students had a positive experience, it does not eliminate from the realm of possibilities a student having a negative experience in the GPSHS choir program," Sutton wrote in the report.

According to the executive summary, multiple current and former students "expressed concerns about the manner in which Mr. Haines conducted himself ... (describing) behavior that was condescending, mean, coarse and rude." Also of concern were unrealistic expectations and "unnecessarily harsh" feedback.

"Students discussed name-calling that, while not overtly insensitive, was less than professional for an adult placed in a role of trust and given an audience with minors."

### 'Beloved by students'

Support for Haines from former and current students and parents of the program poured in via emails to the board and administration — many copied to the Grosse Pointe News — social media posts and public comments at a special meeting of the Board of Education June 29.

"He was beloved by students, yet the district fired him on the grounds of harassing and bullying students," rising South junior Ally Strehlke wrote in an email. "As someone who has spent two years in the program already, I have never witnessed such bullying and/or harassment."

Parents and students related personal experiences when Haines demonstrated support and caring.

"Mr. Haines wasn't a choreographer, he was a life skill builder, a kid's biggest supporter, friend, manufacturer of personal excellence, oh yeah, and he could dance a little," South parent Sheri Rieth wrote in an email.

Rieth described how Haines kept in touch with South's choir seniors through the COVID-19 shutdown.

"He taped their workouts on his own time to keep the kids upbeat and engaged during a time that was probably one of the most difficult for



Andy Haines, left, and Christopher Pratt at the 2019 Fame National Show Choir Finals in Waukegan, Ill.

many," she wrote. "He always had a sympathetic and positive message for them. He drove over three hours to attend the South choir senior awards night, which was not organized by the school. He spoke with each senior and encouraged them to grow and be strong from this time, choking down tears, knowing what they had lost the last couple of months. Then he got right back in his car and traveled the long distance to his home in Ohio."

South 2019 graduate Maya Petropoulos wrote, "I am especially shocked that such an institution would choose not to listen to the majority, who love and praise Andy not just as a teacher, but as a friend. ... We won nationals because of Andy. Plain and simple. He pushes, drives and motivates all of us. I would maybe suggest that you advise those who don't like the program, not to participate. These kids are devastated, as am I. Choir absolutely defined my high school experience and made me discover my career path. I would not be where I am or who I am without this program. It is a complete disservice to rob these kids of the same experiences I had."

### A 'polarizing figure'

Some investigation witnesses described Haines as a "polarizing figure." While many attributed their success in the arts to him and his support, others indicated they withdrew from the choir and related activities "because of Mr. Haines' conduct and unrealistic expectations." Complaints about Haines' conduct prior to the current inquiry had been reported to the booster club, according to multiple witnesses. While the "booster club indicated that those concerns were investigated and that such investigation included conversations with Mr. Haines," Haines claimed no student or parent "ever made him aware of any student concern."

Multiple witnesses described Haines as mocking students who left the program and "passively encouraging other students to follow suit." For example, when one student's name was spoken, Haines "would allegedly mock spit and

comment 'we don't say that name.'" When questioned about this incident, Haines denied he ever spat and "indicated that while he may have expressed sadness that the student left the choir program, he did not encourage students to not 'say that name.'"

Multiple witnesses also questioned the influence of the booster club over the choir program.

"There appeared to be a strong sentiment, seemingly well-founded, that a handful of booster club members were exerting extreme influence over the operations of the GPSHS choir program," Sutton wrote. "The influence was clearly tied to finances and individual contributions, which finance the employment of Mr. Haines and a secretary for Mr. Pratt."

### Internal investigation

Sutton's investigation confirmed findings of an earlier investigation conducted in the fall of 2019, concluding Haines violated board policy 5517 on bullying and cyberbullying, which includes directly or indirectly interfering with a student's educational opportunities and having a substantially detrimental effect on a student's physical or mental health.

The internal investigation by Human Resources Director Nicole Pilgrim and Hamka was initiated after two South students came forward with complaints alleging Haines engaged in "harassing type behavior and such conduct was condoned or ignored by Mr. Pratt," according to the report.

Haines was suspended for three days in December 2019, and Pratt was suspended for four days in January for refusing to sign a letter of reprimand against Haines.

"Your booster board has exposed their 'conclusion' of bullying as unreliable because it is based on a highly flawed investigation that included investigator bias," 2019-20 booster club co-president Laura Sanom wrote in a Jan. 23 email to choir families.

At the Jan. 27 regular meeting of the board, Niehaus announced he was in the process of engaging Lusk Albertson to conduct a full third-party investigation.

"We want to protect all

of our kids. We want to provide a safe, secure environment for them to be able to do their best and perform their best," he said.

In his June 24 email, Niehaus wrote, "The initial report resulted in complaints by members of the choir boosters and others that the internal investigation was flawed, and that the recommendations from that investigation could not be justified."

Retaining Sutton was in response to these complaints, he added.

### 'Extensive input'

Sutton's investigation included 20 individual interviews, completed either in person or by telephone, with five current or former South students, five parents of current or former choir students, seven district employees, including Pratt, two community members and Haines.

Sutton also received "extensive input" from students, parents and community members associated with the choir program, including multiple email statements, screenshots of social media posts and other accounts.

"The actions of the district administrators in this matter require investigation and oversight by the BOE," Sanom wrote in a statement. "These administrators have deceived and lied to parents; they hired an attorney at public expense to give pretext to publicly brand a man a bully; they never told him a single specific complaint against him or gave him due process; they suspended him based on unspecified allegations in December and then invited him back to South to teach with no administration oversight; they have twice reneged on agreements with the choir boosters. If we cannot trust administration to act honorably and with good faith, how can we trust any of the big decisions they are making for this district?"

Pratt also responded to the administration's decision with a statement.

"The nationally award-winning and internationally recognized Grosse Pointe South Choir has been a home for thousands of students to create, discover and find passion from highly dedicated and caring staff of educators since I first arrived at South in 2012," he wrote. "Certainly the thousands of students who preceded my arrival — some now who are parents and choir volunteers — laid a legacy in their own right. Andy Haines has been a significant part of that success and award-winning tradition from the start."

### A personal view

South parent Michelle White, who related her daughter's negative experience with Haines at the January board

meeting, said while neither she nor her daughter was interviewed as part of Sutton's investigation, she was not surprised by the outcome.

"It's very clear the lawyer found abusive behavior and the administration is following the advice of a lawyer and it's in the best interest of the school district from a liability standpoint," she said. "But it's also in the best interest of the students because that's what school is about. It's about educating and bringing them up. It's not about shaming them."

After the board meeting, White said she heard from many people who thanked her for speaking up and shared their own stories.

For White, the issue transcends her own daughter's experience in 2016 to a larger, systemic issue with the long-standing culture of the program, which, in her view, includes a conflict of interest due to Pratt's pre-existing relationship with Haines, lack of professional boundaries with students and parents demonstrated by Haines, and power imbalance created by the 200-member boosters club.

"I really do believe it comes down to boundaries and how much access certain parents have to teachers and how much reliance the teachers place on them to do the program," White said. "It really comes down to conflicts of interest in terms of allowing teachers to treat each student equitably and fairly and

meet the needs of every student. I think it's impossible to do that when you don't have boundaries."

White described her daughter's experience as "targeted humiliation that had nothing to do with correcting a student (or) helping a student be a better artist." Her daughter reported the incident to Hamka because she knew it was wrong and didn't want to "stand by and watch it happen to somebody else," White said.

"Bullying is not OK no matter if some students can handle it and they can brush it off or, like in the case of my daughter, she could handle it, but she has a very strong moral compass and she knew it was so wrong for him to publicly humiliate her and do so in front of Mr. Pratt."

"When it becomes a pattern, you can't ignore it," White said. "A lot of people have talked to me over the years and it's a pattern."

She also noted that the "lack of empathy" from parents whose children were not negatively impacted by their experiences with the choir program was "staggering."

White is eager to break the cycle and create a more student-centered, inclusive program.

"I think they made the right choice," White said. "And I think this is a wonderful opportunity for South students. I hope the district takes the opportunity to start fresh and really serve the young artists of this community."

## Summary of recommendations

◆ Mr. Haines should no longer be permitted to participate with the GPSHS choir program or any district-affiliated program. ... (T)he continued presence of Mr. Haines on school grounds with access to district students poses an unnecessary threat to students and represents a liability risk for the district. Moreover, the practice of contracting a choreographer by the booster club without district control and approval should be examined.

◆ Mr. Pratt should be given explicit directives regarding the expectations, objectives and standards for the GPSHS choir program. In this regard, it is the opinion of the investigator that Mr. Pratt needs a significant "recalibration" regarding what the choir program stands for and the district's ultimate responsibility for it. The investigation evidenced a need for a change in the culture of the program; that needs to start with Mr. Pratt. ... Students should be pushed to be their best in any subject or activity, but that goal should not result in the agendas of overzealous parents or overeager students poisoning the valuable experience that an inclusive, supportive choir program can provide.

◆ The booster club should be supporting the activities of the choir program, not operating the program. The investigator posits that much of the concern with the GPSHS choir program is rooted in the booster club. Started more than 20 years ago with pure intentions to provide necessary financial support to the choir program, the booster club has become a source of controversy within the community as a result of what appears to be an ability to wield unchecked power over the choir program. The investigator is left with little doubt that Mr. Pratt's actions — and acts of omission — were premised on his fear of challenging the will of the booster club and, in particular, key financial contributors to same. After all, while an employee of the district, he receives significant compensation and support from the booster club. But the choir program belongs to the district, not the booster club. The current construction may make it difficult for Mr. Pratt to operate accordingly.

— from the Executive Summary, Grosse Pointe South High School choir investigation



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## Stuffed! Grosse Pointe Historical Society launches Scarecrow Project

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is kicking off a project that should add quite a few bodies to the community — of both the living and the stuffed variety.

The Scarecrow Project, which could potentially draw a bit of tourism to the Pointes, also will add some creativity to its curbsides.

“We’re making 100 scarecrow kits to sell as a fundraiser,” said Ann Eatherly, treasurer of the GPHS and who, along with Kay Burt-Willson, Cathy Walker and Barney Nowicki, is arranging the launch. “We hope to have the first prototype next week — ‘Socialites of Grosse Pointe in the mid-’60s,’ a lovely lady and a dapper gentleman dressed for an evening of fun with friends.”

The wig on “Debutante Delphine” will be styled by hairdresser Robert Ruffer, owner of Salon Gratitude in Grosse Pointe Woods, and Emma Jean Evans with Grosse Pointe Theatre provided expert costume advice and historically accurate garments for both prototype scarecrows.

Additionally, Shelly Maniaci donated shoes and Dr. Karen Smiley



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“Scare White and the Seven Scarecrows.”

donated a Lily Pulitzer dress for the prototypes.

The project is modeled after one created by the Chester Historical Society in Chester, N.H. Burt-Willson, GPHS vice president of education, was touring New England when she heard about it and paid the town a visit.

“She was blown away,” Eatherly said, noting the annual fundraiser helped put Chester on the map; the town draws visitors from throughout the state and beyond each fall. And with 10 years of scarecrows under its belt, the Chester Historical Society anticipates a

thousand of the filled-up figures dotting the landscape this year.

Eatherly hopes the Grosse Pointes will see the same success.

“It’s a real community source of pride and an invitation for neighboring towns and those more distant to come and visit,” she said. “It’s not mainly a fundraiser; it’s a way of showcasing the creativity and imagination of people in Grosse Pointe.”

Scarecrow kits cost \$25 each and include a burlap head, painted with a caricature-like face; a wooden armature for the shoulders and body; and

directions, tips and websites to visit for inspiration.

Members of the GPHS are painting and sewing the heads themselves. There is some assembly required; scarecrows typically are stuffed with straw, which may be hard to come by in August, so Eatherly suggested using crumpled newspaper.

“Just ball up some newspaper and stuff it inside plastic grocery bags,” she said. “Then they can dress them any way they want. You can have a Darth Vader Rollerblader if you want. We want to see them on

every block, at every park, at every possible business.”

The process can be a family affair, with parents and children pitching in together to gussy up their scarecrows. No matter who’s participating, Eatherly hopes they’ll be creative.

“We could have three guys in a rowboat, a mom and a dad with a dog, scenes from movies and books. We may even see some political scenes. ... Maybe even a zombie wedding.”

The biggest tip Eatherly suggested was making the scarecrows visible from a distance, “so if someone’s driving by they can understand what the scarecrow is supposed to be,” she said. “It shouldn’t be subtle; it has to have curb appeal.”

As for storage, “In the fall, after Halloween,

bring (the scarecrow) inside where it can dry and then store it in the garage or basement. Dry it first or it will mold.”

While the kits may be purchased soon, they won’t be available to pick up until the weekend after Labor Day. Kits will be available online using PayPal, Eatherly said.

Orders will be able to be made on the society’s website — gphistorical.org — or by calling (313) 319-7146, which is a dedicated phone line for PayPal orders.

Eatherly thanked Pointe Hardware on Kercheval for help “figuring out what kind of wood to use and getting the supplies we need.”

“I think we need a fun project at this time,” she added. “People are housebound, chewing on their tails and bored. ... It’s the perfect time for this.”



“Walking the Dog” scarecrows in Chester, N.H.



New additions to the Rotary Tot Lot.

## Rotary Tot Lot grand opening is Aug. 8

On Aug. 1, 2019, the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe unveiled plans for the \$250,000 “re-imagining” of its nearly half-century-old Tot Lot in the City of Grosse Pointe, to make it an ADA/ADHD-compliant, all-inclusive play park and learning development environment, for kids 2 to 5 years of age.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, that plan has come to fruition.

The Tot Lot is the only dedicated ADA-compliant and all-inclusive children’s play park that is open to all residents and families of the five Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities.

In 1973, Grosse Pointe Rotary designed and installed the initial Tot Lot play park for ages 2 to 5 at the corner of St. Clair and Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. In 1997-98, the club performed a makeover of the original park and invested significantly in park improvements, or what members like to call “the tools of play.”

The park’s mission was



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The Grosse Pointe Rotary Tot Lot welcomes the community to its grand opening celebration at noon Saturday, Aug. 8.

then and is now to attract and encourage children to play with family and, more importantly, each other. Studies show play is critical for healthy physical, social, emotional and intellectual development in tots ages 2 to 5. Kids today are spending less time outside playing than they did 20 years ago.

Rotarians further recognize the importance of creating an all-inclusive environment for children of all abilities, one that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to better serve those with physical and emotional challenges.

Now, 22 years since the last makeover, more is

known about the six functional needs to deliver during play, their relationship to the design of park equipment and space and how these influence both the body and minds of children. The Rotary Club felt it was time to update and bring these insights and

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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.

## Cristy Curtiss Hyde

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Cristy Curtiss Hyde, 64, passed away peacefully Monday, June 8, 2020, at home, after a three-year battle with ALS.

Cristy was born April 5, 1956, in Detroit, to Jean and William Curtiss.

Cristy attended Monteith and Barnes elementary schools, Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education from Michigan State University and studied at Parson's School of Design in New York City. She made a career change after working as a fashion illustrator and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

She and Arthur Sewall Hyde were married Aug. 8, 1982, at Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.

Together with her husband, Cristy worked six years at Ford Motor Co., in Dearborn and Japan. After the birth of the couple's first child, she dedicated herself to raising their daughters, each of whom earned engineering degrees from Michigan.

Cristy enjoyed painting, bird watching, gardening, walking, exercising, playing tennis and watching "Star Trek," "The X-Files" and "Ancient Aliens." Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and dogs. After her children went to college, she had a successful career painting oil and watercolor portraits, landscapes, flowers and birds. Her talent was evident on her website, cristyhyde.com.

Cristy is survived by her husband, Art; children, Laura Bettinger (Brendan), Elizabeth Hyde and Emma Hyde; grandson, Bowen Hyde Bettinger; and siblings, Cathy Curtiss (Brian Molloy), Cindy Ireland (Charlie) and Carol Leibe (Jack).

A virtual memorial service was held June 12. Family and friends invite others to celebrate Cristy's life on her Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence, umich-als.org; or ALS of

Michigan, alsofornichigan.org.

## Leslie Conway Anderson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Leslie Conway Anderson, 93, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary.

Leslie and Mary loved to travel the country and relax aboard their sailboat along the Lake St. Clair shoreline. Leslie loved exploring and being active. An avid sailor, he was a dedicated member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

Described by his friends as a true character, Les kept everyone on their toes not knowing what was going to come out of his mouth, which caused outbursts of laughter in happiness or disbelief. Leslie's friends recall he knew exactly how to bring life to a room. They note that their joy in speaking of Leslie is infectious.

Leslie believed everyone should feel the enjoyment of life at least once. His friends surmise Leslie lived a long, beautiful and joyous life because he also believed in not giving up. He will be deeply missed.

Funeral services were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods; ah.peters.com.

## Sally P. Cudlip

Sally P. Cudlip, 92, a recent resident of Centennial, Colo., died Sunday, June 21, 2020. A member of a longtime Grosse Pointe Farms family, she was born March 18, 1928, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sally loved the outdoors, her left-handed tennis game and her many friends on and off the tennis courts. Together with her family, Sally spent summer and fall months in northern Michigan where she was happiest clearing the woods and trails. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her.

Sally is survived by her children, James H. Cudlip, Peter M. Cudlip and Lynn S. Cudlip; and grandchildren, Christopher Cudlip and Courtney Cudlip. She was predeceased by her parents, John H. and Elizabeth M. Potter; hus-

band, Jack M. Cudlip; and sister, Marion S. Franzen.

Memorial services will be private.

Memorial donations in Sally's name may be made to Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740; or Sigma Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 36373, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Coryell Franklin Turpin

Grosse Pointe resident Coryell Franklin "Frank" Turpin died Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at his home. A son of James Franklin Turpin and Alta Irene Turpin, Frank was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Detroit.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 62 years, Roberta; children, Kevin Turpin (Val), Terri Turpin-Amato (Tony) and Scott Turpin (Karen); grandchildren, Jacob Turpin, Andrew Turpin, Zachary Turpin, Daniel Amato, Christina Amato and Katie Turpin; step-grandchildren, Jorge, Shane, Cody and Zachary; and a nephew, nieces and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, James Colin Turpin, and step-grandchild, Clelia.

Frank graduated from Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores. His studies at Albion College were interrupted by his military service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Frank also served in the medical corps during the Korean War. He saved countless lives entrenched with the U.S. Marine Corps on the front lines in the mountains of Korea. After his military service, Frank continued his education at Ferris State University and earned a pharmacy degree.

Frank began his career working for drug stores. He later worked with physicians' offices, hospitals and pharmacies throughout metropolitan Detroit as a representative for Eli Lilly and Co. A former Navy nurse, Frank proudly taught nurses proper protocol and techniques as part of his position.

Frank met his beloved wife, Roberta, on a blind date during his work as a pharmaceutical company representative. The couple had a loving marriage and raised a family.



Cristy Curtiss Hyde



Leslie Conway Anderson



Coryell Franklin Turpin

Frank's family loved him and knew they could rely on him always, no matter the need — from moral support to wise advice to lending a helping hand in any situation.

In retirement, Frank and Roberta enjoyed traveling the world, camping and playing golf. They also actively volunteered in their community.

His family recalls that Frank frequently said he had lived a beautiful life. Now, that life will be cherished, celebrated and missed.

Donations in Frank's memory may be made to the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, 32 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; The Helm, helmlife.org; or the Salvation Army, give.salvationarmyusa.org.

## Barbara E. Bavinger

Former Grosse Pointe resident Barbara Eleanor Bavinger (née Vetter), 100, died Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at home in St. Louis, Mo. A daughter of James G. Vetter, M.D., and Helen A. Vetter, she was born April 13, 1920, in Omaha, Neb.

Barbara was a 1941 graduate of Manhattanville College in New York City.

She enjoyed gardening — especially growing varieties of large tomatoes — and installing fencing and milk cartons that kept rabbits and snails from the tomatoes. A voracious reader, Barbara also enjoyed making cheesecake, playing tennis and golf, skiing, decoupage and travel. She appreciated owls and was a frequent visitor to the St. Louis Zoo, Missouri Botanical Gardens and St. Louis Art Museum. She also enjoyed watching Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods play golf and Roger Federer play tennis.

A member of Junior League of Detroit, Country Club of Detroit, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, book and bridge clubs and World Bird Sanctuary in St. Louis, Barbara taught art to



Barbara E. Bavinger



Leila Marie Lynch

schoolchildren at the Detroit Institute of Arts and volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband, William F. Bavinger Jr.; siblings, Bette, Margie and Jimmy; and grandchild, Hillary. She is survived by her children, Connie, Bill, Bruce and Jim; grandchildren, Stacey, Markley, Will, Shaun, Brooke, Becky, Clay, Tierney and BT; great-grandchildren, Ella, Will, Tatiana, Tera, Audrey, Aaron, Saoirse, Quinn and Leo; and sisters, Joanie and Mimi.

Interment will take place at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to World Bird Sanctuary, worldbirdsanctuary.org.

## Leila Marie Lynch

Leila Marie Lynch, a resident of Grosse Pointe and Naples, Fla., passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at home in Naples, surrounded by her family.

Born Feb. 19, 1928, Leila exemplified a generation that thought little of sacrificing for family and giving limitless energy and total dedication to raising their children. She stood out for incredible devotion to her family and community, even among her peers.

Leila considered herself as coming from an undistinguished background and worked her way through college. She caught the eye of a young returning World War II soldier, Ray J. Lynch, at Sunday Mass. Ray proposed to Leila with a dream of raising 12 children; the couple never deviated from the plan. Leila's family com-

mented that raising so many children would exceed many women's limits, yet Leila managed to do so with an unwavering grace they attributed to her strong Catholic faith.

Leila focused her energy on her family and the greater community. A relentless volunteer and leader, her compassion and generosity benefited countless organizations. Leila was the vibrant heart of the Lynch household; she gave it life, warmth and humor. Her hospitality drew friends and friends of friends to unforgettable gatherings that still bring joy to those who remember them. Her children, their families and the wide orbit of people whose lives she touched are a testament to her selfless love. All shared in the blessing of knowing Leila, this shining star of a woman, as described by her family.

Leila was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Ray, and sons, Tom, Dan and baby Joseph. She is survived by her children, Dawn Rassel (Richard), Mary Joy Lynch (the late Bob), Cheryl Nilsson (Mark), Tim Lynch (Claudia), Jane Lynch, Martha Biasi (Gerry), Chris Lynch (Liz), John Lynch (Kate) and Rob Lynch (Terry); 29 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service in Michigan will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial contributions to assist underserved families may be made to Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Christian Service Commission Fund, 5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213.

Arrangements were handled by A.J. Desmond & Sons, Troy.

## With pride

Pride 2020 committee chairwoman Andrea Joy, left, and Marla Maiuri celebrated Pride Week by signing a banner that was hung at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. Additionally the Grosse Pointe Farms church planted 100 rainbow flags on its front lawn in celebration of Pride.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARLA MAIURI



## Helm golf outing is July 27

The second annual Fore The Helm Golf Outing takes place at noon Monday, July 27, at Lochmoor Club. This is the first golf outing of the season at Lochmoor. Participation is limited to 100 golfers, so organizers suggest those interested sign up early.

Registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. for this four-person scramble-style event. All golfers receive a boxed lunch, use of a cart, entry into contests, heavy hors d'oeuvres following the event and two drink

tickets for the "19th Hole."

Prizes will be awarded for low score for men's, women's and mixed team, as well as men's and women's closest to the pin.

Cost per golfer is \$225, or \$900 per foursome. Lunch, practice green and hole sponsorships are available. In addition to signage recognition, sponsorships include entry for a four-person team.

Register or sponsor online at helmlife.org or call The Helm at (313) 882-9600.



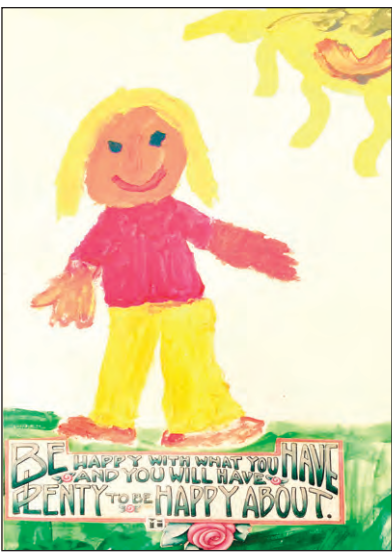


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A drawing made by Maddie Berschback, when she was 5.

# Optimists Club hosts art contest

## Entries due July 25

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Optimists Club of Grosse Pointe is hoping for a heap of inspiring artwork, following the theme “iMagine Being an Optimist.”

The visual arts competition, sponsored by Optimists International, seeks entries from contestants who are younger than 11 years old as of Oct. 1, 2019. Entries should be visual artwork, such as paintings or drawings.

“I’d like to have all entries in by July

25, so we can select the local winners and submit our local entry into the Optimist International Club by Aug. 1,” said Deborah Renshaw, president of the Grosse Pointe club. “The entries will be judged by five members of the Grosse Pointe Optimists Club.”

Entries may be submitted via email to Optimist member Suzy Berschback at [suzanne.berschback@beaumont.org](mailto:suzanne.berschback@beaumont.org).

“I am happy to be a part of an effort to help children learn to become optimists through participating in this art competition,” Berschback said. “There are a number of health benefits to learning to become a more optimistic person. Recent studies have found that

optimism played a significant role in health outcomes for cardiovascular disease, cancer, pain, physical symptoms and mortality.

“Studies have also shown that optimistic people tend to live longer than pessimists,” she continued. “Optimists not only experience less stress, but they also cope with it better. They tend to be more resilient and recover from setbacks more quickly. Rather than becoming overwhelmed and discouraged by negative events, they focus on making positive changes that will improve their lives.”

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## ASK THE EXPERTS By Marquita Bedway, Ph.D.

# Tips to reduce tension at home during COVID-19

**Q:** Our 14-year-old son, diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD, at age 8, is becoming more defiant. The COVID-19 restrictions exacerbated the situation. How can we reduce the tension in our home?

**A:** ADHD is a neurobiological condition that often runs in families. If one or more members of a family are impulsive, inattentive and/or hyperactive, it is less likely that calm minds prevail in stressful situations. Several factors increase defiance, including psychological issues in the family (anxiety, substance abuse, etc.), financial/health/marital stressors, temperamental fit between parent/child and parenting styles. Research shows there is a significant neurodevelopmental delay for individuals with ADHD, especially for males. Difficulty handling transitions (shifting), organizing thoughts and actions, poor time management, cognitive inflexibility, difficulty staying calm and thinking rationally are hallmarks. The good news is children with ADHD eventually end up near the same level of brain maturation as their non-ADHD peers, but there are functional and behavioral differences along

the way. Adults must adjust their interpretations of the child’s behavior, so expectations are more in line with ability. Emotional/behavioral lags often occur despite above-average intelligence, making it challenging to recognize that not all defiance is totally within the child’s control. So, what to do?

1. Investigate. Identify situations when/where defiant episodes occur. Are you asking him to make his bed by 10 a.m. when you know he has always been moody in the morning?

2. Focus on the positive. Examine your parenting style. Do you reinforce good behaviors more than negative? If you spend more time enforcing chore compliance without ever catching your child being helpful, you might be inadvertently reinforcing negative behaviors. Pay positive attention some of the time versus negative attention all the time. Be creative to change the tone of the relationship. Lead with positive consequences.

3. Avoid brinksmanship whenever possible. Negotiate solutions to all but the non-negotiables (i.e. no drugs, no violence, respect others’ privacy, etc.).

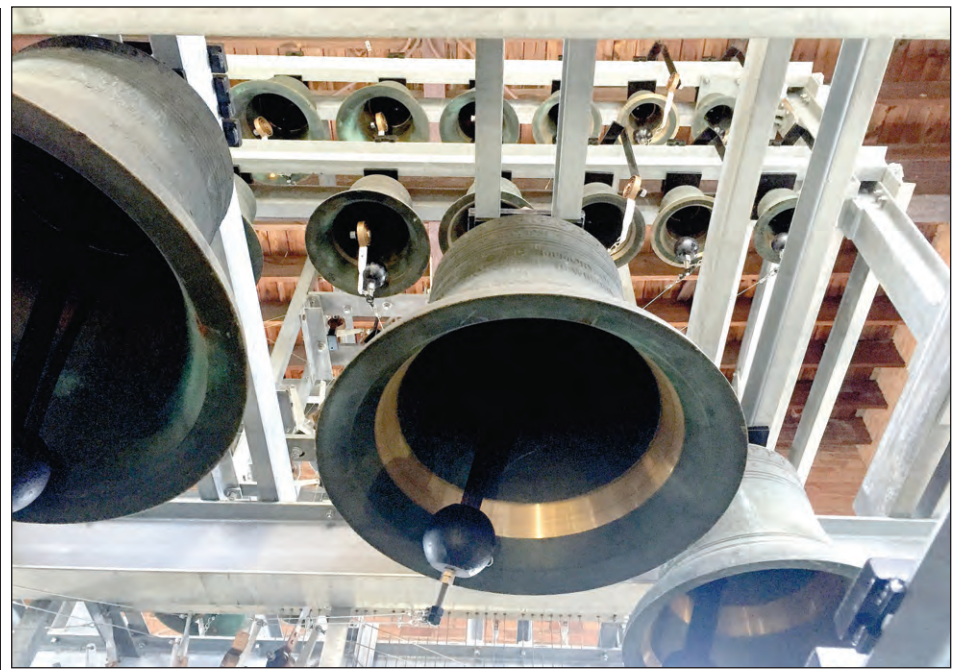
4. Encourage appropriate independent behav-

ior. He will learn to recognize how to earn more freedom.

5. Forgive yourself. Sage advice from Dr. Russell Barkley: “Keep a disability perspective and practice forgiveness.” Parents need to forgive themselves when they fail to do their part to facilitate better problem-solving and communication. During this unprecedented chapter, we are all wise to practice self-care to meet the taxing home/work demands.

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Grosse Pointe Memorial Church’s carillon concert series begins July 7.

# G.P. Memorial Church hosts carillon recital series in July

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents four carillon concerts Tuesday evenings in July. These recitals are played on the church’s carillon, a set of 48 tower bells, and begin at 6:30 p.m. The first program is July 7.

Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, attendees are encouraged to listen to the music from their cars in the parking lot or bring lawn chairs and listen from anywhere in the neighborhood. Programs are offered rain or shine.

The performers for the 2020 series are:

- ◆ July 7, Linda Dzuris
- ◆ July 14, George Matthew Jr.
- ◆ July 21, Katarzyna

Takao-Piastowska  
◆ July 28, Michelle Lam.

The concerts are provided by Grosse Pointe Memorial as an outreach to the community and are free of charge. Donations are accepted.

Dzuris, who performs July 7, became the first university carillonneur at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., in 1999. She is a professor of music in the Department of Performing Arts at Clemson.

Dzuris also is a performance instructor of the North American Carillon School. She received Bachelor of Music, Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in organ performance and church music

from the University of Michigan. Carillon study also was done in Ann Arbor, with additional study at The Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfoort, Netherlands.

Dzuris is a former board member, current adjudicator on the Associate Carillonneur Evaluation Committee and juror on the Carillonneur Exam Committee for the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. She has been a featured guest artist in carillon concert series throughout the U.S., Netherlands, France and Switzerland. American Carillon Music Editions and the Yale Guild of Carillonneurs publish her original carillon compositions.

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4B | SENIOR LIVING

# Teacher puts a cap on 50-year career

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's nothing about teaching that Cynthia Whitten doesn't love.

"What better way do you have to influence people?" she said. "It's beautiful. I get a lot of satisfaction from it."

But without a doubt, the biggest love of her nearly five-decade career has been the children.

"You can't not love the kids who are sitting in front of you," she explained. "It's grace that can be given to teachers if you're open to it. It's a great thing to have."

Whitten recently retired from her lead teacher position at Grosse Pointe Nursery School, leaving behind a career that touched thousands of lives.

And to think it almost didn't happen.

A college aptitude test indicated she should become a nurse or social worker. "Teacher" was third on the list; however, Whitten took the advice of her counselor and entered education, "and I never looked back."

Upon reflection, "I would have been a lousy nurse," she said with a chuckle. "Teaching is definitely where God wanted me."

Whitten graduated in 1964 from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Ohio with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and put her degree to use right away teaching first through fourth graders in Cincinnati.

In 1970, the Detroit native returned to



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Cynthia Whitten

Michigan, met and married Gordon Whitten, and began teaching at St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park and Guardian Angels School in Detroit, teaching fourth through eighth grade.

"I loved it," she said. In 1976, Whitten took a few years off to start a family, but the pull to return to the classroom never faded.

"When my youngest left nursery school, I thought, that's what I could do," she said. "Full-time teaching is a lot of work. So I went to Neighborhood Club, where my son had just finished, and taught there until June 2001."

For the last 19 years, Whitten has served as lead teacher at Grosse Pointe Nursery School, housed at Crosspointe Christian Church, where she had her own classroom and touched many lives.

Whitten considers running into former students among the highlights of her career, whether she recognizes them or vice versa.

"When you live in a community like Grosse Pointe ... I can walk into a grocery store and run into someone I taught 30, 40 years ago," she added. "With some people, the faces don't change; they just get further away from the ground."

As for the faces that do change, she said, it tickles her when the "old kids" recognize her. Teaching "grand-students," or the children of students she previously taught, also has been a treat.

"It's a great joy to be here and continuously be reminded of all the years and all the wonderful people," she said. "I'm honored and grateful to have lived in this community for so long."

Whitten also taught high school Catechism at Our Lady Star of the Sea for around 20 years. She's kept in contact with some of those students as well.

"It's like being part of a big family," she said.

"You always learn from them," she continued. "You think you know everything, then something new walks through the door. I love meeting new children. I love recognizing the challenges they may be facing and knowing I could be of help."

As for her retirement, Whitten said, "I knew it was time. Actually, I asked God to tell me when it was time."

When COVID-19 closed her school March 13, she felt that was a sign. She can't imagine what returning to the classroom will look like with distancing restrictions.

"I can't not hug them, the little children," she said. "I've always been that kind of teacher. This is a good time for me to step back and give it to the young."

Additionally, Whitten and her husband will celebrate 50 years of marriage this summer. She said when the school closed in March, "I realized my husband was happier when I was home."

"He's been retired for a while, so I think it's time to enjoy it together."

The Whittens lived in Grosse Pointe for 38 years before moving to Roseville in 2016. In retirement, Whitten plans to "unravel from my move, touch base with old friends and take life a little easier. Teaching is hard. It's a lot of work."

While friends and co-workers had hoped to celebrate Whitten's career and retirement with an open house, they've been restricted to honoring her online.

Photos of her in the classroom — and a collection of comments from former students and parents — are

amassing on the Grosse Pointe Nursery School and Crosspointe Christian Church Facebook pages.

"She's a very good teacher, well respected by other teachers and parents," said Jean Batts, Whitten's assistant at Grosse Pointe Nursery School. "Many students, she runs into them or they send her notes — students she had 20 years ago. She has a good rapport with them."

"Cynthia will be dearly missed by the staff of the nursery school and of Crosspointe Christian Church," she added, "and also by many families in the community. We wish her much happiness and many blessings in the years ahead."

"She's always welcome to come back and visit us."

Batts said notes of well-wishes may be sent to Grosse Pointe Nursery School, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Students play with masks in Whitten's class.

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# Organizations awarded grants

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Twelve Grosse Pointe organizations are among 73 to receive a share of nearly \$1.7 million in grants awarded by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds.

Most of this year's grants were designed to support organizations forced to adapt or adjust their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are honored to help carry out Mr. Wilson's philanthropic passions by supporting organizations working in caregiving, design and access, youth sports across the seven-county region and community assets in Grosse Pointe, which was home to Ralph during his lifetime," said Mariam C. Noland, president of the Community Foundation. "Through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds, organizations will continue their critical work to improve the lives of residents in our community."

The 12 Grosse Pointe organizations, each of which will receive a \$10,000 grant from the fund, are:

- ◆ Full Circle Foundation, Inc.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Artists Association
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Historical Society
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, Inc.

◆ Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, Inc.

◆ Grosse Pointe North Band and Orchestra Booster Club

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Society

◆ Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association

◆ The Helm at the Boll Life Center

◆ Neighborhood Club

"We are grateful and appreciative to receive this grant," said Stu Alderman, executive director at the Neighborhood Club. "Our Board of Trustees has made a commitment to develop a strategic plan for the Neighborhood Club. We plan to use the funds from the grant to help defray the cost of the strategic plan to help guide the Neighborhood Club into the future."

Peggy Hayes, executive director at The Helm, also voiced appreciation for the grant, which will be used to support the organization's efforts during the pandemic.

"While we originally had a project in mind when we applied for the grant, obviously much has changed in the world since then," Hayes said. "The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund has been so generous over the years with supporting various projects to help The Helm serve our community and we are grateful for its support. We are currently reviewing how best to apply these funds to operations and projects as we slowly and safely re-open The Helm to our members and the community."

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association applied for the grant to cover several community arts projects it had planned with collaborators, including Alternatives for Girls and the Rosa Parks After School Program, president Karen Pope said, "but because of COVID, we are unable to fulfill those promises, so we especially appreciate that the Legacy Fund has given us flexibility."

"We are working extra hard to connect our artists and art lovers with opportunities online," she continued. "For instance, one of our artists followed up on a lead from us and had art from her COVID series published in The Washington Post."

Additionally, nationally acclaimed art educator Gil Ashby of the College for Creative Studies gave online critiques to high school students whose work was part of the fourth annual Promising Artists exhibition. The GPAA also posted messages of kindness and hope displayed by community artists for nine weeks, Pope said, and currently art is being collected for the online exhibit, "The Signs Tell the Story," which will include photos by Jim Klein taken during a recent Black Lives Matter march.

"Thanks to the support of the Legacy Fund and the generosity of many volunteers, we can continue to share the healing powers of art with the community in these times



PHOTOS BY JACK RYAN

## Dining al fresco

The Helm at the Boll Life Center hosted an outdoor lunch Friday, June 26, for a handful of members — a prelude of sorts for a phased reopening at the center.

"It's so nice to see our members; we haven't seen them in so long," Executive Director Peggy Hayes said.

The Helm is hoping to open July 20, with limited programming "and a lot of rules," Hayes said, noting some classes will be hosted outside with a limited number of participants. If all goes well, more classes and activities will be added.



Members of The Helm dine at an appropriate distance during a recent outdoor lunch.

"We've talked to members throughout the shutdown and they're anxious to come back," Hayes said, "but it will be in phases."

when it is most needed," Pope said. "And we are always looking for suggestions for art-related projects, so please share them."

Grosse Pointe Garden Center president Candy Sweeny said the organization was pleased to receive the grant.

"In making this most generous grant, the Wilson Fund trustees were aware of the significance of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center

programs and workshops, and the Veterans Garden at The War Memorial as being accessible to all members of the community and visitors," Sweeny said. "At this time, we have not designated any one particular use for the funds."

However, she added, the organization plans to expand its membership, as well as educational programs and workshops, its garden tour

and other offerings for members, families and children.

"We are very grateful for this grant from the Wilson Fund and know that it will further improve our programs that are so vital to our members and the community at large," Sweeny said.

Since 2016, more than \$5.5 million in 234 grants has been awarded to nonprofits in southeast Michigan.

## Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan opens new wellness center

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan recently announced the opening of a new 4,600-square-foot wellness center at 30130 Harper, St. Clair Shores, which establishes a permanent brick and mortar location for the organization. The center will allow the charity to double the amount of children it currently serves and expand programming to include nutrition, health and wellness and cooking classes; a fitness center; body,

oncology and chair massage; nail services when nails become brittle, discolored, pitted or break; facials and skin care to help children with changes during treatment; an Enchanted Tea Room for children that, in the evenings, may be reserved for end-of-chemo parties and life celebrations; and a full-service, environmentally-friendly salon.

"The salon, spa and Enchanted Tea Room will

be open to the public during the day and will generate a stream of revenue so all services will continue being provided to the children at no charge," said Maggie Varney, founder and CEO. "With this new wellness center, the children will always have a place to receive the support that they need."

Founded in 2003, Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan is a local, grassroots nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that pro-

vides wigs and support services to children ages 3 to 18 at no charge throughout the state of Michigan.

Supporters are welcome to schedule a tour of the new center by calling (586) 772-6656. The charity is practicing social distancing and all guests are required to wear a mask.

Wish list items for the new building may be found on amazon.com or bedbathandbeyond.com. Anyone who knows a

child in need of a wig may refer the family to

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan. Visit [wigs4kids.org](http://wigs4kids.org) for more details or other opportunities to give back.

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# Flying high

University Liggett School alumnus Nate Gaggin completed pilot training at the U.S. Air Force's top flight school and completed pilot training on the F-15E "Strike Eagle." He has been assigned to the 366th Fighter Wing at Mountain Home. Gaggin was the starting catcher on one of the Knights' state title-winning baseball teams, as well as quarterback for one of its most successful football teams.



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## ART:

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Once a local winner is selected, the first-place entry will be submitted to Optimists International for competition. Voting at the international level will take place online at [optimist.org](http://optimist.org) from Aug. 15 to 30. The top three vote-getters in each category — painting and drawing — will receive scholarship awards: \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. Additionally, the win-

ning artwork will be displayed at the Optimist International convention and on its website. "Everyone has negative issues in their lives, but even if we have to look hard, we can find positive things to focus on," Berschback said. "It is a choice that we can make and the more you do it, the better you become at it. We can teach ourselves to minimize the negative and maximize the positive. It is a life-affirming goal. One of the easiest things to do before you get out of bed or during dinner is to ask your-

self, 'What am I grateful for today?' When asking that question becomes a habit, it can change your perspective and your life. "We all go through challenges," she concluded. "The key is to develop resilience along the way. If we feel grateful just to wake up and get another chance, then everything else is a bonus. There's definitely science behind positive thinking; it's a muscle that gets stronger with use." For more information about the local contest, visit [gpointoptimists.com](http://gpointoptimists.com).

## TOT LOT:

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improvements to the Rotary Tot Lot with a design makeover involving an investment of \$250,000.

The Rotary Tot Lot reimagining begins with two Playscape structures designed for ages 2 to 5. Second, the three-bay swingset framing has been replaced. The new ADA-compliant swings allow adult and child to face each other and swing together.

Spread out across the Tot Lot are new free-standing play modules — a spinning Merry-Go-All; the Discover Cave in which to hide, crawl through or climb over; in-ground and elevated wheelchair-accessible sandbox and wheelchair-friendly picnic table.

All the above is standing on a cushioned "poured in place" child safety surface.

In addition, many of the old favorites in the Tot Lot have been retained and refurbished. This was not about throwing out the old to make room for the new, Rotarians said.

The Tot Lot is for all

young children in the five Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities. Rotarians are thankful this community-wide effort has been successful and generously supported.

"We are asking for you to join us on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at noon, at the Tot Lot on the corner of St. Clair and Waterloo and celebrate the grand opening of your new Rotary Tot Lot," said Grosse Pointe Rotary Executive Secretary and Tot Lot Chairman Mike Carmody. "Together, we have made this mutually beneficial dream come true for the summer season of 2020."

"We encourage people to wear a mask and to practice social distancing."

### About Rotary of Grosse Pointe

Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe was chartered in 1937, and has served the five Grosse Pointe com-

munities for 83 years. Grosse Pointe Rotary service projects include the "3 Million Pound Challenge," where Rotarians collected and distributed 3,276,000 pounds of clothing and food to those in need and 22,000 books toward Rotary's Aid to Literacy initiative.

In recent years, Grosse Pointe Rotary has donated 26,400 new winter coats to children in need through its annual Operation Warm endeavor.

Rotary of Grosse Pointe normally meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores; however, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the club is meeting virtually via Zoom and will be for some extended time. For more information, visit [gpointrotary.org](http://gpointrotary.org) or contact Carmody via email, [info@gptotlot.com](mailto:info@gptotlot.com).



PHOTO BY JACK RYAN

The Rotary Tot Lot hosts its grand opening celebration Aug. 8. The community is welcome.

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 AT 7:00 PM  
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### E-R ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT MORATORIUM ON DEMOLITION AND NEW BUILDING PERMITS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission and City Council will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider a moratorium on demolition of primary dwellings and coach houses and issuance of building permits for new dwellings within the Estate Residential (E-R) district. The moratorium will not apply to unattached accessory buildings or building permits for existing dwellings.

The proposed moratorium would temporarily suspend the activities listed above within the E-R district for a period of six months. The Planning Commission and City Council are considering this moratorium to give the City time to determine whether additional historical standards or design guidelines are appropriate within the district.

The public hearing will be held either in person at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Universalist Church at 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Information regarding the meeting location and how to attend can be found on the City's website, or by calling 313-885-5800.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm on July 20, 2020. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall located at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, or sent via email to [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org).

**Julie E. Arthurs,**  
City Clerk

GPN: 070220

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

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The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, July 20, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at their local clerk's office (see locations below) at the following times: Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm; Saturday, August 1st from 8:00am to 4:00pm; and Election Day, Tuesday, August 4th from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

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Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

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 31' ChrisCraft - A. George  
 22' Larson - C. Hughes  
 22' Larson - R. Hughes Jr.  
 24' Regal - D. Williams  
 24' Regal - T. Johnson  
 27' Carver - M. Tahhan  
 27' Carver - A. Tahhan  
 46' Morgan Catch - C. Gipson  
 46' Morgan Catch - G. Gipson  
 32' Carver - A. Miller  
 32' Carver - B. Womack  
 36' SeaRay - C. Saxton  
 29' Century - E. Rutherford III  
 24' SeaRay - T. Clay  
 25' Geneses - D. Dase  
 25' Geneses - M. Conley  
 32' O'Day - R. Jefferies  
 32' O'Day - B. Jefferies  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

### Puzzle solution for the week of 6/25/20

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

7/2/20

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S	H	A		C	O	N				
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A	D	A	M	S	O	O	D	L	E	S
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### ACROSS

- 1 — and call
- 5 Promptly
- 8 Despot
- 12 Verve
- 13 Rd.
- 14 Regulation
- 15 Not yet final, in law
- 16 — -relief
- 17 Blind as —
- 18 Body art
- 20 Pack down
- 22 Half a fluid ounce
- 26 Short
- 29 Swiss canton
- 30 Tokyo, once
- 31 Bergman, in "Casablanca"
- 32 Action star
- 33 Diesel
- 34 One
- 34 Mel of Cooperstown
- 35 Programmer's woe
- 36 Foolish
- 37 Skiers' carries

### DOWN

- 1 Crooked
- 2 Director Kazan
- 3 Group of actors
- 4 Made a sweater, maybe
- 5 Biz big shot
- 6 Eggs
- 7 Oater
- 8 Chaplin persona
- 9 Court summons
- 10 — carte
- 11 Pensioned (Abbr.)
- 19 LummoX

### 21 "— was saying ..."

- 23 Playwright
- 24 Valhalla VIP
- 25 Memo
- 26 United nations
- 27 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 28 Incised printing method
- 32 Predatory sort
- 33 Remove a seat belt
- 35 Underwear with underwire
- 36 "Monty Python" opener
- 38 Dental filling
- 39 Untrue
- 42 Took the bus
- 43 State with certainty
- 44 Gave temporarily
- 45 Garfield or Heathcliff
- 46 Blunder
- 48 Gun the engine

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