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Marchers assemble in front of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Parents march for face-to-face learning

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — On Sunday, Aug. 9, parents staged a march to protest the Grosse Pointe Public School System recommendation to open schools remotely. Families, walking along Kercheval from Cadieux to Fisher roads and ending in front of Grosse Pointe South High School, demanded face-

to-face learning for students and answers to their many questions. Kelly Gill, a parent of a sixth grader at Pierce Middle School and ninth grader at South, came up with the idea of a peaceful march to raise awareness. She estimated more than 100 people were in attendance, including parents and children. “There’s a lot of support in the district for the face-to-face option,” she

said. For example, a letter sent to the board and administration prior to the meeting garnered approximately 500 virtual signatures. With both her children starting at new schools in the fall, missing “that rite of passage in person is going to be very confusing for them,” Gill said. “They want to go back desperately.” Gill added she could

get behind a hybrid plan just to have some face-to-face instruction, but would like more data on what drove the decision. “Tell us what your goal is,” she said. “Where do we need to be to get our kids back in school? We need hope for the kids because they don’t have any right now. Learning virtually is not learning.” Tracy Skupien helped

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Board OKs COVID-19 response plan

Administration recommends remote start, gradual roll-out to face-to-face learning

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Board of Education voted 7-0 at the virtual board meeting Aug. 10, to approve the Grosse Pointe Public School System COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. The plan, per the governor’s mandate, will be submitted to Wayne Regional Educational Service Agencies and the state for final approval. While the plan includes in-person, hybrid and

remote options, the administration recommended a remote start to the school year Sept. 8, with a gradual roll-out to in-person learning. Administrators and board members agreed the remote option is not optimal for students’ academic, social and emotional needs and the goal is to get students back into the buildings for in-person learning as soon as possible. The roll-out will focus on the school district’s most vulnerable

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Record levels of absentee voters set stage for November

By Laurel Kraus and Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — Election statistics from Tuesday, Aug. 4, show a pandemic will not stop Grosse Pointers from exercising their right to vote. Voter participation was on track with primaries in recent years, but did see a shift in balance as absentee ballots outnumbered those going to the polls. Record numbers of absentee ballots were set

in the City and Farms. “Our turnout was pretty average, it’s just the manner in which people voted (that) changed,” Grosse Pointe City Clerk Julie Arthurs explained. The City saw 1,516 AV ballots and 445 in-person voters; the Farms, 2,750 AV ballots and 1,006 in person; and the Shores, 565 AV ballots and 253 in person. A technical issue on Wayne County’s end toward the end of the day

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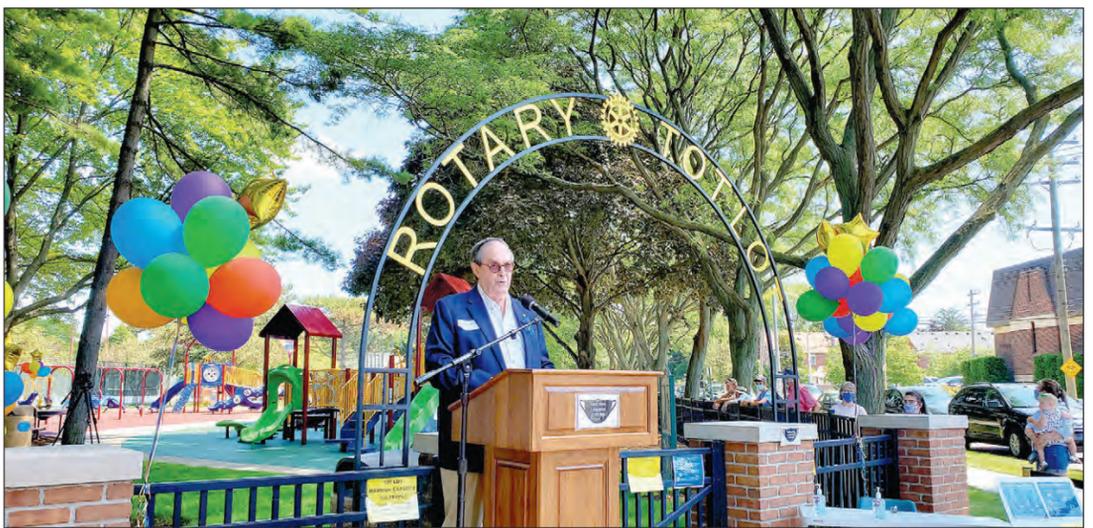


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Tot Lot opens

Rotarian Michael Carmody, who helped lead Grosse Pointe Rotary Club’s Tot Lot renovation project, addresses those who gathered for the public ribbon-cutting event Saturday, Aug. 8. Read more about the project on page 1B.

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City addresses art center, but some questions remain

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The ongoing community debate about the merits of opening the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery continued Monday, Aug. 10, as city officials

hosted a public forum. But the almost three-hour virtual discussion, held after many Park residents had aired concerns and frustrations in an informal dialogue several days earlier, appeared to do little to sway them from reservations about supporting the facility. Further increasing stress was the challenge of accommodating virtual partic-

ipants, some of whom reported that attempts to join the Zoom conference were prevented because of a 100-person limit. “No one meant to eliminate anyone from the opportunity for discussion,” said Jaime Rae Turnbull, Schaap Center spokeswoman. She provided her email address, saying she has

responded to all inquiries. City Manager Nick Sizeland said the Park didn’t anticipate the need for a larger capacity of virtual participants, so he arranged for a second event the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 12, that would accommodate 500 guests. But some participants, who sought answers

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New pediatric ER supported with \$4 million gift

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF DETROIT — As part of a \$58.2 million surgical and pediatric services expansion and renovation project, Ascension St. John Hospital is set to build a new and improved pediatric emergency department.

Out of the 110,000 patients visiting its emergency room on an average year, 20,000 to 22,000 are pediatric, Ascension St. John Hospital President Dr. Kevin Grady reported.

While the hospital does have a portion of the present ER dedicated to pediatrics and manned by pediatrics-trained emergency room physicians, the project will create a completely separate pediatric ER with its own entrance and waiting room. “When you have a population that is a lot smaller, our pediatric population, the emergency room experience



CONCEPTUAL DESIGNS COURTESY OF ASCENSION ST. JOHN HOSPITAL

The new pediatric ER will have its own entrance and waiting room.

and entrance can be scary,” Grady explained. “It can be scary for the patients for sure, but can also be scary for the parents who really, really are looking for that environment that is kind of calming and also curative at the same time.”

While Ascension is

covering \$41 million of the project in capital funding, the hospital is seeking \$17.2 million in philanthropic gifts. The effort currently is led by a \$4 million gift from Jon B. Cotton.

The new department will be named the Shery L. Cotton Pediatric

Emergency Department after Cotton’s mother.

“My mother is dedicated to making sure every child has the opportunity to live the most healthy and most fulfilling life from birth, and she has a strong desire to support her local community and its

healthcare institutions,” Cotton said in a press release.

The pediatric services section of the project also will include a transition to private pediatric inpatient rooms to allow parents to easily stay overnight with their children and the relocation

of the pediatric intensive care unit so it will be closer to other pediatric services.

“As we go forward, we understand that we’re responsible for taking care of the full community, but that we want to be able to do our best possible job of making sure it’s tailored to the needs of the community,” Grady said. “I think pediatric needs are different.”

It is unclear when the new pediatric ER may be complete and operational, as it currently is in the design phase. The surgical aspect of the project, which includes the renovation of the hospital’s 18 operating rooms — eight of the ORs will be expanded to meet the spatial needs of technology — is expected to be complete in approximately a year and a half.

Anyone interested in donating to the effort should contact Lisa Pinkowski at (313) 343-7581.

Amoritas Vineyards wins medals

Amoritas Vineyards submitted three wines to the prestigious 2020 Tasters Guild International Wine Competition and came away with three medals.

The 2019 Fascinator, the winery’s second Dry

Muscat Ottonel vintage, won a gold medal, as did the 2018 Dry Riesling.

Pipe Dream, a sparkling wine, claimed a silver medal.

“We are excited by these results,” said winery co-

owner Matthew Goodell. “I believe every wine we’ve submitted to competition has won an award, which is quite an achievement.”

Founded in 2014 by the Goodell family of Grosse

Pointe, Amoritas has been offering wine at its Tasting Room since December 2017. The Tasting Room is located in Lake Leelanau.

For more information, visit amoritasvineyards.com.

ELECTION:

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left some cities, including the Farms and Shores, unable to send the results to the county, but only caused a minor delay.

“One time, and this was a few elections ago, one of our machines wouldn’t modem the results over, but I’ve never had this problem before that none of my machines would modem over,” Shores interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk said.

In the Woods, late notification by voters who hadn’t received their absentee forms contributed to at least 74 spoiled ballots.

“If it’s two or three weeks before the election and you still don’t have your absentee ballot, you might want to give your local clerk a call,” Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway said just a couple hours before the precincts closed. “Many of them were just reported within the last couple of days, including today.”

Spoiled ballots, including some that contained “crossover” votes cast for both parties, led to reissued ballots for many, including initial absentee voters who were referred to precincts the day of the election. Hathaway and her staff contacted the United States Postal Service, Bureau of

Elections and Wayne County regarding the issue.

Park officials reported 4,052 ballots cast with absentee ballots comprising a vast majority and no significant problems at the polls.

Looking toward November, State Legislature will consider proposals promoted by the secretary of state that could allow city clerks’ offices to open absentee ballot envelopes a day early by making sure the ballot number matches the label on the envelope.

“This was a good election to test the system and see what improvements need to be made statewide and locally,” Farms Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said. “... If we got to start a day earlier, it would really make it a lot easier, but that’s a political decision.”

Wayne County races

The two millage renewals on the ballot passed with significant support both in the Pointes and

county as a whole. The Wayne County Proposition O Operating Millage, which began in 2009, will continue for 10 more years and put approximately 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation toward existing services, which include programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals; juvenile court and related services; job training; and senior citizen services. It is expected to garner \$42,129,703 in 2020.

The Wayne County Proposition P Parks Millage goes toward improving and operating area parks such as Hines Park, Elizabeth Park and Chandler Park and will remain for the next five years. The millage, which began in 2016, is approximately 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation and could produce \$10,871,753 in 2021.

Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney incumbent Kym Worthy defeated Democratic opponent Victoria Burton-Harris, essentially assuring the election of another 4-year term come November, since no Republicans ran.

In a similar race,

incumbent Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon took 80 percent of the Democratic votes, while no Republicans ran in opposition. Napoleon has held the position since 2009.

For county commissioner of District 1, incumbent Tim Killeen ran unopposed on the Democratic ticket, with no one running on the Republican ballot.

Additional races in which candidates in each party ran unopposed and will move on to the general election include: the U.S. Senate contest between Democratic incumbent Gary Peters and Republican John James; representative in the State Legislature’s District 1, including the Shores and Woods, Democrat Tenisha R. Yancey and Republican Latricia Ann Lanier; and Democratic incumbent Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett versus Republican Dylan M. Gomula.

For both Wayne County treasurer and register of deeds, respectively, Republicans Anthony Wozniak and Parker Burns ran unopposed, while Democratic incumbents Eric R. Sabree and

Bernard J. Youngblood beat out their opponents for a shot to retain their seats. Sabree took the Democratic ticket with fewer than 10,000 votes more than opponent Beverly Kindle-Walker, but Youngblood swept the board with 70 percent of the votes.

Mayra Rodriguez, Republican candidate for representative in the State Legislature’s 2nd District, including the City, Farms and Park, also ran unopposed, while incumbent Joe Tate took the Democratic ticket, with about 80 percent of the votes over challenger Taylor Harrell.

Democratic incumbent Brenda Lawrence, representative in the Congressional 14th District, won in a landslide vote 62,074 to 5,226, while Robert Vance Patrick took the Republican ticket.

While the county is in the midst of canvassing the election and has yet to officially certify the delegates to the county convention for Pointe precincts, the candidate lists include recognizable names such as Farms Councilman Neil Sroka and Shores Councilman Matt Seely.

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Road millage to be placed on Nov. ballot

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following a

long discussion of Hubbell, Roth & Clark's recommendations during the virtual meeting Monday, Aug. 10, Farms

city council unanimously voted to approve the language for a road millage proposal to be included on the November ballot.

If passed by voters, the proposal will levy up to 2 mills for a five-year duration beginning with the December 2020 tax bill, garnering \$8.6 million overall of additional funding to be put directly toward road improvement projects. City council would vote on how much it would levy out of the 2 mills on a yearly basis.

"Our goal really was to strike a balance that would be an acceptable level of cost to the taxpayers, while adding significant value from the improved road infrastructure that would result," City Controller Debra Peck Lichtenberg said. "... We think this is going to be the best way to make meaningful change."

With road millages already in place in the City, Park and Woods, the Farms currently has the lowest tax rate of the Pointes at 14.95 mills. Adding 2 mills still would keep the city just shy of the other Pointes' 17-mill range, which was a deciding factor in not raising the mill request any higher, according to Councilman Lev Wood, who sits on the budget and audit committee.

Lichtenberg estimates the annual impact on an average home with a taxable value of \$200,000 would be \$400.

With the average city-wide PASER rating — the standard Michigan road rating system with 10 being the best condition and one being the worst — estimated to be 3.6 at the end of the 2020 construction season, 2 mills over five years would bring the citywide rating to 4.6.

"This does not mean that every road will be rated at a 4.6,"

Lichtenberg pointed out. "This is an overall average. It does take a lot of improvement to move this number, so this is significant."

A tentative scenario of how the city would use the millage funds to address road improvement projects has been generated and will be on the city's website.

"If your street was not on that list, that doesn't mean that you won't be touched," Lichtenberg explained. "This (plan) preserves another \$2 million to address other projects. It gives us a cushion and a little bit of flexibility toward the construction season to work with any unforeseen circumstances and ideally, it will allow us to do additional road treat-

ments above and beyond those that are listed specifically."

In the past five years, the Farms has spent \$2.1 million on road projects, she added.

"It's become quite apparent over the last few years that despite a continuation of dedicated road spending from our general fund, we are now seeing deterioration of our overall road conditions," City Manager Shane Reeside said. "... We feel now we're at a point where action is needed."

Detailed information on the proposal and the city's plan will be available to residents on the city website and additional education sessions may be scheduled moving forward.

| SCHEDULED PROJECTS UNDER 2 MILL LEVY + \$500K ROAD FUNDING SCENARIO | | | |
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| Project Year | Street | From | To |
| 2025 | Barclay Rd | Lexington Rd | Chalfonte Ave |
| 2022 & 2024 | Beaupre Rd | Moran Rd | Kerby Rd |
| 2022 | Carrington Pl | Kercheval Ave | Dead End or Start |
| 2025 | Chalfonte Ave | Kerby Rd | City/Twp Line |
| 2023 & 2025 | Champine Pl | Chalfonte Ave | Roland Rd |
| 2022 & 2024 | Charlevoix Ave | Fisher Rd | Kerby Rd |
| 2023 & 2024 | Cloverly Rd | Charlevoix Ave | Williams Ave |
| 2023 & 2025 | Cloverly Rd | Webster Rd | Mack Ave |
| 2022 | De Petris Way | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Dead End or Start |
| 2025 | Fisher Rd | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Saint Paul Ave |
| 2022 & 2025 | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Fisher | Cloverly Rd |
| 2023 | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Cloverly Rd | Moross |
| 2023 & 2025 | Hillcrest Rd | Chalfonte Ave | Dead End or Start |
| 2025 | Hillcrest Rd | Ridge Rd | Chalfonte Ave |
| 2021, 2023 & 2025 | Kerby Rd | Kercheval Ave | Mack Ave |
| 2023 | Kercheval Ave | Mapleton Rd | Dead End or Start |
| 2024 | Kercheval Ave | Fisher Rd | Mapleton Rd |
| 2022 & 2025 | Lee Gate Ln | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Dead End or Start |
| 2025 | Lexington Rd | Chalfonte Ave | Barclay Rd |
| 2022 | Lothrop Rd | Ridge Rd | Dead End or Start |
| 2022 | Lothrop Rd | Charlevoix Ave | Beaupre Rd |
| 2022 | Lothrop Rd | Williams Ave | Chalfonte Ave |
| 2023 & 2025 | Maison Rd | Chalfonte Ave | Roland Rd |
| 2022 & 2024 | McKinley Ave | Chalfonte Ave | Mack Ave |
| 2024 | McKinley Ave | Ridge Rd | Williams Ave |

| SCHEDULED PROJECTS UNDER 2 MILL LEVY + \$500K ROAD FUNDING SCENARIO | | | |
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| Project Year | Street | From | To |
| 2024 | McMillan Rd | Ridge Rd | Moran Rd & Williams Ave |
| 2022 & 2024 | Merriweather Rd | Beaupre Rd | Williams Ave |
| 2022 & 2024 | Moran Rd | Chalfonte Ave | Madison Ave |
| 2024 | Moran Rd | Kercheval Ave | McMillan Rd & Williams Ave |
| 2023 & 2025 | Mount Vernon Rd | Charlevoix Ave | Beaupre Rd |
| 2022 & 2024 | Oldbrook Ln | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Dead End or Start |
| 2024 | Oldbrook Ln | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Dead End or Start |
| 2023 & 2025 | Piche Ave | Kerby Rd | Moross Rd |
| 2022 & 2024 | Ridge Rd | Kerby Rd | Moross Rd |
| 2022 | Ridgemont Rd | Beaupre Rd | Chalfonte Ave |
| 2022 | Stephens Ln | Stephens Rd | Dead End or Start |
| 2022 | Stephens Rd | Charlevoix Ave | Williams Ave |
| 2023 & 2025 | Stephens Rd | Ridge Rd | Stephens Ct |
| 2022 & 2024 | Touraine Rd | Beaupre Rd | Williams Ave |
| 2022 | Waverly Ln | Kercheval Ave | Dead End or Start |
| 2023 & 2025 | Webster Rd | Belanger Ave | Kerby Rd |
| 2022 | Westwind Ln | Grosse Pointe Blvd | Dead End or Start |
| 2024 | Williams Ave | Chalfonte Ave & Fisher Rd | Moran Rd & McMillan Rd |

Lifeguard tests lead to pool closures

Positive COVID-19 tests of lifeguards at the Lake Front Park Aquatic Facility and Neff Park Pool have led to closures of both locations.

The Lake Front Park Aquatic Facility closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, to allow further investigation, but initial findings concluded no residents or city employees had been exposed to the virus. An outside contractor was hired to disinfect the facility, Grosse Pointe Woods city officials said.

Residents who swam

at Neff Park Pool between 6 and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 26, or Wednesday, July 29, are advised to monitor themselves for virus symptoms, following the pool's closure Saturday, Aug. 8. The pool's temporary closure is its second due to virus-related concerns. An outside contractor has been hired to clean the facility, which is expected to reopen upon approval from health department officials.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr. and Laurel Kraus

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, AUG. 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the Osius Park pavilion.

CENTER:

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from Sizeland, Mayor Robert Denner or Turnbull, expressed skepticism.

Some topics of ongoing debate, such as the remaining amount of the \$25 million project goal and the perceived absence of a business plan, were addressed: \$9 million more is needed, while both a business plan and operating budget for the center would be presented at the planning commission meeting Wednesday, Aug. 12, Turnbull said.

"The taxpayers will not pay for any overruns of construction or operating expenses," she added.

Responding to a question about how the land was made available for the center, Sizeland said the site drew considerations of a Tim Horton's café, senior housing and a Wayne State University campus extension at various points, but he knew of no public request for proposals. Denner recalled that the city previously engaged a real estate agent.

"I know there was a proactive effort that resulted in the proposals that Nick outlined," he said.

Pemberton resident Ron Porter lamented

the plan to take "our most valuable property off the tax rolls permanently" to sell it to the nonprofit Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation, chosen to develop the arts center. Porter pointed to the "world-class" museum and orchestra, referencing Detroit institutions in relatively close proximity to the Park.

"We don't need to spend tens of millions of dollars to build this vanity project," Porter said.

Resident Jeff Greer asked if there is a timeline to complete fundraising on the center before Sizeland explores alternate uses for the land.

"Is there an actual date in this? No," the city manager said, reviewing a contract. The city would have to discuss possible alternatives with the URIF, Sizeland added.

Richard "Dick" Schroeder was one of a small, but vocal, number of residents who supported advancing plans for the center. A resident since 1983, he said there used to be a gun shop at the Park Grill's current location, rhetorically asking if residents would prefer a similar business brought to the community: "I don't think so," Schroeder said.

He praised the Schaap family for its

support in the Park.

"I don't think anything they've ever done for us has turned out badly," Schroeder

added, "and the tone that some of these people are using toward city workers, I apologize for that."

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Recent retiree inducted into health care hall of fame

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's a friendly rivalry in the Solecki family that resonates more with their jobs than with education. Rather than a Michigan-Michigan State contention, the Soleckis' friendly feud is between Henry Ford and Beaumont.

In December, patriarch Greg Solecki retired from a nearly 44-year career with Henry Ford Health System; his wife, Cathleen, is a neurosurgical nurse with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Their daughters tilt the balance heavily in favor of Henry Ford: the oldest, Emily, is the hospital's lead social media strategist, while the youngest, Julia, is an occupational therapist, though she recently volunteered to work strictly with COVID-19 patients in the Henry Ford ER.

While family and friends were certain Greg Solecki's retirement wouldn't take, the Grosse Pointe Park resident is relishing it. He enjoys gardening and dabbles in photography, but right now his focus is on his two grandchildren.

"And relaxing," he said. "Everything I do, I do it up really big," he added with a laugh. "I'm doing up lazy in a really big way."

Solecki's retirement was a long time coming — he'd considered it for years — but after more than four decades with Henry Ford, the timing was right.

Solecki was born and raised in Detroit and went

through Detroit Public Schools, "at a time when parents falsified their addresses to get into the district." After graduating from Osborn High School, he attended Wayne State University, where he earned an undergraduate degree in psychology and graduate degree in education, with a concentration in student personnel work.

"I thought I was going to work in a university setting," he said. "Everything prepares us for something, even if we don't know what that is."

After initially landing a job with General Motors, Solecki was laid off but vowed to go back to GM when they called him. In the interim, he joined the Human Resources department at Henry Ford. Six months later, when GM called him back, he turned them down.

"I started in Human Resources, then gradually evolved into a businessman, taking the business path at Henry Ford," Solecki said. "I've worked at Henry Ford Health System — when I started it was Henry Ford Hospital — my entire career. Most of my life I've been fortunate to work in Detroit and interact with Detroiters."

Solecki worked in a variety of HR capacities, most notably, he said, as a nurse recruiter.

"I would have done it for free," he joked. "I was young and single and I got a job where they paid me to go and talk to nurses every day at colleges and universities."

"Back at that time, the



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Greg Solecki

riots had happened not that far from Henry Ford Hospital in '67," he added. "Henry Ford Hospital was getting over the stigma of all that happening. With recruiting, I was selling the city of Detroit much stronger than I was selling Henry Ford."

After stints as employment director and compensation director, Solecki was shown a new path when he was offered an opportunity in home health care.

"I had no idea what he was talking about, so I turned him down," Solecki said, noting that his boss called him back and insisted he'd be perfect for the job. "I was flattered by that, so I discussed it with my wife, who was my fiancé at the time, and she said, 'When

they're doing, how they're handling things. ... I pray for them all the time."

One positive outcome Solecki has seen during the pandemic is the rise of telehealth.

"We as a health system were advocating for remote electronic visits for years, but we couldn't gain traction," he said. "COVID has made it a more compelling opportunity to safely take care of patients and do it in a cost-effective way."

Finding the positives in a negative situation is a choice Solecki is happy to make.

"It's just about living your life the right way and making sure you understand what role you play in all of this," he said. "It's never about me; it's about us. It's about the connectivity we all have by being together on the face of this earth."

"This isn't promised to us. Life is very fragile and temporary," he added. "What will you choose to do with the opportunity you've been given? I choose to live it in a Christian way. Being kind, doing the right thing, being nice to people — these are all good ways to live our lives and a good way to run our business."

Throughout his career, Solecki served on various boards, including devoting 12 years to Services for Older Citizens, now The Helm. He also served on the AIDS Consortium of Southeast Michigan, as Henry Ford "was the epicenter of HIV/AIDS care in the late '80s," he said.

Now family takes precedence in Solecki's life. He and his wife have been married since 1984, the year they moved to Grosse Pointe.

"I love my life," he said. "Every step along the path got me to where I am today."



Since his retirement, Solecki's focus is on family, including his wife, daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren.

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Destruction of property

The owner of a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue discovered the power cords had been cut on eight pedicure chairs Monday, Aug. 3.

Aggravated assault

A 26-year-old Harrison Township man was arrested for domestic violence and aggravated assault at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, after breaking items with a bat in his mother's Notre Dame home and then hitting her with a vodka bottle when she tried to stop him.

The woman suffered a large gash on her neck and her son was found to be intoxicated.

Intoxicated accident

A 77-year-old Grosse Pointe woman struck three cars on Lincoln Road and rolled her car onto its roof at 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

When officers arrived, the woman failed sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content at .098 percent. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Not for sale

When a Sycamore Lane resident reported an unknown person was ringing his doorbell at 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, the 42-year-old Detroit man told officers he wanted to improve his living situa-

tion and wished to speak with the owner on how to purchase.

The man was ID'd and released.

Dog left in car

A caller reported a dog was left inside a vehicle with the windows rolled up for approximately 30 minutes in a business parking lot in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. It was 78 degrees outside.

The 58-year-old owner told officers she only went in for milk, but was seen with several bags.

A report has been sent to the city attorney on charges for animal neglect.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Malicious destruction of property

A pair of unknown suspects is sought for turning over a display rack and throwing candy bars at a gas station cashier in the 20000 block of Mack around 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, after a dispute.

Four youths entered the store before the adults, believed to be their parents, and tried to

buy \$26 in snacks, using a Bridge Card. Told that the Bridge Card wasn't an acceptable form of payment, the youths left the store area.

Following the disturbance by the adults, who entered and argued with the cashier three times, all of the parties fled the location in a Ford registered in the city of Warren.

Stolen bikes

A red Next Men mountain bike, bearing a white coil around the frame, and a boy's neon green BMX were stolen from the 2100 block of Roslyn Friday, Aug. 7, after a resident went bike riding with her son.

The resident left home with her son's and husband's bikes placed in the driveway, but returned to find them both missing.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Domestic violence

After the vehicle of a 22-year-old Detroit woman struck a pole at Kercheval Avenue and Tonnancour Place at 12:34 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, the woman told officers her boyfriend chased her down and hit her,

which pushed her into the pole. She was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

Possession of narcotics

When officers went to impound a vehicle parked at a business at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for not being properly registered, drugs and a pipe were found on the floor in plain view at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.

The 31-year-old woman and 29-year-old man, both from Clinton Township, were arrested for possession of narcotics.

The price of enabling

Officers arrested a 23-year-old Farms woman for driving with a suspended license at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, after recognizing her because she was arrested two weeks earlier for the same violation.

The 47-year-old Farms owner of the vehicle was ticketed for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his motor vehicle.

Carrying gun without permit

The lack of a license plate led to a traffic stop on Mack Avenue at 3:44 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, which then led to the arrests of a 24-year-old Detroit man and 21-year-

old Detroit woman when a gun was found in the car without a concealed carry permit.

Basketball gone wrong

While four 17-year-old Grosse Pointe residents were playing basketball in a parking lot off Lakeshore Road at 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, four male subjects pulled up in another vehicle and assaulted two of the men.

An investigation is pending.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Identity theft

A resident of the 1000 block of Bishop was notified around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, that an unknown suspect applied for unemployment benefits using the victim's name.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No incidents to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Enjoy a swim

After being thoroughly disinfected, the pool at Lake Front Park is reopening Friday, Aug. 14. New hours apply beginning Monday, Aug. 17.

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OUR VIEW

Up next: Nov. 3

Surprises were nonexistent in the Aug. 4 primary. Incumbents held onto their posts, millage renewals passed handily.

For the most part, the mechanics of the vote also went smoothly, even with the proportion of absentee ballots to in-person ones basically reversed from past elections. But the state can still improve the process.

The change to no-reason absentee ballots in Michigan has occurred almost simultaneously with the spread of COVID-19 here and nationally. That's been very fortunate, especially for older and vulnerable voters.

But the new rules predate the pandemic, a fact often lost in the national squabbling about absentee voting. Michigan voters approved the change in 2018; Grosse Pointers had access to no-reason absentee ballots with municipal elections in 2019 and again for the presidential primary in March, just before pandemic case counts surged in metro Detroit.

Given that timing, this month's state primary became the first major test for local clerks, and it appears most came through well. On Nov. 3, when voter numbers could set records, the story may be different.

First on the list of improvements and crucial by Nov. 3, the Michigan Legislature needs to let clerks verify absentee ballot signatures before Election Day, then open the envelopes so the ballots are ready to feed into scanners on the day itself. The signature checks and envelope opening are the time-consuming part of this process; currently, that can't start until the polls open and may require extra workers in addition to those at precinct locations.

An earlier start could lead to a considerable shortening of the time it takes to tally votes and announce them.

The world won't end, of course, if the absentee ballot count drags on for days. But a long delay may fuel those who harbor suspicions about absentee voting, and lawmakers can head some of that off with this one measure.

Work ahead

With the amount of construction going on in the area, you'd barely know anything was awry with the economy.

Road work has become a near constant, narrowing busy stretches of Mack and Lakeshore, for example. Even work on barely known streets, such as a tiny stretch of Goethe in the City of Grosse Pointe, has blocked crosstown traffic and frustrated many a driver.

Local road work may ramp up another notch next year if Grosse Pointe Farms voters approve a request that the council this week placed on the Nov. 3 ballot: a 2-mill levy for five years to repair deteriorating streets.

Meantime, several school parking lots are filled with trucks as those buildings get overhauls, and more school projects are scheduled for next summer. Sadly, students won't be able to enjoy the work as the 2020-21 school year begins. But the buildings are intended, as of now, to be open for staff, with the goal of bringing in students as soon as circumstances allow.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's timing could hardly have been better, at least for this summer's work. Bids, mostly taken before COVID-19 shut down the economy, came in lower than estimates. The district was able to meet any unexpected expenses handily and, in some cases, could order extra work.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library also has jobs underway at all three of its branches, including a very visible plaza upgrade at the Central Library. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is in the midst of constructing two new buildings. Meantime, The War Memorial is perfecting its plans for building improvements and garden restoration.

What isn't on this list is repair or replacement of the sea wall along Lakeshore Road. If and when that project ever comes together, Grosse Pointers will have a major cause for celebration — even if it, too, causes annoying delays.

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Women's suffrage was a hot topic at the Michigan State Fair of 1912, a presidential election year. The Equal Suffrage Society set up a tent at the 1912 fair, and suffragists came out in droves to hear what their sisters had to say. Michigan voters considered women's suffrage amendments on both the 1912 and 1913 ballots; both were defeated. Liquor interests were accused of sabotaging the effort, since many Prohibition supporters were women. Women finally won the right to vote in Michigan in 1917. National women's suffrage would follow in 1920 with ratification of the 19th Amendment.

OUR VIEW

Women's suffrage at 100 years

The 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote is a cause for celebration — and a reminder that the legacy of previous generations needs to be carried forward by today's generations and passed along to those of the future.

As long ago as Aug. 18, 1920, may seem, the drive for the vote took almost as many years to bring to fruition. Women who started the campaign did not live to see its conclusion.

To this day, the work to secure access to the ballot for all eligible voters continues, as noted by Vicki Granger of Grosse Pointe Woods, communications chair for the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. The League's history dates to its founding in Chicago six months before the 19th Amendment passed, with the aim of preparing women for their anticipated responsibility as new voters.

The sustained campaign for women's rights is usually dated to the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention in New York. The right to vote had the least support among participants and barely got into the platform; Susan B. Anthony, the woman perhaps most associated with the movement, didn't join in for another three years.

But that early era includes one of the few women with Michigan ties who took on a national role: Sojourner Truth, who used Battle Creek as her base starting in the 1850s. She was born in New York, escaped from slavery and became an itinerant preacher for both abolition and women's rights. Post-Civil War she continued speaking out for women.

Generations later, another Michigan woman emerged on the national scene. Anna Shaw Howard,

a native of Big Rapids who attended Albion College, became president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1904, succeeding Susan B. Anthony. She was followed by younger activists with more aggressive tactics, who led the conclusive drive to 1920.

By then, most women west of the Mississippi could vote, but eastern states remained opposed. Michigan women, for example, could vote — but only for their local school boards after a state Supreme Court ruling based on an 1888 school election. This patchwork made a national strategy necessary.

In 1917, Michigan had finally decided women could vote in presidential elections. But before that election rolled around, the state also ratified the 19th Amendment — on June 10, 1919, six days after it passed Congress. Michigan was among the first three states to do so.

Tennessee became the deciding state with its approval — by a dangerously slim 50 votes from its 99 House members — on Aug. 18, 1920, with official certification of the amendment on Aug. 26. By then, World War I and the 1918 pandemic had changed much about America, including the role of women.

The history is long, but the work to educate voters and ensure ballot access continues. The lesson of the suffragists and of the civil rights movement must include the need to persist, and to pass the torch from generation to generation.

More information about the local chapter of the League of Women Voters is available at lvwgrossepointe.org. Current projects include interviewing school board candidates to present on its YouTube channel.

LETTERS

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Astounded

To the Editor:

I grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and recently visited and stayed with a good friend who lives in the Park. I was overwhelmed by the transition from a sleepy sleeper community to a vibrant cultural community. My hosts showed me the park (Windmill Pointe), which, when I was growing up, was lake fed with a small beach and little else. ...

I asked how this transition took place and was informed that a group of prominent residents along with thousands of

small contributors in the community formed the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation and solicited funds from the community and together shared a vision to transform the Park into what it is today, a destination for its residents to enjoy and relax. All without any taxpayer dollars!

My hosts then showed me a plot of vacant land they hoped would become the Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts. I was astounded to find out that the community and its philanthropic residents, like the Schaaps, the Manoogians and oth-

ers were raising the funds necessary to build and finance the facility at no cost to the taxpayers. The thought that a major art collection, the Richard and Jane Manoogians' Americana art collection, would have a rotating display in the center outside of a major museum is a coup.

It is also my understanding the Grosse Pointe Theatre and Grosse Pointe Symphony are programming partners, and this facility will be their permanent home. A facility such as described to me will set Grosse Pointe Park as a cultural destination for all of the Grosse Pointes and its environs as well.

I have now come to find out there is a vocal minority on the city council and in the community that see skulduggery in the project. They somehow seem to think that philanthropy is bad. That those who give, and give generously, have some ulterior motive or are gaming the system for their own benefit.

The Park is lucky to have residents who want a better Park to live in, who see an alternative to taxing its residents to achieve an end.

I was flabbergasted that anyone would find fault in creating an educational, artistic, cultural center at no direct cost to the taxpayer. It is not only the generosity of the residents like the Schaaps and Manoogians, it is also the generosity of many other philanthropic Grosse Pointe residents that are making this possible for ALL of the Grosse Pointes.

When I traveled back to my home in Washington, D.C., where we are fortunate enough to have the Smithsonian museum complex and a host of other cultural opportunities, I told my friends and colleagues about the proposed project and the philanthropy supporting it.

However, they were just as astounded by the lack of vision and support.

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I SAY By John Minnis

We've been here before — in 1918



You've got to love Americans: We're consistent and learn nothing from history. Take keeping schools open during a pandemic. A headline in the Washington Post recently said it all: "Boston refused to close schools during the 1918 flu. Then the children began to die." "The children are actually better off in school," the Boston schools' health director stated.

"They are inspected every day by physicians and nurses, and any suspicious cases are sent home...." Boston's top health official "found no evidence that school closures were necessary."

By Sept. 18, 50 students had been infected and high school attendance had dropped by 40 percent and by 30 percent among younger students.

Still, school and health officials took solace in the fact the students were safe, that no students at Boston's public schools had died of the flu.

Sound familiar? Then an 8-year-old died, followed by a 17-year-old. With four of

his children infected, followed by four deaths of children in his neighborhood shortly afterward, the governor called on schools to be closed.

After just three weeks of shutdown, the schools and city opened back up. Boston's health commissioner declared the epidemic over. A Boston Globe reporter wrote, "The happy, mirthful little children will be allowed to go to school and to play in the parks and go to the movies and enjoy their sodas and ice creams again. The 'glooms' will be dispelled wherever they appear."

In the fall of 1918 alone, Boston saw 4,794 flu deaths — that was before the second wave

in 1919.

The Boston health commissioner even wrote a nursery rhyme for children:

"Mary had a little cold, that started in her head. And everywhere that Mary went, that cold was sure to spread. It followed her to school one day (There wasn't any rule); It made the children cough and sneeze, to have that cold in school. The teacher tried to drive it out; she tried hard, but — kerchoo! It didn't do a bit of good, for teacher caught it too."

Also, a century ago, same as now, masks became a political statement.

In 1918 and 1919, according to a recent

New York Times story, bars, saloons, restaurants, theaters and schools were closed. Masks came to symbolize government overreach, inspiring protests, petitions and defiant, maskless gatherings. Meanwhile, thousands of Americans were dying of the deadly flu.

A Los Angeles society writer noted that the famous eschewed masks because it was "so horrid" to go about unrecognized.

"The big restaurants are the funniest sights," she wrote, "with all the waiters and diners masked, the latter just raising their screen to pop in a mouthful of food."

After deaths began to climb in December 1918, San Francisco reinstated its mask ordinance. The decision led to the creation of the Anti-Mask League.

The league was led by a woman — an attorney, social activist and political opponent of the mayor. She was joined by a handful of like-minded women and eight men.

One doctor observed, "The masks turned into a political symbol."

So, yes, we Americans are consistent if wrong-headed sometimes. Yet I found some optimism in these stories: We've been through this before and we've come out the other side.

Be well, stay safe!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945

75 years ago this week

GRATEFUL POINTE ACCEPTS PEACE: The ordinarily quiet and sedate Grosse Pointe contributed to the national bedlam and rejoicing that spread from ocean to ocean and across the Seven Seas. As soon as the magic moment arrived at seven o'clock and the simple words came from the White House that told a world that had lived for six years under a cloud of repression and fear that that fear was lifted and the lights were on again

"all over the world," everything broke loose.

NEW CHURCH BUYS LAND: The Methodist Church of Grosse Pointe has purchased a piece of property on Moross just west of Kercheval. The property has a 280-foot frontage on Moross and is 517 feet deep. The deal was consummated Monday through the offices of Maxon Brothers. The first service of the newly organized church will be held Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Kerby School.

1970

50 years ago this week

CENSUS FIGURES IRK POINTES:

Preliminary census figures for the City gives the 1970 population count as 6,602, which represents a decrease of 29 persons since the 1960 census. The City didn't expect any substantial growth, but was hopeful since it has 2,367 housing units, up from 2,294 in 1960. Park officials are definitely not happy with the current census results. Census reports show a gain of only 50 persons over the previous census, 15,457 in 1960 to 15,507 in 1970; officials expected an increase of around 1,200 persons.

SHORES, GPYC POOL PROTECTIVE EFFORTS:

Boat owners in the Pointe who are concerned about the danger of fire while on the water may feel considerably more at ease, especially if they maintain a boat at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club or the Shores Municipal Pier. As a result of a joint effort between Grosse Pointe Shores and the GPYC, a fire boat now keeps constant vigilance for all boats in the harbor.

Obituaries: Frederick E. Harris Jr., John A. Bernard, Emma Boudreau, Willard J. Risenberger, Alice Neville, Antonia W. Eliason, Sophie Jemal, Theodore A. Vernier, Mary Richardson Orr, Eva M. Larson, Margaret Marsh, Irene Radman

nance that prohibits smoking by students, regardless of age, within 200 feet of any outer-perimeter boundary of school property and at all school-related activities attended by students, regardless of location. Smoking had been banned on school property, but permitted by students 18 years of age and older on the sidewalk near the school.

Obituaries: Barton Brown, Gerald A. Bell, Beatrice Marie Cordier, Daniel A. Wood, Cletis Trost Lemen, Brendan J. Klein, Edward "Ward" Mette Galvin, Margaret Shortt, Susan Ann Bidigare, Anthony Rutkowski, Mary Ann Roney Tindall

2010

10 years ago this week

NEW RULES BREWING:

It was a beer summit without the good stuff as Grosse Pointe Woods officials met to brew new policy allowing alcohol at the community center.

LATE BELL FOR DISTRICT'S YOUNGEST:

Grosse Pointe elementary school teachers will have an early start to their Monday mornings this fall — and they're jumping for joy. The 2010-11 school year gives educators from Trombly to Mason a scheduled 45 minutes extra at the beginning of each work week, a time they've long wished for, according to Leo Warras, executive director for instructional services.

Obituaries: John Raymond Kress, Frances Kustrzyk, Beverly Jean Sadler, Helen Francis Sherwood, Lucille Ellen Boesen, David Riley Thomas

LETTERS:

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port of the city council ... They could not believe it when I told them a small but vocal group of disaffected residents was seeking to forestall and even stop the cultural center from becoming a reality.

It is not the naysayers who built this country; it was those with foresight and vision and a "can do" attitude. Don't let the naysayers stop the growth and prosperity of the Park. To do so will only send a signal to those philanthropists, who have contributed to make the Park a better place to live, that they should spend their hard earned dollars in places other than the Park.

ROBERTS.S. ROYER
Former resident of Grosse Pointe Park

No hidden agenda

To the Editor:

I have listened and watched the controversy regarding the proposed Schaap Center for Performing Arts and Art Center.

Grosse Pointe residents have a long history

of community giving. It starts as a personal idea to give back to the community and grows into a reality. It's an individual's choice.

These major donors have given selflessly in the past in ways that none of us will ever know. Academic scholarships, blight cleanup in our neighborhood, dollars for community events and so much more. They do most of this without the public's knowledge and certainly without a desire for acknowledgement.

A small vocal minority of our residents feel left out of the decision making process. They want to find an evil intent in this wonderful gift that the Schaap and Manoogian families want to give our community. There is no hidden agenda.

We live in a world today where everyone wants a say in every decision. Life by committee. Individuals make things happen, not committees. Grosse Pointe Park needs to move ahead with this project. Listen to the majority.

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GUEST VIEW By Dr. Shukri David

Channeling stress during COVID-19

You are not alone during this pandemic. Most people are dealing with everyday stressors like personal finances, job security and home obligations — all of which can cause a whirlwind of emotion. A pandemic is not in anyone's space to be able to control. You deal with what you can control and what you can't control.

According to a survey conducted by the University of Connecticut, Americans have high stress exposure from COVID-19. Reading or hearing about the severity and contagiousness of COVID-19 was the most common stressor, with almost 97 percent of survey respondents experiencing it.

Stress can lead to poor nutrition and lack of exercise, which can contribute to not taking your medication.

Here are a few ways to make this experience as positive as possible:

- ◆ Spend time with family and start new traditions.
- ◆ Establish or continue an exercise routine to avoid the "Quarantine 15." Some of my patients are exercising more and losing weight as a result of this pandemic. One easy way to quickly be more active is to simply start walking more.
- ◆ Incorporate a variety of fruits and vegetables into your daily diet.
- ◆ Find creative ways to stay in touch with friends. For example, hold online watch parties with your favorite old movie or online video chats with your friends.
- ◆ Connect with nature by visiting a local trail.

We can't control the pandemic, but we can control our response to it and take actions every day to be the best version of ourselves and live our best lives possible.

Dr. Shukri David is chair, Cardiovascular Services, Ascension Michigan.

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Gill organize the march, but her focus was on starting a Facebook page, GP South Parents for In-Person School, which grew to approximately 500 members in about a week.

"I was on Facebook and there were so many loud voices saying all the reasons why kids shouldn't go back to school and everyone I know wants their kids to go back to school," she said. "So I said, 'This isn't right. Where is the page for people like me?'"

Skupien added she was fine with the two plans offered initially for in-person or virtual learning.

"What they said was we will have in-person school as much as is allowed by the governor and whatever regulations are in existence at the time. ... The main concern we all have is nothing has changed from that standpoint. We're still in Phase 4. The governor still says in-school learning is allowed. The Michigan roadmap is published. We don't understand why all of a sudden there's a change and there's no communication about why there's a change."

Skupien added she is looking for the data driving these decisions.

"Everyone knows we're not going to have school as normal. I don't think anyone expects that. We understand there are going to be sacrifices. We understand hybrid learning may be the only option. ... We want a bone. We want something to look forward to. We want to know there's a plan to get people back in school. Even if it doesn't happen Sept. 8. Even if it's a roll-out."

Katie Tompkins, a parent to three children at Maire Elementary School, said she believes in-person instruction is



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Clockwise from top left, marchers walk down Fisher to Grosse Pointe South; organizers Tracy Skupien and Kelly Gill; Bonnie Leone holds up a sign; and marchers walk down Kercheval.

important to her children's development.

"They need interaction with the teachers," she said. "I'm a stay-at-home mom, but I'm not a teacher. I really feel like it blurs my relationship with them when I now am supposed to be their teacher."

She also is uncomfortable with online learning with her children in front of a computer screen for several hours.

"Is that good for your health? I feel like we should think about the educational future of our kids. They're going to fall behind in so many different areas."

"I think they need their friends," she added. "They need a professional instructor. I'm not a teacher; I'm their mom. I don't have the resources. I was kind of flying by

the seat of my pants to scramble to find the resources. Luckily I was able to hire a tutor for them this year to go along with the online learning, but it still is not the same."

Two South juniors carrying signs that said "Please give me a choice" and "I have a voice" lagged behind the crowd, uncomfortable with the presence of what they viewed as political statements.

"I was not here to support people wearing masks that say 'Blue lives matter,' because that just feels like people bringing in political opinions," Caroline Peabody said.

She attended because she believes the board held off making plans.

"If this information that people have now

was released two months ago, the school board would have had plenty of time to arrange using empty parts of school buildings and supplying teachers with what they need so that students would be able to go back to school," she said.

"I'm here because kids with ADHD, learning disabilities, things like that, it's crucial they go back to school. I have bad ADHD and trouble learning in school," Olivia Buda said, adding while she understood why schools reverted to remote learning last spring, "now that the curve has flattened, I think we can find different ways for all of us to go back to school so I'm getting the learning I need for my most crucial year in school, freshmen are going back and tour-

ing the school and meeting new friends like they should, seniors are getting their year and sophomores are doing their thing."

Sarah Wodzisz, a parent of three middle school students going into fifth, seventh and eighth grades, supports face-to-face learning and was aware of the march, but chose not to participate.

"I really want the face to face, but I was totally relieved when I saw the school district put out the letter saying we're putting a pause on this and starting out remotely," she said. "That was the first time I saw the district was putting the safety of students and teachers first."

"We're starting to see a plan in place," she added. While Wodzisz said she heard horror stories

from other parents about remote learning in the spring, her own experiences with her children — two at Brownell Middle School and one at Richard Elementary School at the time — were positive.

"I saw the teachers who throughout the year when we were meeting face to face and the ones who wowed me (then) ... wowed me virtually," she said. "Some of them went above and beyond."

Wodzisz said she also recognizes "how much the teachers want to be with the kids. That would be their No. 1 choice."

At the same time, "If the right safety precautions are not in place, I don't think it's fair to anyone. I also think there are ways we can get to a much safer environment."

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learners first, including kindergarten students and those with special needs and individualized education plans.

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean emphasized the district's focus is on safety.

"We should not for a second think that remote instruction is better than face-to-face learning," he said. "In-person instruc-

tion is best. But for now, we're putting safety as a priority."

Parents had until Aug. 7 to choose between two pathways. With GP Traditional, families face the possibility of pivoting between remote, in-person and hybrid learning, while One GP Virtual is for families who prefer the continuity of remote instruction for the year, with the option to change after the fall semester.

According to Dean, approximately 1,100 out of 7,500 students are

enrolled in One GP Virtual, which represents one-sixth or 15 percent of the student population. The range at each grade level is approximately 85 to 90 students. The next step is to staff and design student schedules for both the One GP Virtual and GP Traditional pathways.

The administration hosted two town halls for families to answer questions about One GP Virtual and plans to host one for GP Traditional as well. Responses to frequently asked questions on One GP Virtual are available at gpschools.org with an FAQ on GP

Traditional to be posted shortly, according to Dean.

A town hall on special education is scheduled from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Parents may submit questions in advance online through a Google form. Town halls are live-streamed, but recorded for later viewing and available at gpschools.org.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus assured the community the school district has personal protective equipment, masks, shields, plastic Plexiglas and sanitation supplies available

for an in-person roll-out and relies on guidance from the Wayne County Health Department to determine appropriate action steps when positive cases of COVID-19 are reported.

In making decisions between remote and in-person learning, the administration looks to health and safety metrics from the Wayne County Health Department, Wayne RESA and the Michigan Department of Education, Dean said. The district also monitors local cases of COVID-19.

"We're also looking closely at what other school districts are doing as well because we're not doing this in isolation," he added. "Within the last week and a half, many districts, including

the vast majority of our peer districts including Birmingham, Farmington, Southfield, Royal Oak, Ann Arbor, Saline, Northville and Livonia, all announced that they were becoming 100 percent remote as well."

In her closing comments, board President Margaret Weertz said she has read everything she has received from community members. Recognizing differing opinions, she said the board is "honoring people's feelings on both sides of this, whether they really desperately want to go back right away or whether we need to take our time and do this safely. ... Let's walk with grace during this time and we'll get to the better place eventually."

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City Council of the City of Harper Woods hereby gives notice that a vacancy has occurred effective August 3, 2020. The City Council is seeking interested and qualified persons for appointment to the position of Harper Woods City Council for the current term of office through November 8, 2021. Application is due by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020. To be considered for the position, the applicants must:

- Be a qualified elector under State law;
- Have primary residence within the City;
- Have resided in the City for at least 2 years prior to September 14, 2020;
- Possess the qualification for such office;
- Not be in default to the City of Harper Woods.

Please submit a letter of interest to Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk of the City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. Letters must include applicant's name, address, telephone number and a brief explanation of why you wish to be considered. All applicants must attend the September 14, 2020 Special City Council meeting where five minutes will be given to introduce themselves to City Council and the community.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Harper Woods Council has been scheduled for Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct interviews for interested candidates to serve on the City Council. This meeting is open to the public.

Questions concerning meeting dates and times can be directed to the City Clerk's Office or visit www.harperwoodscity.org and click on the public notice tab.

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The Grosse Pointe Academy

Private schools prepare for in-person opening

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The year of the new coronavirus pandemic has been the most unusual time in his career as an educator, University Liggett School Head of School Bart Bronk said. Most educators likely would concur, he added — “unless we have someone who is 110 and experienced the Spanish flu.”

Said Grosse Pointe Academy Head of School Tommy Adams, “2020 will be a year we won’t all soon forget.”

Unusual times call for unprecedented measures, both school heads agree. While the Grosse Pointe Public School System has joined many public school districts in the region in announcing a plan for a remote opening, these two independent schools, along with three Catholic schools in Grosse Pointe — Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Paul on the Lake and St. Clare of Montefalco — are preparing to open to face-to-face learning.

GPA’s goal is “to be in school, in-person every day,” Adams said, with the reopening plan “focused on first the health and safety of the community with a very close second the delivery of learning.”

“We know in some ways this will feel different and be different because certainly, we are having to adjust to the expected guidelines that the state and the governor released and so we’re trying to align with that and also be thoughtful of the fact that we have to keep kids in cohorts,” he added.

Even at the middle school level, for example, students will remain in the same classroom all day except for physical education, recess and lunch. Rather than students traveling to special classes, art, music and world language teachers will come to them, limiting students’ movement. The school will provide materials for the students and there will be no sharing of supplies.

“The division chairs have worked hard to put together a schedule that they think will obviously continue to maintain the quality of the learning experience, but at the same time be wary of the fact we need to focus on the mental health of our kids as well,” Adams said. “They are going to be in the same room pretty much all day. It’s going to be hard. That’s why we have added an additional recess and extended the lunch period.”

Bronk said the decision was made at ULS in large part because “what we have heard from our families is a real desire to see their students back in school.”

The decision is educationally sound as well, he added.

“It’s fundamentally our belief that an in-school education is critically important for our kids and given what the evidence tells us about the relative risk to them and the mitigation steps we can take in our building here, we believe we can provide that education to our kids safely to the greatest extent possible. We developed that opinion based on the governor’s road map which sets expectations and guidelines and we believe we can meet that in the safest environment we can provide.”

This doesn’t mean the school day will proceed as normal.

At ULS, all students, including lower school students, will wear a mask at all times except while eating lunch and at recess, but lunch will be “grab and go” with students eating in their cohorts in the classroom rather than the cafeteria.

“Getting used to being in a community where mask-wearing is a fundamental responsibility is one version of the ‘new normal,’” Bronk said.

At GPA, only students in grades 6-8 and faculty and staff will be required to wear a mask. Students in pre-K through grade 5 will wear a mask in the hallways or on their way to recess and lunch or in their classrooms if they want to, Adams said.

Students will eat lunch

in cohorts in the dining hall during staggered times to allow for social distancing or at outdoor picnic tables, weather permitting.

Gym class, too, will be outside when possible and alternative spaces allowing social distancing used whenever possible, such as the Tracy Fieldhouse at GPA and John and Marlene Boll Campus Center at ULS.

GPA parents are responsible for taking their children’s temperature at home and monitoring them for COVID-19 symptoms, while students at ULS undergo a full health screen upon arrival, including having their temperatures taken.

“Obviously we understand many cases are asymptomatic,” Bronk said, “but to the extent we can keep the symptomatic cases out the door (we will).”

The other purpose of the strict screening is “to send a signal to parents we have a real commitment.”

Both schools have personnel on staff to help with medical decisions. GPA’s school nurse Rosemary Barker “will play a big role again reminding people of the guidelines,” Adams said. “We will spend a lot of time with our kids at orientation about classroom behavior and expectations.”

At ULS, Director of Medical Services Rachel Onderbeke will serve as the point person for any exposure to or confirmed cases of COVID-19, helping the school follow a response plan according to the Centers for Disease

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Catholic schools respond to pandemic

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In addition to following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Wayne County Health Department, Catholic schools in Grosse Pointe looked to guidance from the Archdiocese of Detroit to create their COVID-19 preparedness plans.

Accordingly, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Paul Catholic schools are preparing to open to face-to-face learning in September.

Should the region shift from Phase 4 to Phase 3 and schools close again, all three will pivot to remote learning.

However, while including a remote pathway for students is one option provided by the AOD, they each opted to focus fully on their in-person plans.

St. Clare Principal Ann Crowley served on the AOD’s Catholic Schools Academic Excellence Subcommittee charged with making recommendations for distance learning, so feels comfortable reassuring parents about the school’s preparation for both plans.

The committee spent weeks developing the lesson plan framework for all AOD schools to use, she wrote in an Aug. 4 newsletter to parents.

“St. Clare of Montefalco is good to go in any format,” she added. “I hope this information puts your mind at ease.”

St. Paul Principal Tina Forsythe noted the school has made changes to its distance plan based on

feedback from teachers and parents and an Archdiocesan survey, but for now, she’s concentrating on preparing for an in-person opening.

“We have many families that want their kids back in school,” she said. “I think it’s more about physically being here and the interaction of having a teacher right in front of them teaching them, along with being with their classmates. Obviously we are going to do social distancing and we are going to space the classes. We’re going to space their seats as far away from each other as we can.”

While students will have a hot lunch program available, lunches will be bagged and students will eat in their classrooms.

Students will remain in their classrooms with their homeroom cohort and teachers will come to them for special classes. One example is “art on a cart,” Forsythe said.

Physical education will take place outdoors, weather permitting, but will be focused on health when held indoors, with appropriate distancing maintained. Students will enjoy recess but only with their classroom cohort, with groups sectioned out on the fields.

St. Paul has ordered temperature scanners to screen students as they enter the building. In addition, parents will be asked to answer a checklist of questions provided by the Wayne County Health Department before their children arrive.

Quarantining will follow Wayne County’s health standards, with

only the child who tested positive requiring quarantining for 14 days as long as social distancing was maintained. Families will be alerted if someone has tested positive.

Forsythe added the school has received many inquiries from prospective families and is at capacity in kindergarten and preschool classes. If schools close, all students pre-K through grade 8 will shift to distance learning.

Three- and four-year-olds at OLSOS also will revert to remote learning should the school close, according to Principal Meghan Carter, who is new to the school this year upon the retirement of former Principal Julie Aemisegger.

“I think the biggest changes are the need to wear masks, the need for social distancing and the limitations to more interactive learning between students,” Carter said. “We’ll have to be a little bit more creative as to how we create those rich learning environments.”

She added she is confident the plan in place will provide “a safe environment for all the students within their classrooms and throughout the school.”

OLSOS also has received many inquiries since the public schools announced opening schools to remote learning, but will accept students only in certain grades.

“With the requirements we have with social distancing, we still have to maintain class sizes while continuing to grow our classrooms with the grades that we can,” Carter said.

Assumption offers MiniFest

Although COVID-19 is preventing Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center from holding its traditional GreekFest, the community is invited to enjoy the same hospitality and popular Greek food with MiniFest, Thursday, Aug. 20, to Sunday, Aug. 23, featuring curbside carryout and delivery.

The kitchen will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily during the four-day event. To place an order, call ahead to (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071. A menu is available online at assumptionfestival.com.

Assumption’s grand raffle also will take place, featuring a first prize of

\$10,000. Second prize is a Cartier tank watch, donated by edmund t. AHEE jewelers, valued at \$2,550; third prize is \$500; and fourth through sixth prizes are \$200 each. Raffle tickets cost \$10 each.

Call (586) 779-6111 to arrange for the purchase and pick-up of raffle tickets. Food orders and raffle tickets also may be ordered online at assumptionfestival.com. The drawing takes place at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23.

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Education leaders demand answers on funding, policies

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is not alone among school districts in the state facing uncertainty due to lack of guidance from the state legislature.

During a State of Michigan Schools roundtable, school leaders from the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education emphasized the crisis schools are facing with just weeks remaining before the first day of school, calling on state legislators to fill the budget shortfall.

Of particular interest to the group was the impact the lack of funding certainty is having on schools as they work through reopening plans, with many abandoning plans to start the school year in-person and shifting focus to remote learning, an option educators and parents agree does not provide students with the best learning experience.

Participants on the roundtable included Macomb Intermediate School District Superintendent Michael DeVault, Wayne RESA Superintendent Randy Liepa, Rochester Community Schools

Superintendent Robert Shaner and TCA Executive Director Robert McCann.

“The bottom line is educators can develop the most innovative plans, but without funding, they can’t implement those effectively,” McCann said.

“Being able to operate in an extreme crisis without any understanding of what your revenue is is going to be extremely challenging,” Shaner echoed. “We are up to the challenge, but we are also in desperate need of support from Lansing and Washington.”

Liepa noted the “remarkable challenges school districts have to get ready for the school year. They’re planning for everything. The word we are using is ‘nimble.’ ... The amount of detail involved is remarkable.”

At the same time, state lawmakers need to “step up,” he said.

“We need to know with some level of certainty what the rules are. We need to know how much money we have. We need to know what the policies are, in terms of seat time waivers, running an online school. ... How many teachers can they hire? What programs? What kinds of safety

measures can they put in place? They have to plan a budget for that. We need some clarity around this.”

On June 17, TCA sent a memorandum to lawmakers noting that, in addition to the already known multi-billion dollar deficits in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 budgets, conservative estimates showed schools statewide were facing more than \$1 billion in new costs to plan for reopening this year to provide personal protective equipment and implement safety measures to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

The memorandum included needed health and safety guidance on requirements for when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, outlines of triggers that would cause another statewide or regional school shutdown and transition to remote learning, and recommended PPE for students and staff to wear.

It also sought changes to state rules and regulations, including determining how students will be counted for the purposes of state aid payments; lifting limitations on how many virtual

classes can be offered; and suspending state assessments to allow teachers to focus on lost learning rather than preparing for mandated tests.

During the roundtable, education officials called out those in Lansing who continue to suggest they can’t act until Washington provides further stimulus dollars, claiming there is money available to pass a budget for K-12 schools immediately while the state waits for stimulus money to resolve the deficits in the budget as a whole.

Noting Lansing has “borrowed” billions of dollars from the K-12 school budgets over the past decade, McCann suggested transferring money from the General Fund to the School Aid Fund and passing “a clean K-12 spending bill immediately” to ensure schools receive the resources and funding certainty they need to finalize reopening plans.

“There is a clear path forward here,” he said. “We recognize the budget crisis COVID has created. School systems can’t wait any longer. They can’t wait while our state legislature continues to throw their hands up in the air and not take action.



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No mask, no service

Children running a lemonade stand on Bishop Road in Grosse Pointe Park meant business: In keeping with safety guidelines, the three siblings and a cousin insisted customers seeking a 50 cent cup of lemonade on a hot summer day wear masks. They even posted a sign: “No mask no service.” Pictured, from left, are Josephine Roy, Madeline Roy, Lucy Roy and Eli Roy.



“Let’s fix the budget holes in the school aid fund. Let’s get schools the money they need and the clarity they need and let’s get that done quickly,” he added. “... While the rest of the state has an Oct. 1 deadline to get these numbers right, the school budgets have a different deadline. We need answers and we need them now.”

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Control and Prevention and Wayne County Health Department guidance.

Restricting access to the building to non-essential visitors — even parents — is another component of the new protocol for both schools, with parent-teacher conferences and back-to-school nights conducted virtually.

GPA has hired a permanent substitute teacher for continuity and ULS will rely on its “tried and true” substitute teachers, Bronk said. Administrators and staff members in all divisions are poised and “willing to

step up and cover classes if necessary.”

Safety measures aside, Bronk anticipates this new model will take a toll on students and staff as it goes against aspects of the school’s teaching philosophy.

“We love being a pre-K to 12 school,” Bronk said. “We love cross-grade collaboration. Just for the sake of safety, we’re going to have to push pause on that, at least for now.”

On the plus side, the absence of field trips and assemblies among other ancillary activities will put the “focus on direct instruction,” Adams said, adding, “In some ways, this is actually a good opportunity for us to take a step back and evaluate



FILE PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The John and Marlene Boll Campus Center at University Liggett School provides alternative educational space optimal for social distancing.

all we do and determine what is of value and what isn’t of value.”

A focus on rigorous hygiene and cleanliness is part of each school’s

throughout the day and disinfect classrooms between every class, while “trusting our custodial partner to bring their expertise to bear during night cleaning,” Bronk said.

Michigan currently is in Phase 4, in which face-to-face learning is allowed. If the state shifts to Phase 3, requiring all schools to pivot to remote learning, GPA and ULS plan to continue to offer their in-person preschool programs, both licensed daycare facilities.

Bronk applauded ULS pre-K teachers for doing “a wonderful job of providing resources to students,” in the spring. At the same time, he recognized “virtual pre-K does not work, or it does not work well.”

Both administrators have noticed an uptick in enrollment inquiries, with Adams noting “a spike of enrollment in the last week due to the announcement of the public schools going vir-

tual.” Bronk said while the admissions office fielded a lot of calls, he does not anticipate significant growth this year over last.

“I don’t think we’ll be substantially bigger on opening day than we were last year,” he said. “It doesn’t make sense to stuff the classrooms during a pandemic.”

Meanwhile, the admissions office has been “thoughtful” and honest with inquiring families, he added, letting them know ULS is subject to the same governmental oversight as the public schools.

If the governor mandates closures again, ULS is prepared to shift to remote learning and already is offering a digital pathway for “students who aren’t comfortable coming to the building.”

GPA, too, is prepared to go virtual again with synchronous learning for grades 1-8 and Adams said the school has improved the remote platform since the abrupt transition last spring due to school closures.

Like other school leaders across the state, Bronk said he is monitoring the governor’s guidelines with interest and “much could change in 30 days.”

He also is watching as schools open across the country and state, preparing “to learn and adapt right up to and through opening day.

“As a school leader, I have great empathy for every school leader and every school board member, both public and private,” Bronk said. “It’s a very complex time and there are many complex aspects to the decision-making framework. I think all of us are just trying to navigate it to make the best decisions for our institutions.”

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System (“Owner” or “School District”) will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

SUMMER 2020 WORK PROGRAM—SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STEEL PACKAGE

Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, on or before **11:00 a.m.** (local time) on **September 11th, 2020** (“Due Date”). The Board of Education will not consider or accept a Bid Proposal received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location. Due to COVID restrictions attendance is not required for the opening and will be restricted to (1) representative from each company.

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- August 21st, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m. at South High School located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A provision of the Michigan Revised School Code requires all K-12 school districts to provide breakfast programs except in buildings in which less than 20% of the students qualified for lunches at free or reduced rates during the prior school year. In that event, the District may opt not to offer a breakfast program, but it is first required to conduct a public hearing which seeks input from parents and pupils on the issue.

The Superintendent of Schools will be recommending that the Grosse Pointe Public School System provide a breakfast program at Defer, Mason, and Monteith Elementary Schools, Parcels and Pierce Middle Schools, and North and South High Schools, but not at other schools. The reason that breakfasts will not be provided at other schools is that it would be cost prohibitive due to the small number of participants and would require local tax dollars to supplement such a program.

Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 6:45 p.m., immediately preceding the regular meeting of the Board of Education. Due to the State’s Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Orders, this meeting will be held virtually. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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Open to the public Rotary Tot Lot welcomes youngsters

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Nearly 100 people attended the Aug. 8 public ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe's newly renovated Tot Lot.

It was just more than a year ago — July 2019 — that the club announced its plans to reimagine its nearly half-century-old Tot Lot in the City of Grosse Pointe.

So much has happened since then.

The project gained immediate support from residents and businesses that helped raise the \$250,000 needed to bring the project to fruition. In February, the club put out a call for volunteers to help transport, assemble and install new equipment in the spring; however, the onset of COVID-19 and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order to cease construction put the project on



Kate Lally was spotted hanging around the Tot Lot.

hold in March, but only temporarily.

During that time, the club made arrangements for Sinclair Recreation to assemble and install equipment, rather than using hundreds of volunteers for the job.

After Whitmer lifted the

construction ban in May, the site was excavated and a small number of volunteers helped transport materials from the Stroh River Place warehouse to the Tot Lot, located at the corner of St.

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Rotarians prepare to officially cut the ribbon on the club's re-imagined Tot Lot.



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Rotarian Michael Carmody, who helped coordinate the Tot Lot project, addresses those who gathered for the ribbon-cutting event.

Believing in 'Miracles'

Christian animated video series shares message 'ofGod'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Sometimes all it takes is a little inspiration to get a project off the ground.

For Grosse Pointe Woods resident David S. Tumpkin, that inspiration came in the form of a growing spirituality — a gift from above he crafted into a unique ministry he's only beginning to share.

On May 3, Tumpkin released the first in a series of Christian animated videos featuring the cartoon band, "ofGod."

"This idea was coming to me 10 years ago," he said. "I had two projects in mind. One was just music, a band, and the other was cartoon characters. My focus then was secular music, soft rock and R&B. And the cartoons were regular characters. I love making characters and telling stories. I was going to focus on high school life for kids.

"Then I started attending church more often and growing more spiritually," he continued. "It took 10 years to get my focus on what the Lord



The award-winning "ofGod: Miracles" is the first in a series of animated videos created by Grosse Pointe Woods resident David S. Tumpkin.

wanted to do with me. He wanted me to combine the two projects. So I changed the focus of the music and made the cartoon characters the

band." With help from ARG! Cartoon Animation Studio and its director Artie Romero, Tumpkin's characters came to life.

But having the creative vision was only a portion of what Tumpkin contributed to the project.

"I sing, I created the characters, I sent scripts to ARG!, I wrote the video," he said. "The Lord gave me a vision of what the video was going to look like."

Musically, Tumpkin collaborated with his son, David S. Tumpkin II, who plays keyboards.

Music has long been a part of Tumpkin's life. As a baby, he banged on pots and pans until his mother bought him his first drum kit. And he liked using his voice, he said, putting on puppet shows for family members from behind the couch.

During his high school years, he participated in various bands and choirs. But as talented as he is singing and playing drums — and a little bit of bass and acoustic guitar — he's more in awe of his son.

"He's an incredible keyboard player," Tumpkin said. "It's really fun working on music with him as father and son. ... Future songs will be just me and my



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David S. Tumpkin

son. I'm vocals and he's done "exceptionally well" at film festivals, earning several awards — Children/Family Programming Award of Merit and Christian Award of Merit at the Accolade Global Film Competition; Best Film on Religion at the Cult Critic Movie Awards; Best Film in Religion at the Virgin Spring Cinefest; Best Music Award-Special Mention at the Madras Independent Film Festival; Best Inspirational Film at the New York Movie Awards; and Best Writer Award at the Couch Film Festival. It also was nominated for Best Children Short at the Indie Short Fest and Best Writer at the Alternative Film Festival.

Tumpkin has three other "ofGod" videos planned, the second of which ARG! is just starting to animate. While "Miracles" is a Christian music song, the next release, "Nothing like Being Saved," is a Gospel song. The third and fourth installments, "Where You Send Me I Will Go" and "Praises up Above," also will follow the two genres.

The younger Tumpkin had some say in naming the "ofGod" band members, too.

The bassist, a cheetah, is named Shawn — the middle name of Tumpkin and his son; his cousin's middle name inspired the name Joi for the guitarist, a bear; the keyboardist, a husky, is Miles, named by Tumpkin's son; and Tammy, the fox on drums, is a name Tumpkin had in mind for years.

Since its release, "ofGod: Miracles" has

done "exceptionally well" at film festivals, earning several awards — Children/Family Programming Award of Merit and Christian Award of Merit at the Accolade Global Film Competition; Best Film on Religion at the Cult Critic Movie Awards; Best Film in Religion at the Virgin Spring Cinefest; Best Music Award-Special Mention at the Madras Independent Film Festival; Best Inspirational Film at the New York Movie Awards; and Best Writer Award at the Couch Film Festival. It also was nominated for Best Children Short at the Indie Short Fest and Best Writer at the Alternative Film Festival.

Awards aside, Tumpkin has received positive feedback for "Miracles." It's gained traction on YouTube and "so many people started

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Grosse Pointe Run goes virtual for 2020

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Participants in the 41st annual Grosse Pointe Run — the largest fundraiser of Sunrise Rotary of Grosse Pointe — not only will be raising funds for scholarships and charities this year, but will be able to do so wherever they want and at a time that most suits them.

The autumn tradition, which usually takes a gaggle of participants on 5K, 10K and one-mile routes throughout the Pointes, this year will forgo a group setting due to COVID-19 distancing restrictions and will take place over three days, Friday, Sept. 18, to Sunday, Sept. 20.

“We probably were optimistic that we’d be able to do the run,” Rotarian Dennis Hyduk said. “We had high hopes, but it will be virtual this year.”

Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to choose from a virtual 10K run, virtual 5K run, virtual 5K walk, virtual 5K wheelchair route or virtual one-mile fun run.

All registered participants will receive a “swag bag,” including a moisture-wicking T-shirt, race bib and ribbon, as well as any sponsor swag.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall male and female winners of each 10K and 5K event. Medals also will be awarded for first-place winners by age group.

Scoring will be done by Everal Race Management using Chrono Track, a disposable tag scoring system that automatically registers individual finish times. A new virtual option allows

people to participate no matter where they are.

Participants are asked to complete their selected race by Sept. 20, and encouraged to post a photo of their virtual run and tag Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary on Facebook.

Registration before Sept. 2 costs \$10 for the fun run or \$25 for all other events. After Sept. 2, fees are \$15 and \$30, respectively.

Last year was a banner year for the run, bringing in around \$34,000, all of which was returned to the community.

“We gave out \$25,000 in scholarships to students at six different schools,” Hyduk said, noting several charities also benefitted from the run. Another \$10,000 or so was donated to Vets Returning Home, the Pope Francis Center and St. Charles Borromeo Parish for food, as well as to purchase cookies for frontline workers at Ascension St. John Hospital and personal protective equipment for staff at four area hospitals. The club also regularly supports the efforts of Kids on the Go and SOAR Detroit.

Hyduk said he is encouraged by the use of social media in organizing this year’s event, as well as the freedom a virtual run offers.

“I think there’s going to be a lot of younger people, because they can run on their own time and not at a specific location,” he said. “We could have runners from Chicago, from all over.”

A goal, he said, is to register around 500 runners, but, “we may get even more.”

To register or for more information, visit grossepointerun.com.



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Attendees won’t gather like they did at previous Legacy on the Lake galas. This year, private dining experiences are being offered.

Legacy on the Lake a more intimate affair

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is putting a different spin on its annual Legacy on the Lake gala, turning it into a more intimate affair due to coronavirus-related distancing and public gathering restrictions.

“COVID has thrown us all into uncharted waters, so in order to keep family, friends and community safe, we are offering a virtual tribute to honor the legacy of our community by providing an in-home four-course dining experience catered by Forte Belanger that is paired with wines and includes a floral arrangement,” said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president.

Interested donors have three options:

◆ A dinner party for 10, which includes an executive chef and

server; passed appetizers; china, glassware and flatware service.

◆ A dinner-for-10 kit, which will be delivered to the home with reheating instructions.

◆ A dinner-for-two kit, also delivered to the home with reheating instructions.

“If friends are not comfortable in a group setting, they can all purchase a dinner-for-two kit and have a virtual dinner party,” Boettcher suggested.

The in-home dining experiences are planned to occur Thursday, Sept. 17. A limited number of each option are available — three dinner parties for 10, valued at \$10,000 each; 10 dinner kits for 10, valued at \$5,000 each; and 25 dinner kits for two, valued at \$500 each.

Proceeds will support and promote Grosse Pointe’s small businesses.

“This has been a

tough year for our Grosse Pointe businesses because of the pandemic,” said Legacy on the Lake Chairman David Balle, M.D. “They are in great need of our help and compassion due to the stay-at-home order and financial loss. Our Legacy event this year is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to give them much needed support through our contributions to this effort. Won’t everyone please do as much as they can in our Grosse Pointe chamber effort to lift our businesses in this year’s Legacy on the Lake dinner? Thank you so much for your consideration.”

Those who’d like to contribute to the event without purchasing a dinner option are invited to do so.

“We absolutely welcome donations in lieu of a meal package,” said Tomasine Marx, chairwoman of the chamber board of directors. “We are grateful to our donors and appreciate their generosity, especially during these unusual times.”

Since 2012, the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation has celebrated the legacy of Grosse Pointe by honoring individuals who have been pillars of the community. This year’s honoree was meant to be Doug Blatt, who instead will be honored at the 2021 event.

“Selecting Doug Blatt was our way of recognizing his longstanding and unwavering support of our Grosse Pointe community,” Marx said. “Doug is passionate about Grosse Pointe. He and his family have generously supported many community initiatives. Doug gives his time and expertise to many local boards within our community. Doug is a friend to all he meets and has a way of bringing people together, whether it be to solve complex issues or to just have fun.”

The registration deadline for Legacy on the Lake is Wednesday, Aug. 26. Call (313) 881-4722.

To view the menu, visit grossepointechamber.com.

Clarification

The article “Woman’s Club closes books with scholarship, charitable donations,” printed in the July 30 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, should have read the four charities that received donations from the Grosse Pointe Woman’s Club each received \$2,400.

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Police, first responders treated to lunch

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In a simple gesture of thanks, two Grosse Pointe businessmen recently arranged for lunch to be served to public safety officers in Grosse Pointe, as well as first responders in neighboring communities.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Sean Lane and Grosse Pointe Park businessman Larry Cools — who jointly started the first responder-centric Facebook page, Respect That They Deserve — organized a “Back the Blue” lunch Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Kerby Field at Mack and Moross, featuring a National Coney Island food truck.

Lane, who has helped orchestrate a broader-scale appreciation lunch for first responders in years past, said he wanted to scale it down this year, but still offer the meal to let the various departments know they have community support.

“With COVID, I thought, ‘Let’s do something simple,’” he said. “We wanted to limit the hours because these guys are busy and short-handed. ... This is just a



Harper Woods Patrol Officer Adam Lewis orders lunch for the guys back at the station.

small token.”

After getting approval from Mayor Louis Therios, City Manager Shane Reeside and Public Safety Director Dan Jensen, plans began taking shape. Dan Roma, CFO of National Coney Island, said he could provide the truck at a discount. A Go Fund Me page was set up with a goal of \$1,000 to pay for the event; a week shy of the lunch, the fund surpassed its goal.

Lane said remaining funds will be used this fall to once again feed first responders.

A member of the Detroit Police Department from 1995 to

2001, Lane said police officers and firefighters — and the work they do — are near and dear to his heart.

“There’s lineage and history there,” said Lane, whose great-grandfather served as chief of the Detroit Fire Department. “Through the years, I’ve always been willing to give back. We really need to take care of these guys who take care of us. If I call 911 in any of the Pointes, I’m going to get service right away and I’m probably going to get service from more than one Pointe.”

Lane said it’s important for him to show appreciation for police



Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Geoff McQueen is ready for his Coney dog lunch.

officers, who lately have been thrust under a negative spotlight.

“These guys aren’t respected as much as they should be,” he said. “Not everyone who wears a uniform is a bad guy. They’re working in such adverse conditions right now.”

“I think this lunch was well deserved,” he added. “The first responders who were able to make it enjoyed it and were very thankful.”



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Detroit police officers Nicholas Haupt and Nathan Gyani eat lunch before getting back to work.

Workshop offers tools for handling stress

Virtual, in-person sessions offered

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The onset of COVID-19 no doubt has spawned a variety of stressors — a lack of human touch, masks impeding the ability to read facial expressions, not being able to see loved ones in person.

The effects of these stresses can add up — some physically, like the addition of a few pounds from comfort eating or lack of exercise, others emotionally, like depression and anxiety caused by isolation.

But all of them can be managed and it’s important for lecturer Kathleen Housey that people in distress not give up.

To relay her message, Housey will offer two sessions of her “Toolbox for Stress” workshop, the first held virtually on Zoom at 1 p.m. Tuesday,

Aug. 18, the second at The Helm at the Boll Life Center at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. Both events are free; both are sponsored by Comfort Keepers.

“What I really wanted to do before isolation and quarantine was reach people and get them out of the house,” she said. “Then we got shut down.”

A regular on the lecture circuit — as well as a Realtor and fitness instructor — Housey was forced to cancel 12 appearances. Not one to lose hope, she decided she would learn to use Zoom so she could offer yoga classes to her students. She then decided to “pivot my lectures, rewrite them and reflect that.”

On the road to offering virtual lectures, Housey hit quite a speedbump. The certified Brains and

Balance instructor found herself in a stressful situation a few months ago, around the time COVID-19 surfaced.

“I was driving home from Grand Haven and my eye started gradually losing vision,” she said.

Diagnosed with a detached retina, she had to undergo emergency surgery, which doctors said would lead to one of two outcomes — it would work and she’d be fine or it wouldn’t work and she’d be blind.

Her recovery was difficult, but she pulled through with encouragement from her husband. She’d like to share that encouragement with others, no matter what has happened to bring stress into their lives.

“Seniors have got to be under so much stress right now, not seeing family, having no social

interaction,” she said. “I will share my story and share how I navigated” through stress.

The hour-long “Toolbox for Stress” examines how stress affects the brain and body, as well as provides strategies for reducing stress — through Emotional Freedom Techniques, autogenic training, muscle tense and release and progressive muscle release.

“It’s a unique and fun way to look at stress that perhaps has been thrust upon you and find some ways to crawl out of it,” Housey said, noting she’ll answer questions from participants in both sessions.

Housey said “Toolbox for Stress” is for seniors who normally would visit The Helm to meet friends, have lunch, play games or attend lectures, but it’s also for “seniors living alone or family members of seniors who want to learn more. It’s for people who’ve been isolated, maybe who’ve never come to The Helm but wanted to or have been to The Helm and need to get back to it.”

To attend the Zoom lecture, participants must have stable internet connection and a device such as a cellphone, laptop, tablet or iPad. Registrants will receive a link to use for the session, which can

support up to 100 guests. The in-person lecture is limited to 10 participants.

“I want people to know that stress, depression, depressive feelings and isolation are all normal,” Housey said. “Don’t beat yourself up for how you’re feeling, if you’ve gained weight or lost weight, if you’re not getting the exercise you’re used to, if you’re not enjoying life as much. We will get through this. ... Everything you’re feeling, 20 people in your neighborhood are feeling the same thing.”

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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.

Sandra Jean White

Sandra "Sandy" Jean White passed away Thursday, May 14, 2020, in Grenada, Miss., after a short illness. She was born Dec. 13, 1937, in San Francisco, to Dorothy M. Taylor (nee Fairfield) and Clair F. "Rusty" Taylor.

Sandy grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1955. A 1959 graduate of the University of Michigan, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and was a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

Sandy married George W. Perrett Jr., in August 1959. The couple lived in Red Bank, N.J., and Hendersonville, N.C., before they returned to Ann Arbor in 1964 and raised their family. She and George divorced and in 1993, Sandy married Dr. Milo R. White Jr.

Sandy's service as a board member for numerous organizations in the Ann Arbor area included Alpha Phi sorority, PTOs at Newport Elementary School and Forsythe Junior High School and Huron Valley Swim Club, where she and her family also enjoyed many wonderful summers.

A homemaker until 1982, Sandy began working part-time at Ulrich's bookstore. She started full-time work in 1987, as a teacher's assistant in Ann Arbor Public Schools, which she loved. The majority of her teaching career was spent at Bach Elementary and Ann Arbor Open schools; she retired in June 2000.

A longtime member of Ann Arbor Thrift Shop, Sandy also volunteered at Turner Geriatric Clinic and other area organizations. She was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor and Holy Faith Church in Saline.

Sandy loved reading and traveling. Her favorite travel destinations were North Carolina, Hilton Head Island, Glen Arbor and Bayfield, Ontario, Canada. She also loved sharing cruises with her husband, Milo, through the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, Alaska and the Maritime Provinces of Canada, as well as trips to Italy and Ireland. She also enjoyed knitting, walking with her dogs, gardening, crossword puzzles and mostly, time spent with her husband and family. She

loved all animals — except snakes — and the companionship of her three dogs, Cassidy, Monty and Spidey, and supported many animal welfare organizations.

Sandy was predeceased by her husband, Milo, in June 2015. She is survived by her children, George Perrett of Kalamazoo, Kristen Perrett of Jupiter, Fla., and Stephanie Eads (Phillip) of Grenada, Miss.; grandchildren, Carly Dempsey, Morgan Perrett, Taylor Perrett and Annie Haley; sister, Karen Winger (Tom) of Grosse Pointe; sister-and brother-in-law, Donna and Dan White of Rochester Hills; and many cherished nieces, nephews and close friends.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Faith Church in Saline in late summer or early fall when health protocols safely permit larger group attendance.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Humane Society of Huron Valley, hshv.org; or Holy Faith Church Rector's Fund, 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Saline, MI 48176.

Martin Beckwith Potter

Grosse Pointe resident Martin "Marty" Beckwith Potter, 84, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020. He was born Nov. 30, 1935, in Detroit.

Marty is survived by his wife of 52 years, Denise Joy Potter; sons, Steve (Kris), Brian (Kelly) and Patrick (Janice); stepsons, Scott and William Beveridge; and grandchildren, Erica Beveridge of California, Ben Potter of Colorado and Samantha and Zachary Potter of Michigan.

A 1954 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and 1958 graduate of Michigan State University, Marty worked as a litigation specialist more than 40 years.

Marty was a full-time grandpa and golfer after he retired in 2000. Although his golf game never really improved, he became a "Pro Grandpa." As if these activities were not enough to keep him busy, Marty was the night guard at Neff Park three nights per week and also volunteered at Services for Older Citizens. At SOC, Marty delivered Meals on Wheels and, as he described it, took old people to their doctor's appointments — even though most were younger than him.

Marty enjoyed everything in life except heights. His favorite things included travel, boating, golf, hockey, friends, family and anything MSU-related. His absolute least favorite thing was when he rode up a Colorado mountainside in a gondola.

Marty's three dogs, Poppy, Murphy and Lil Bit, and cat, Charlie, were part of his family.

Marty treated them like kings. Rather than typical pet food, Marty made sure they had Stouffer's lasagna, White Castle on Tuesdays, macaroni and cheese and their favorite, SPAM.

His family noted that Marty was loved by the many people he came in contact with over the years.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Marty's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org; or the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org.

Arrangements were handled by Chas. Verheyden Inc.

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Patrick Thomas Socia

St. Clair Shores resident Patrick Thomas Socia, 64, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020. A descendant of the Pointes' first French settlers, Patrick was born June 13, 1956, to Charles W. Socia and Phyllis Hitchens Socia, both now deceased.

Pat grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. He attended St. Joan of Arc grade school and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. Pat earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit and a master's degree with honors from Walsh College.

His career in mortgage banking spanned more than 30 years in Detroit and Kalamazoo.

Pat shared his passion for sports with his two children. His greatest joy was taking them on travel team trips and cheering from the sidelines of their hockey, baseball, football and soccer games. Pat and his children, as adults, were an awesome threesome on the golf course.

Pat is survived by his loving children, William C. Socia (Shelby Fachini) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Charlotte D. Smodic (Michael) of Grand Rapids; grandson, Maxwell Witherow; former wife and dear friend, Madeleine McLaughlin Socia of Kalamazoo; brothers, Charles Socia (Thelma) of St. Clair Shores and John Socia (Shawn) of Boise, Idaho; and nine nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Pat's life takes place at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, followed by the funeral Mass at noon at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Face coverings are required and social distancing will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.



Sandra Jean White



Martin B. Potter



Patrick T. Socia

Gerald Aloysius White

City of Grosse Pointe resident Gerald Aloysius White, 95, passed away quietly Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, at his home. He was born June 21, 1925, in Detroit.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 272, Gerry earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943, where he served as an aero mechanic 2nd class and pilot. After his honorable discharge from military service in 1946, Gerry was project manager at the Detroit Boat Basin and built the Navy's Sea Air rescue boats.

He later was captain of the racing yacht Blitzen. Gerry met and married Shirley Abbot while the boat was in Detroit. Together, Gerry and Shirley had a family of six boys.

While Gerry was employed at General Motors Co.'s Powertrain Division, he attended night school at the University of Detroit and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He was promoted to engineer at GM and was a computer pioneer. Gerry worked at GM until he retired in the mid-1980s. A member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Gerry was an active sailor. He also was an active parishioner at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Gerry was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Shirley, in 2004. Gerry is survived by his children, Ronald White (Marsha), Joseph White (Tina), Thomas White (Melissa) and Brian White (Anne). Gerry also is survived by his and Shirley's grandchildren, John White, Patrick White, Zachary White, Christopher White, Alexander White, Nikki Konotopskiy, Nathan White, and Natalie White. He was predeceased by his children, John and Robert White (Kelly); and grandchild, Michael White.

Gerry and his wife, Susan Dotson, were married in 2005. Gerry is survived by Susan and her children, Kelly White (Joseph) and Paige Peabody (Brian). He also is survived by his and Susan's three grandchildren, Charlotte, Ryan and Christian Peabody.

Gerry was a devoted husband, father and grandfather to his wives, children and grandchildren. The two joined families called him Dad and Grandpa and loved him very much.

Visitation takes place from 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic



Gerald A. White



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Leland Clayton Gates Jr.

Leland Clayton Gates Jr., of Punta Gorda, Fla., and a summer resident of Grosse Pointe Park, died Friday, July 31, 2020. A loving husband, father of three children and four stepchildren, and blessed as a grandfather and great-grandfather many times over, Lee was 96.

Born Aug. 16, 1923, in Hartford, Conn., to Leland Clayton Gates and Beatrice Sherman Gates, Lee was raised on the family farm and educated in a one-room schoolhouse in Weatogue, Conn. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Connecticut-Storrs and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

During his college years, Lee met Jane Wilhelmine Muus. Lee and Jane were married Aug. 18, 1944. Together they raised three children, Leland Clayton "Clay" Gates III, Martha and Patti.

Lee was a banker whose passion was leading, serving and growing the communities in which he worked and lived. Early in his career, in Connecticut, these communities included Bristol, Farmington, Thomaston and West Hartford. When Lee moved to Ocean City, N.J., he joined Boardwalk National Bank in Atlantic City in charge of real estate lending. With his return to Connecticut, he served as president and chairman of South Norwalk Savings Bank in Norwalk from 1966 to 1988.

One of Lee's proudest accomplishments was growing the bank and the communities it served to the point it was viable to convert from a mutual savings bank to a publicly traded company. As the bank served much of the Fairfield County region, its name changed to Gateway Bank.

Lee's hobbies were investing, golf and travel; he was particularly interested in real estate. Together through their 58 years of marriage, Lee and Jane bought, built, often moved into and sold

more than 25 properties in Connecticut, New Jersey, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Lee's real estate connections again proved fortuitous after Jane's death in 2002, in Punta Gorda, Fla. A broker friend wanted to introduce him to someone special. Lee's "second act" thus began when he met Audrey Leverenz, a longtime resident of Punta Gorda Isles and Grosse Pointe Park. Audrey's husband had passed away years earlier, after they had raised four children, John, Sue, Sally and Amy, all who had married and lived in Grosse Pointe Park with their families.

Lee and Audrey were married Nov. 29, 2003, in Grosse Pointe Park. Lee loved the welcoming and warm embrace given to him by Audrey's family. He got right in the swing of attending grandchildren's athletic events, graduations, marriages and births and always cheered them on with his easy smile. Together Audrey and Lee hosted several family gatherings and vacations. Lee thoroughly enjoyed his 17 years of marriage to Audrey and times together with her family. He lived a rich, full and long life.

Lee was predeceased by his sisters, Barbara Shaw and Phyllis Backman. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, of Grosse Pointe Park; children, Leland Clayton Gates III of Punta Gorda, Fla., Martha Gates Lord of Fairfield, Conn., and Patricia Fabrizio of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; stepchildren, Dr. John Leverenz (Cathy), Susan Swegles (John), Sally Wittwer (David) and Amy Kish (Ken), all of Grosse Pointe Park; sister-in-law, Ann Ashworth (Norman) of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lee's memory may be made to the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Fund #30860 of the University of Connecticut Foundation, payable to UCONN Foundation, Attn: Data Services, 2390 Alumni Dr., Unit 3206, Storrs, CT 06269; or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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MEMORIAL

Louise Ann Shaway

A memorial Mass for Louise Ann Shaway will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods. Louise's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News May 21, 2020.

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Joann Cousino

Joann "Judy" Cousino (nee Standart), 81, passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She was born Dec. 4, 1938, in Grosse Pointe, to David Standart and Helen Standart (nee Crowley), both now deceased.

Judy was a retail buyer at Jacobson's and Crowley's department stores. Outside of work, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Judy loved Caribbean cruises, dogs and driving fast cars. A real game player, she was exceptional at backgammon and never lost a game.

Judy was the beloved wife of Ray; loving sister of the late Patricia



Joann Cousino

Morrison; proud aunt of Alicia Leigh Morrison and David Morrison; dear cousin of Richard Keys and Joseph Keys (Cheryl); and cherished friend of Rhonda Rednick.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Details will be posted at verheyden.org.

Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park.



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Honored

Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 2020 graduate Amelia Fly was awarded a scholarship from Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Sunday, Aug. 9. She also was presented a hand-knitted hat and scarf by the Knit Wits Too Circle of GPCC. Fly plans to attend Marquette University in Milwaukee this fall. From left are the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, Fly and Knit Wits member Lori Zurvalec.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Ashley Falco

Kids should continue to receive routine vaccinations

Q: With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I am worried about my child's health and safety. Is it safe to bring my child into their pediatrician's office for routine health care and immunizations or am I placing them at risk?

A: As many parents continue to struggle with keeping their children safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a drastic drop in immunization rates across the country. This stems from stay-at-home orders and parents' fears that a visit to the pediatrician's office may increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

This is a very concerning trend, as it leaves our youngest and most vulnerable population at risk for preventable diseases. In Michigan, immunization rates mirror those across the country.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reports a 44.2 percent decrease in vaccine doses administered in May and a 63.6 percent decrease in April.

The good news is our doses administered in June and July



show a continued rise, although they remain below pre-COVID numbers from 2018 and 2019. With low overall rates of vaccination, not only is your individual child at risk for illnesses like measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox, but herd immunity can be affected, leading to risk of further outbreaks.

In alliance with the American Academy of Pediatrics guidance on immunizations during COVID-19, Henry Ford Health System strongly suggests all children continue to receive their routine vaccinations and schedule visits to catch up on overdue vaccinations. Our offices are taking all necessary precautions, including separating well and sick children, changing flow to physically distance patients within waiting

areas and during check out/registration, rigorously sanitizing our offices and supplementing with video and e-visits when appropriate. Your pediatrician's office may look a little different at your next visit: Front office staff, nursing staff and physicians will all continue to smile, but behind masks. These extensive measures are to provide a safe environment for your child to receive their care and stay up to date on their vaccinations.

Dr. Ashley Falco is a board-certified pediatrician with the Henry Ford Health System. Her practice is located on The Hill at Henry Ford Pierson Pediatrics in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventative education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. The Family Center is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

The Family Center's HOLLYFEST gets new format

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, a nonprofit organization that has been serving the community with resources and programs for 20 years, will host its annual HOLLYFEST benefit Nov. 20. New this year, the benefit will take place in 20 homes with up to 20 guests each.

HOLLYFEST is the signature fundraising event for The Family Center, which receives no state or federal funding. The Family Center is known for offering a wide range of programs on topics including mental health and suicide, alcohol and substance abuse, raising children, post-high school planning, caring for aging loved ones and more. The funds raised will help sustain community outreach and support for thousands of families

in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

The Family Center is excited to announce a new format for the event, which will feature smaller in-home parties featuring a full dinner with beverages, and both live and silent online auctions. Tickets to the event will be available online.

Opportunities to sponsor the event or host a dinner party still are available. Those who would like to join The Family Center in supporting families in the community should contact Amy Kish at amy.kish@familycenterweb.org for more information.

Current sponsors include Beth and Joe Moran, Donald K. Pierce & Co. Insurance, Ed Lazar Insurance Agency Inc., Esper Aiello Law

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following me and I'm getting lots of likes" on social media, he said.

"Reception is going very well right now. Artie

said out of a lot of the animations he's worked on, this one's getting tons of responses. And the awards are such a blessing to receive. That really touches my heart."

"ofGod: Miracles" is available on YouTube,

filmfreeway.com, IMDB.com and ARG! at artiestick.com. Supporters of the series may contribute to the project at gofundme.com/f/christian-cartoon-music-videos.

"I thank God for every-

thing he's done for me and my family," Tumpkin said. "I'm very active in the church, I sing in choir, I'm a deacon in training" at Corinthian Baptist Church in Hamtramck. "This is a ministry to me, this

series. I want to share it with the world.

"Things are bad right now — the pandemic, people losing their businesses, the protests, unemployment," he added. "There's a lot going on in the world

right now. We're not able to attend church. A lot of people get saved through music. This is on YouTube — anyone can go on there anytime and see it. I want it to touch hearts and save as many souls as it can."

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Two new members appointed to GP Library Board

Susan Higman Larsen and Thomas Peck are the newest members of the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees.

“Although I’ll miss working with Bob Klacza and Greg Ulrich, I’m looking forward to getting to know Susan and Tom,” said Abby Ward, Library Board president. “Their long-time commitment to Grosse Pointe and their professional backgrounds will be an asset to the board.”

The longest-serving board member in the library’s history, Klacza served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer during his 24 years of service repre-



COURTESY PHOTO

Thomas Peck

sented Grosse Pointe Park. In addition, Klacza served on the Library Technology Committee, Planning/Building Committee — when the Ewald and Woods branches were built and

when the strategic plan was developed and implemented. During his tenure, he also served as liaison to the Friends of the Library and the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation.

Ulrich served on the board five years representing Grosse Pointe Woods. During his tenure, he served on the Finance Committee, Planning/Building Committee and Director Review Committee.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Higman Larsen is a graduate of Georgetown University and has a master’s degree in art history from the University of Pittsburgh. She is an editor and publishing

consultant and served as director of publications for the Detroit Institute of Arts. She has held numerous positions on a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the International Council of Museums and Michigan Humanities Council.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and University of Detroit School of Law, Peck is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. He worked as a litigation attorney for First Chicago NBD Bank and Bank One, Michigan, now known as J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. Peck was of counsel in a large Detroit law firm and now operates a solo

practice in St. Clair Shores. He served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library five years and has authored two articles for “Mooring,” the publication of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

“Susan and Tom are both very accomplished professionals who will add a new perspective to the board,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “I appreciate their commitment to the community and look forward to working with them.”

During the July 23 Board of Trustees meeting, held via Zoom, the following officers were

unanimously elected:

President — Abigail Ward

Vice President — Megan Conrad Sczygielski

Treasurer — Prudence Cole

Secretary — George Lapastora

Grosse Pointe Public Library trustees serve four-year terms. Each Grosse Pointe municipality and Harper Woods appoint one representative to the board, with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the library director, as well as overseeing the fiscal management and general business of the library.

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American Cancer Society launches new gala

The American Cancer Society recently announced the launch of its new gala, “The Night of Discovery,” led by co-chairs Karen and Matt Cullen of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mary and Tom Shafer of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event, which will bring together corporate and community leaders across Detroit to support the critical work of the American Cancer Society, takes place Thursday, Nov. 12, with the pre-show starting at 6:30 p.m. and the event program airing live at 7 p.m. The virtual event, featuring live entertainment, a silent auction and opportunities to fund the mission of the American Cancer Society, will be open to the general public for viewing, with special VIP experiences for sponsors and donors.

“Cancer hasn’t stopped for COVID-19, so neither can we,” Karen Cullen said. “The reality is that cancer patients cannot wait for a more convenient time. They are facing unprecedented challenges when it comes to treatment, support and services. In fact, a recent ACS study showed that 79 percent of cancer patients in active treatment report delays in

care due to the pandemic. They are counting on ACS to continue its important work and ACS is counting on us to fuel that work.”

“The Night of Discovery” will support the American Cancer Society’s investment in cancer research, patient services and cancer prevention efforts, both locally and across the nation. During the pandemic, ACS has provided a free place to stay for frontline healthcare workers at Hope Lodge facilities across the country, provided information and resources to cancer patients to help navigate COVID-19 and fought for policies that will help ease the increased burden created by the pandemic for cancer patients.

In Michigan, the ACS currently is funding 17 research grants totaling \$9.2 million at local research institutions, including three grants specifically focused on health equity. Additionally, it has continued fueling its local health equity work in partnership with community organizations in Detroit and throughout southeast Michigan. This work includes a grant in partnership with the NFL at the Wellness Plan in Detroit to support breast

health equity for uninsured and under-insured women, a partnership with Meals on Wheels in Macomb County to bring take-home colorectal screening tests to homebound seniors and a colorectal screening partnership with Michigan State University and Greater Holy Temple church to distribute colorectal screening FIT kits in coordination with water distribution efforts in Flint.

This work is all made possible by donations from individuals and corporations but is in jeopardy due to the pandemic. Because of funding challenges, the ACS is at risk of cutting cancer research funding by 50 percent this year — representing its lowest investment in this century.

“This year offers a unique opportunity for sponsors — every dollar makes a greater impact on the society’s mission than ever before,” Tom Shafer said. “We salute the companies and individuals who have already committed to the event and challenge others to do the same.”

Major event sponsors include TCF Bank, Magna, Lingenfelter Collection and Campbell Marketing.

Last year, ACS put an end to the Detroit Cattle Baron’s Ball, an event that raised more than \$17 million in 17 years and brought together thousands of people in support of the American Cancer Society.

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

Sgt. Thomas Teatsorh
Traffic Safety Section

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Group, Hartmann & Nihem PLLC, Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors, Mary Petersen, LMSW, ACSW, Supportive Counseling Services, Barbara Roden, Senior Helpers, Fisher Pointe Dental, Gary and Paige Niehaus, Wolverine Packing Co., Ascension St. John Hospital, Antonelli Financial Advisors and Grosse Pointe News.

TOT LOT:

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Clair and Waterloo.

Volunteers also were used to provide onsite security during non-work hours. Following equipment assembly, a poured-in-place safety surface was installed and landscaping completed.

The project also relied on in-kind donations from businesses that provided services, labor and materials.

"Without them, we couldn't have completed this project," said Michael Carmody, who chaired the project with Rotarians Bob Lucas and Peter Stroh.

Installed in 1973, Rotary Tot Lot received its first and only overhaul in 1997-98. The new renovations have brought the Tot Lot into the 21st century, making the play park compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as better able to serve children with physical and emotional challenges. The all-inclusive park pro-

vides a learning development environment for children ages 2 to 5 in all five of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Prior to the public opening, a series of private ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held for individual equipment sponsors.

"It was perfect," Carmody said.

The new lot includes two play structures designed for ages 2 to 5 that deliver different challenges with each connecting element; ADA-compliant swings that allow adult and child to face each other while swinging; freestanding play modules such as a spinning Merry-Go-All and Discover Cave; in-ground and elevated wheelchair-accessible sandboxes; and a wheelchair-friendly picnic table.

Also, many of the park's "old favorites" were retained and refurbished.

"I've gone past it since then," Carmody said just days after the Tot Lot opened. "I see the little munchkins are out there playing."



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Kingsley Allen "digs" the new equipment in one of the sandboxes.



Magnus Jahnke plays with the gears on a new Playscape.



Adalee Philbrick tries out the new slide.



Ava Dehn emerges from the tunnel on the playground.

In-kind contributions

The following in-kind donors received plaques in recognition and appreciation of their contributions:

- ◆ Gary Marowske of Flame Heating, Cooling and Electrical, who provided a truck and worker to assist with moving materials from the warehouse to the Tot Lot.
 - ◆ Dennis Wuerfel of Rent A Son Inc., who donated cement to anchor all play pieces and supervised installation and construction.
 - ◆ Paul Kerby of Kerby Construction, who assisted with excavation, removing truckloads of debris, leveling crushed stone and compacting it as a base for the new surface.
 - ◆ Jeff Judson of Pointe Towing, who provided a flatbed truck to move three containers from the warehouse to the Tot Lot.
 - ◆ Joe Allemon of Allemon Nursery and Landscaping, who removed all existing landscaping, installed all new top soil and provided all new sod to the entire lot.
 - ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame, who provided demolition and disposal of old play items, numerous dumpsters, all new wood chips and supervision.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe News Publisher John Minnis, who provided 15 months of continuous coverage and promotion.
 - ◆ Former City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Christopher Boettcher, president of Air-Tec, who provided the custom Rotary wheel for the entry arch, new gate signage and a truck for moving materials.
 - ◆ Robert Tolnai, owner of Pointe Painting, who completely restored and painted the entry arch and refurbished all older items to new condition.
 - ◆ Ara Howrani of Howrani Studios, who photographed all private donor ribbon cuttings and the public grand opening.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus, who provided a truck and workers to assist in moving items to the Tot Lot.
 - ◆ Thomas Johnston, owner of Asphalt Control Corp., who donated labor and materials for concrete curbs and sections of sidewalk.
- Additionally, City of Grosse Pointe Director of Parks & Recreation Chris Hardenbrook was awarded a Community Exceptional Service Award for exceeding expectations and putting service above self.
- Tot Lot co-Chairman Michael Carmody said Hardenbrook provided "constant daily support and a can-do attitude and always a creative approach to issues that came up — and there were many. They are too numerous to mention, but without Chris we would not be doing a ribbon-cutting ceremony."

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Height of fashion?
 - 4 First victim
 - 8 Expansive
 - 12 Retirement plan acronym
 - 13 Sushi bar soup
 - 14 Grooving on
 - 15 Plaid garment
 - 17 Greek vowels
 - 18 Small barrel
 - 19 Irish overcoats
 - 21 Wunderkind
 - 24 Thither
 - 25 Atmosphere
 - 26 — sauce
 - 28 Florida city
 - 32 Mid-month date
 - 34 Chow down
 - 36 Painter Chagall
 - 37 Archaeologist's find
 - 39 Cushion
 - 41 Opposed
 - 42 Plaything
 - 44 Malign
 - 46 Young child
 - 50 Mongrel
 - 51 Hodgepodge
 - 52 Yankee
 - 56 Huff and puff
 - 57 "Zounds!"
 - 58 Erstwhile acorn
 - 59 Knitting need
 - 60 Scruff
 - 61 "Science Guy" Bill
 - 16 Barbie's companion
 - 20 Drunkard
 - 21 Twosome
 - 22 Stash
 - 23 Curly's brother
 - 27 Shrill bark
 - 29 Coconut cookie
 - 30 Senior moment?
 - 31 Zits
 - 33 Take a chair
 - 35 Slight amount
 - 38 Army rank (Abbr.)
 - 40 Ten-year period
 - 43 Sanaa's land
 - 45 Bear hair
 - 46 Country singer Keith
 - 47 — podrida
 - 48 A-line designer
 - 49 Sitarist's rendition
 - 53 Upper limit
 - 54 Aye rival
 - 55 Mamie's man

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 by Linda Thistle
Solution for last weeks puzzle 8/6/20

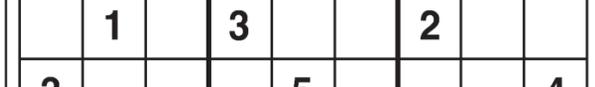
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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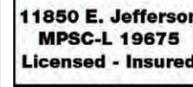
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