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McConnell named to council

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Darci McConnell was named the newest member of city council Thursday, Nov. 12, following a unanimous vote by six members who were charged with replacing former member Dan Grano.

The replacement followed Grano's announcement in September that he would vacate his seat because he was relocating from the city to pursue other opportunities. McConnell, a former newspaper reporter who operates a Detroit public relations firm, is believed to be the first Black council member

in the Park's history. She will complete the remainder of Grano's term, ending November 2021. "I'm humbled and I'm grateful," she told the members. "I just look forward to working with you so much." Before the vote in support of McConnell, the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe

facilitated virtual interviews with her and five other finalists, Jeffrey Greer, Tim Kolar, Pier King Piepenbrok, Mary Rouleau and Max Andrew Wiener. McConnell told the council and virtual meeting participants she would champion diversity in the city, as



COURTESY PHOTO
Darci McConnell is believed to be the first Black council member in Park history.

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District pivots back to remote learning

New remote learning schedule put on hold

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Due to a rise in positive cases of COVID-19 in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and a letter grade of 'E' representing the highest risk from the Wayne County Health Department, administration recommended all students return to remote learning beginning Monday, Nov. 9. This includes Young 5 to fifth-grade students

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A sign at Grosse Pointe Woods city hall shares its closure with visitors.

City halls close to public

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

THE GROSSE POINTES — City halls across the Pointes are returning to procedures put in place in March, as COVID-19 case counts continue to increase in the area. Grosse Pointe Woods closed its municipal buildings to the public for the second time this year Wednesday, Nov. 12, including its Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, Community Center, Public Works office and activities building at Lake Front Park until further notice, administrators announced. Grosse Pointe Park administrators announced Sunday, Nov. 15, that city hall, including the municipal court and all other city departments, are closed to the public until further notice as well. The Farms and Shores city halls closed to the public Monday, Nov. 16, with the City's close

behind Wednesday, Nov. 18, following the announcement of state restrictions for 21 days. The Farms, which has had two city employees test positive over the past couple months, also closed its parks and recreation office to the public in keeping with health department guidelines, postponing dance classes and exercise programs at Pier Park. "More and more we're finding we can do things electronically," Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said, "and the more we can do electronically and reduce personal contacts, the better chance we have of keeping a reduced exposure and keeping our residents and staff healthy." Windmill Pointe Park will remain open from 7 a.m. to dusk and Patterson Park will remain open from 8 a.m. to dusk, while any additional Park city hall and court business may be conducted by postal mail, using the drop box outside city hall

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Electric vehicle charging stations heading to Grosse Pointe

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Four parking spaces in the City's municipal Lot 4, the parking lot behind CVS, soon will be allocated for electric vehicle charging stations, following a unanimous council vote to enter into a 10-year agreement with Hage

Automotive during its meeting Monday, Nov. 16. These will be the first public EV chargers in any of the Grosse Pointes, according to City Manager Pete Dame. "Electric cars are coming," he said. "GM and Ford, in particular, are making a big push on electric cars. Each has done an assessment of the number of electric vehicles in

the Grosse Pointes and they do believe they could support these four parking spaces with chargers here." In exchange for the City hosting the equipment, Hage Automotive will cover the cost of installation, maintenance and operation. The City then will receive 3 cents per kilowatt hour charged to the user of the station.

Users will be charged a flat rate of 35 cents per kilowatt, which is cheaper than the national average of 57 cents. The level two chargers, built for the convenience of charging at a destination rather than commuting long distances, are 80-amp units with 91.2 kilowatts and take

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas Mackey recently donated \$2 million to establish an infectious disease research center at Ascension St. John Hospital.

Research center funded by Farms man

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

DETROIT — At a time when infectious disease research has become of unwavering interest to even the average person, Ascension St. John Hospital has set plans in motion to construct a new and expanded center for infectious disease research, thanks to a \$2 million donation from Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas Mackey.

“It’s the right thing to do at the right time and I’m fortunate to have the means to help,” said Mackey, who also recently gave \$1 million for a new hybrid cardiac catheterization laboratory at the hospital, in a

press release. “Those who are blessed with great wealth have an obligation to give back and help others.”

Construction on The Thomas Mackey Center for Infectious Disease Research is set for February through March 2021, and will be located adjacent to the clinical research area, consolidating the program into a single center in an effort to enhance collaboration between laboratory and clinical personnel. The approximately 4,000-square-foot space also will bring the capacity for both additional staff and studies.

“We are very appreciative of the generosity of the people who live in Grosse Pointe and, in

particular, Mr. Mackey,” said Dr. Louis Saravolatz, chairman of the Department of Medicine for Ascension St. John. “... We think this is going to have an impact on patients for many years ahead.”

Researchers in the center will work to provide diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive strategies against serious infectious diseases, including vaccinations such as for COVID-19. While Ascension doctors plan to continue working on research in the areas of staphylococcal disease and other molecular testing, they also expect the expansion will enable the development of new testing methodologies for both

treatment and prevention.

“We anticipate our increased clinical and laboratory research can lead to improved health of our community,” said Dr. Leonard Johnson, program director and chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, as well as vice chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, in a press release. “We are doing our part in the vaccine trials, like hundreds of centers around the country. We are all contributing; we’re not doing it by ourselves. By sharing the results of our work, we are a part of the larger effort that could impact the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases for everyone.”



Storm scenes

Sunday’s wind storm brought down trees around Grosse Pointe and caused a number of brief power outages. This tree in front of the house at 116 Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms was among those downed.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

This tree came down on McMillan in Grosse Pointe Farms between Richard Elementary School and St. James Lutheran Church.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Farms city hall closed to the public earlier this week.

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or online at grossepointepark.org. City staff may be contacted and appointments requested by calling (313) 822-6200.

For what cannot be handled remotely, such as applying for building permits with large sets of plans that need to be dropped off, the Farms has implemented curbside service parking spaces where city staff can come out to the resident’s car. The City of Grosse Pointe will allow in-person appointments to be made in advance at its city hall.

Woods departments may be contacted by telephone or email and the drop box outside the building remains available for use. Notary services are suspended and any urgent business matters requiring in-person contact must be prearranged and approved.

Residents in all Pointes are encouraged to conduct business with the city via their

city’s website, drop boxes outside of city hall, phone, email and mail.

“We’re here every day to handle anything by drop box or email or phone calls,” Shores interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk said, adding the closure shouldn’t cause any disruption to residents. “There’s no services that have been canceled at this point.”

With the city halls closed until further notice, Shores administration plans to re-evaluate once the city’s case count levels off or goes down slightly.

Farms administration intends to revisit its procedures going forward once the three weeks laid out in the state order are over, while City administration will “more than likely follow the state health department’s determination at that time,” Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said via email.

Residents who are not signed up to receive updates from their city may do so via their city’s website.

Shores resident re-appointed to Joint Airport Zoning Board

Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub was appointed and Grosse Pointe Shores resident Kathy Makino-Leipsitz was re-appointed to Wayne County’s Joint Airport Zoning Board in a unanimous vote Oct. 22, by the Wayne County Commission.

Daub’s term will run through Oct. 14, 2023. She has served on the

county commission since 2019. The new term for Makino-Leipsitz runs through Nov. 19, 2021. She is president and managing partner of Shelborne Development of Detroit.

The Joint Airport Zoning Board oversees zoning issues in areas related to Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport.

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she has in other roles, including president of a Black journalists association and board member of several other organizations. She shared that she resided in several Michigan cities before relocating to the Park 17 years ago.

“I really hope that I can earn your support,” she told the council members shortly before a discussion that led to their vote.

Several of the members, including Jim Robson, who described

McConnell as his “neighbor down the street,” congratulated her.

“I’m looking forward to working with you in many areas,” including development of the West Park neighborhood,” he said.

A swearing-in ceremony will be scheduled to formally bring McConnell to the council as its seventh member, it was announced.

“Thank you, Ms. McConnell. I hope you know what you’re getting yourself into,” joked Mayor Bob Denner. “I think it’s going to be a lot of fun.”

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roughly two hours for a charge.

“Think if you’re going out to dinner, that you could plug in, you’d come back (and) your car would be charged,” CEO of Hage Automotive Abass El-Hage said.

Under the agreement, Hage Automotive will

have 30 days to ensure the site is acceptable and get permits, followed by 150 days to install the EV chargers once the permits are approved.

The City also approached General Motors, but the company was uninterested in partnership due to its current goal of placing EV charging stations directly next to highways.

Beautification awards altered during pandemic

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The annual end-of-year celebration for Farms beautification award winners was unable to take place due to COVID-19, but the city's Beautification Advisory Commission was undeterred in judging and selecting the winning properties, using Zoom meetings to organize.

This year's winners are Paul and Susan Boehmer at 21 Carmel Lane; Timothy Gapa and Naomi Sheen at 431 Madison; Joseph and Judy Collins at 61 Meadow Lane; William and Kris Scarfone at 100 Lewiston; Erick and Jennifer Grabruck at 218 Fisher; Gerald Smale at 340 Hillcrest; Leonard and Cynthia Agosta at 285 Beaupre; Joseph and Julie Kaiser at 56 Vendome; Harriet Lodholz at 175 Ridge; and Gary and Barbara

Buslepp at 310 Mt. Vernon.

Evaluation of the homes included the facades, lawn, sidewalks, colors and species of plant.

"The one thing that impresses me the most is the amount of work that folks do on their homes," said Lev Wood, chairman of the Beautification Advisory Commission. "It puts me to shame. I try to go out and do whatever I can on my lawn and I know how hard it is to make your house look really, really great. It's nothing but a benefit for Grosse Pointe Farms (and) just continues to add value to the neighborhoods, add value to the homes and makes us really all very proud."

As in previous years, the winners still received a lawn sign and Pewabic tile. Additionally, a letter of congratulations and an apology for not being able to offer the award in person were included.

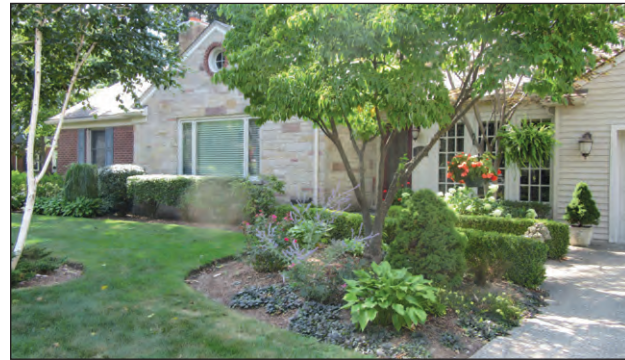
With support from the city, the commission also was able to complete its spring planting efforts this year.

"The pandemic really affected us in pretty substantial ways, but I'm really proud of our team

and the way we came through and also the help from our city, especially Derrick (Kozicki, assistant city manager and city clerk) and the DPW guys, who helped us on the edges there," Wood said.



175 Ridge Road



340 Hillcrest Road



218 Fisher Road



56 Vendome Street

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Farms sees increase in net position amid pandemic, achieves retiree healthcare funding requirements

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Along with retaining its AAA bond rating in fiscal year ending June 30, the Farms also saw an increase of just more than \$500,000 in its total fund balance, which city administration attributes to a curtail in spending from March through June in preparation for anticipated revenue decreases due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other areas of note within the city's audit and comprehensive annual financial report include a 4.4 percent increase in taxable value of property, an investment of more than \$2.5 million into capital assets and infrastructure throughout the year and a striking lack of internal control weaknesses found by the city's auditor, Plante Moran.

"I've been in business for over 30 years; I serve on three boards; I've bought and sold 28 different dealerships and I've never ever been involved in an audit where there are no footnotes," Councilman Joe Ricci said. "To me it is just totally amazing. ... I've never seen it before, ever, and I've been around a lot

of them."

The city also has seen a significant accomplishment in addressing its retiree healthcare liabilities the last fiscal year.

Other post-employment benefits, which in a general sense are the city's retiree healthcare responsibilities, have been the focus and concern of many municipalities since Public Act 202 passed in 2017, setting minimum funding requirements of 60 percent for pension liabilities and 40 percent for retiree healthcare.

The Farms has had no trouble remaining significantly above the minimum funding requirements for both public safety and general employee pension plans, but, like many other cities, has struggled to meet its retiree healthcare bottom line. While public safety retiree healthcare funds have skirted by at just more than 40 percent the past few years, they have reached 49 percent as of June 30.

Most notable, however, is how the general employee retiree healthcare fund has been steadily on the rise from 23 percent in 2018, to 34 percent in 2019, finally reaching the minimum

requirement at 44 percent this year.

"We have taken some aggressive measures to put additional funding into that plan and I'm very pleased to report that as of June 30, 2020, both of our retiree healthcare plans are above that minimum funding requirement," City Controller Debra Peck Lichtenberg said.

Because the city anticipated using \$700,000 of fund balance in the year and instead added \$500,000, creating a \$1.2 million improvement from the original budget expectations, council also made unanimous amendments to the current year budget and approved new expenditures during the meeting Monday, Nov. 9.

An additional \$400,000 was put toward continuing to fund pension and retiree healthcare obligations and \$300,000 toward future capital expenditures, the latter of which will be split into \$250,000 for repaving the north end of the Pier Park parking lot and \$50,000 for technology upgrades.

With approximately \$100,000 of the city's actual healthcare costs coming in below what was budgeted for the

year, those funds were placed into the healthcare retention fund.

"2020 has been an interesting year," Lichtenberg said. "Things that we never imagined being a part of what we're used to suddenly have been."

"Despite there being some challenges, we really have looked at this year as being an opportunity to seize some of the silver linings," she continued. "It's really given us an opportunity to re-evaluate some of our processes, to really embrace technology, move forward with how we deliver our services to the community, how we handle things internally and really give us a fresh look at how we do business."

Despite concerns about potential state shared revenue decreases due to the pandemic, Lichtenberg emphasized it is approximately 6 percent of the city's total revenue and there are various other areas from which it collects, including property taxes, charges for services, fines and forfeitures through the court, licenses and permits, and investment income.

"Our state shared revenue is about 6 percent of our total revenue, so

while it is a significant number and we will be impacted by any changes that may come, it is only a slice of our total revenue picture," she said.

The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

◆ Hollyfest, celebrating 20 years of The Family Center, 7 p.m. virtual event and live auction. Visit familycenterweb.org.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA informational meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority informational meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

◆ Thanksgiving Day



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Fire Safety Week

Grosse Pointe Shores Platoon Commander Lt. Kenneth Werenski shows off a city fire engine to a family during the department's National Fire Week open house Sunday, Oct. 11. The event offered residents the chance to explore the city's fire trucks, ambulance and police vehicles, while commemorating two large-scale fires Oct. 8, 1871: The Great Chicago Fire and the Peshtigo fire.



Also on display was an Army surplus vehicle used by the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team. It was obtained through the federal government's 1033 Project, where retired military vehicles are provided for law enforcement use.



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Foster dad awaits seal of approval on adoption

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dante Collins is a planner. It's an important skill for a design professional trained in interior architecture. The Washington State native has a master's degree in architecture with a specialty in interior architecture from the Art Institute of Chicago.

He also loves to plan parties and describes himself and his husband, Ashley Collins, as "Excel nerds." They even charted plans for a "12-day sprint" of date nights on an Excel spreadsheet. They called it their 12-day Dash — a play on their couple nickname combining their first names, Dante and Ashley.

But as every planner recognizes, sometimes life gets in the way of even the best-laid plans or well-organized spreadsheet.

For example, early in their relationship while living in Chicago, the couple decided to host a casual barbecue for some of their closest friends. Unbeknownst to Collins, his partner had something else in mind.

The secret plan was for guests to arrive at a neighboring park, but signals got crossed and several showed up an hour early at the house, catching Collins off guard. He pivoted into host mode and lit the fire for the barbecue, which ignited into "biblical proportions," Collins said. "The flames were licking

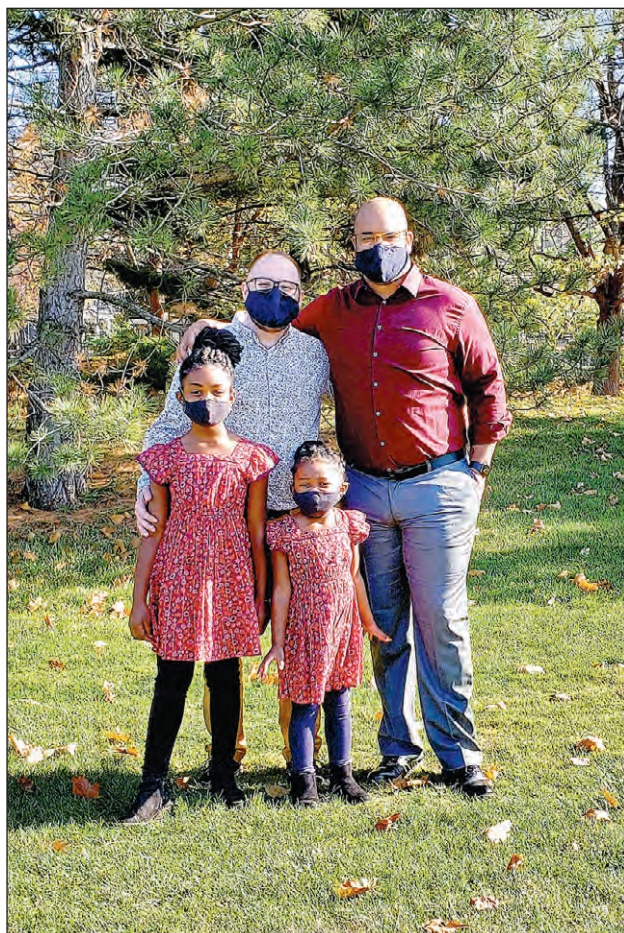


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Dante Collins, right, and Ashley Collins with Amaia, 8, and Promise, 4.

the eaves of the house." Meanwhile, Ashley Collins was nowhere to be found. When he did turn up, Collins said he was furious.

"I finally find Ashley. I'm absolutely livid with him," Collins said. "I can't describe how angry I am at the time. Out of nowhere, somebody grabs this glass and starts to clink. And I'm trying to tame this fire."

Next thing he knew, he was blindfolded and led to the park. In his rush to greet guests upon their unexpected arrival, he had neglected to put on shoes and realized he

was walking barefoot through dirt and rocks. When the blindfold was removed, he looked down and saw his partner on one knee. Surrounding them was a circle of friends — those "who had actually listened to Ashley's instructions," Collins said — holding signs that read: "Dante will you marry me?"

"That was the story of our engagement," Collins said. It took place Aug. 1, 2015, one day shy of a year from the day they met, Aug. 2, 2014.

While the couple origi-

nally hoped to get married in Chicago, they agreed to seek new job opportunities and in 2016, they moved to Michigan, initially settling in Detroit.

Two developments over the next two years resulted in a change in plans.

First, they decided to forego a wedding and put the money saved toward a downpayment on a house in Grosse Pointe Park. The couple eloped Aug. 12, 2018, and spent three weeks celebrating their nuptials in Costa Rica.

Second, they shifted discussions of beginning a family together from finding a surrogate mother to applying to become foster parents. After training, they began the licensing process. Home certification was followed by physical and mental assessments and background checks.

They also completed a family history assessment examining how they were disciplined as children and how each would apply this to their own parenting style.

"We had never been parents," Collins said. "... We had really long discussions. They became part of our first real challenge as partners to apply to something more than something just about us."

Dante and Ashley Collins were issued their license June 7, 2019. Nearly a month later, they received a placement with sisters Amaia, 6, and Promise, 3.

They expected the

girls to arrive the first week of August. Instead, on July 24, 2019, they got a call the girls were being dropped off that day. They left work and made a quick stop at Target to pick up snacks and other comfort items they thought would be helpful for their first days together.

Knowing the transition from their former life wouldn't be easy, the new foster dads did their best to acknowledge the sadness and trauma associated with this change.

That first night together, the girls chose the rooms Collins had designed and outfitted — Amaia selected the outer space-themed bedroom and Promise the underwater-themed bedroom — and the four of them ate pizza and watched a movie together.

"We made the best out of the situation as possible," Collins said. "That first night was difficult. I think I surface-slept for the first time in my life. I was out of bed making sure they're breathing, making sure they're comfortable, making sure they're not scared."

What followed was "one of the best summers," he continued. "There was a lot going on here in the Pointes at the time. Street fair after street fair. Every weekend, we were headed out to Kercheval or Charlevoix ... (for) cotton candy and candied apples and people and rides."

They also established a sense of community with neighbors and other

families, furthered when Amaia began second grade and formed her own friendships.

That fall the girls began individual therapy sessions "to work through their own individual stories," Collins said. The four of them also have weekly appointments with a family counselor.

What occurred in March with COVID-19 was not part of the plan, but Collins doesn't regret a moment of the shutdown.

"I have to say with as much clarity as possible that I'm not upset at all that for the last eight months we have had to hunker down as a family in place," he said. "That has accelerated our bond three-fold, five-fold."

"It's been a really big blessing for the two of us and the four of us as a family unit to really work through this together," he continued. "... I feel fortunate we had the ability to do what we were able to do and I'm thankful for the time we had to be with the girls. Beforehand, we had minimal time ... to spend as a family unit. Now we spend every hour under the same roof. ... We have had more time in the last eight months than most people get in a lifetime."

Before the end of the year — possibly before Thanksgiving — Collins hopes to add one more item to his gratitude list. Within two weeks of the girls' placement with them through the

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Wayne County steps up COVID-19 response to meet rising case numbers

Wayne County is increasing its response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic under a four-point strategy as case numbers continue to rise, county health officials said last week in a meeting before the Wayne County Commission's Committee on Health & Human Services.

November case numbers in the county have risen to levels exceeding

the early days of the pandemic, health officials said, though that rise has not been accompanied by a rise in COVID-19 fatalities.

"There is still so much we need to learn about this virus," said Tim Killeen, committee chairman.

At present, health officials said, county hospitals are running above 75 percent capacity. An increase to 80 percent or greater could force restrictions in hospital services, they added.

Health officials said they already have been working with community partners, including nonprofits, on distribution plans for an anticipated COVID-19 vaccine, but noted the sharp recent rise in cases, both locally and nationally, demands that other measures also be taken. While county health officials have requested the maximum allowable doses of any vaccine, it isn't certain at this point how many doses the county will receive.

In the meantime, county COVID-19 health strategist Dr. Mouhanad Hammami said the county is stepping up plans for testing, contact tracing, prevention and preparation.

Among actions either taken or soon to be taken:

- ◆ The county is enacting a \$4.9 million effort

to increase COVID-19 testing to a level near 8,000 tests per day at sites in Dearborn Heights, Wayne and Lincoln Park, as well as other areas. Test results are expected to be available within 48 hours or less, Hammami said.

◆ The county is enacting a \$3 million investigation and contact tracing plan, with 33 investigators and 24 contact tracers on duty 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

◆ The county will distribute three million face masks, especially among communities hard hit by the pandemic, Wayne County Public Health Officer Carol Austerberry said.

◆ The county is embarking on a \$1.4 million media campaign, in several languages, alerting the public to the continuing dangers posed by COVID-19 and the risks posed by large family gatherings over the holidays.

Health officials also encouraged the public to avoid "COVID fatigue" and continue to practice mask wearing and social distancing.

Video of the meeting is available on Wayne County Commission YouTube channel and the Health & Human Services section of the Wayne County Commission webpage, waynecounty.com.

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Drunken weaponry transport

A 58-year-old Detroit man in a running vehicle stopped along westbound Jefferson Avenue at 12:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, told officers he was lost, but smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be .268 percent and an illegal slingshot was found in his pants pocket during his arrest.

Stolen bike

A \$1,400 yellow Biria electric bicycle with blue handle tape and black lettering was stolen off the front porch of a Rivard Boulevard residence between 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, and 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Hitting close to home

A West Bloomfield Township man is suspected of fraudulently withdrawing \$89,741 from his 92-year-old Grosse Pointe mother's bank account Tuesday, Nov. 10.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Disappearing items

A Moross Road resident suspects her 54-year-old Hamtramck housekeeper may have stolen jewelry, cash and medication from her home Friday, Oct. 23, Friday, Nov. 6, and Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Rental theft

An area rental car business reported a vehicle rented by a 30-year-old Grand Rapids woman had not been returned as of Thursday, Oct. 29.

Rapid change of direction

After making a U-turn in the middle of the Mack Avenue and Moross Road intersection at 8:34 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, a 23-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Pointe-to-Pointe fraud

Sonos speakers worth \$828.92 were fraudulently purchased on a 49-year-old Farms man's credit card at 12:42 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12.

The company advised him the speakers had been delivered to a home in the Woods.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Leading the pack toward consequences

When officers observed a small cluster of vehicles traveling southbound on Lakeshore Road at a high rate of speed

at 10:27 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, the lead vehicle was pulled over and the 25-year-old Eastpointe driver was arrested for driving while license suspended.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

High stakes arrest

A 53-year-old man was arrested after leaving a supermarket in the 20400 block of Mack around 10:40 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, with 10 steaks he used a jacket to conceal.

The suspect was seen wheeling a cart into the store's meat section, but he left the location without making a purchase.

He was taken into custody in the 2000 block of Mack after he fled in a vehicle and was detained by public safety, then ordered to exit the car. Four 12-packs of beer also were discovered in the back seat of the vehicle.

Valuables stolen from autos

Approximately \$2,000 in camera equipment was discovered stolen from two unlocked vehicles in the 1600 block of Hawthorne around 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. A resident last observed the vehicles undisturbed around 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, while they were parked in the driveway.

Breaking, entering

Approximately \$850 in lawn equipment and a bicycle were discovered stolen from a garage in the 2100 block of Allard around 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15.

The property was removed by an unknown suspect who entered the detached structure, which was unlocked due to a malfunction.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Caught on camera

A 42-year-old Lansing man was arrested in the 15000 block of Kercheval, Monday, Nov. 9, after his image was captured on surveillance footage in a retail location, from which he stole a jacket.

He was later located in the area of the shop with the jacket in his possession.

Operating while intoxicated

A 26-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at Jefferson and Lakepointe around 2 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, after her vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree near the intersection.

The driver was determined to have been intoxicated.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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Children's Center of Detroit, Dante and Ashley Collins began the process of adopting them. That process has reached its final stages, with forms signed and delivered to a judge for approval.

In the meantime, the family bond they established shows up in unexpected moments, Collins said, such as the time Promise said to him, before he headed out of town for a three-day work event: "Daddy Dante, I love you and I don't want you to go."

While he and Ashley Collins refer to each other as Daddy Dante and Daddy Ashley, "it was the first time she had called me that and said she loved me," he said.

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OUR VIEW

Thanksgiving calls for caution

Remote learning is far from ideal. So it's understandable that no one cheered when the Grosse Pointe Public School System abruptly switched its traditional program back to remote lessons earlier this month, abandoning the hybrid days in school that it had managed to start up for children through fifth grade.

But it's also understandable that the district had gotten stretched to the limit — in particular, out of substitutes for adult staff. There were 47 staffers at that point who needed to isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19.

With good news on vaccine development, it looks increasingly likely that spring will allow much more unrestricted activity. Getting through the winter is the problem now.

The pandemic has taken its toll on everyone. Retailers and restaurateurs have gone out of business, or barely limp along. Other industries have maintained semblances of work, while hardly knowing what their long-term prospects are.

But school children may have become the worst pawns, political symbols of how to handle the pandemic while they're subject to varying efforts to keep them educationally whole.

They are also symptoms, as school disruptions echo community disease spread. For example, at the same time the schools returned to remote lessons, the Grosse Pointes exceeded 1,000 total cases of COVID-19 — and logged 169 cases in just one week.

Community mental health is clearly frayed and children share in that, too.

After a week of all remote learning in Grosse Pointe again, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Nov. 15 that the state health department, among other orders, wanted high schoolers and college students to do remote learning through Dec. 8. All high school sports also are on hold during that period.

School sports have been underway since fall but remain highly problematic. The Grosse Pointe district saw numerous students sent into isolation because of potential exposure on playing fields; as a result of health department requirements, entire teams were taken out of competition, such as the South girls cross country team.

Those are students who would not have been able to return to in-person class, either. Their fall experience suggests even a delayed start to the high school winter sports season may not protect against the spread of this particular coronavirus. The state health department's initial advice — to forgo all sports — now seems like the wisest course through the winter season, particularly with its up-close competitions in basketball and wrestling.

At the least a two-week delay ought to be considered, School Superintendent Gary Niehaus told the Board of Education Nov. 9, a hope that was exceeded by the state's three-week hiatus.

But will this pause — and its grief for students, restaurant owners and other businesses — be enough to slow down COVID-19 as it once again threatens to strain hospital capacity?

That can only be determined by individual behavior, especially as Thanksgiving nears. The day seems to be screaming danger as families nudge the edges of their normal exposure to enjoy some semblance of close-knit celebration.

The best course is to maintain or form a consistent pod or bubble, generally defined as joining up with just one other household. Other tactics, such as gathering outside, don't work in Michigan now. Modifications, such as everyone masking up inside, leaving a window open and distancing while eating, can help. But they aren't perfect — and are only as good as a jolly crowd can stick to them.

A Thanksgiving failure will echo in the community for weeks to come. Instead of flattening the curve to keep hospital admissions down, cases will spike higher. Remote learning, far as it is from ideal, will continue.

The goal — minimizing COVID-19 cases now to protect both hospitals and schools — cannot wait until spring.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore Griffin Wright of Grosse Pointe Farms snapped this pre-Thanksgiving photo Tuesday, Nov. 10, during a casual stroll on The Hill. Benjamin Franklin's preferred national bird was rounded up by Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers. As the cell mate told Eddie Murphy in the movie "Trading Places," "It's not cool to be a jive turkey this close to Thanksgiving!"

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT WRIGHT

OUR VIEW

Kudos to City on DPW, DPS

With the completion of its Department of Public Works building this fall, the City of Grosse Pointe has brought years of planning nearly to conclusion.

Both the DPW and the Public Safety Department have exciting new quarters, updated with the kind of room that both desperately needed. All that remains is finishing a renovation of the city's oldest building to make the first floor a full courthouse.

The old DPW and public safety buildings had become increasingly cramped for today's equipment. The new DPW building, for example, provides perks that were but dreams in the old building, including locker rooms, showers and a break room for workers. It's not just vehicles that are benefitting from the increased space.

The new public safety building on Mack Avenue opened this summer. It provides room for a new fire truck that wouldn't fit in the old building and includes a decontamination room, a fire training tower and a property room that's double the size of the old one. The design of the building fits nicely into the streetscape.

The 95-year-old building being turned into a courthouse once housed more city functions, as well as public safety. That changed in 1994, when the administration moved into a city hall building across the parking lot.

For public safety and DPW operations, "these projects all started six years ago, spanning the course of three mayors," according to City Manager Peter Dame.

As Mr. Dame noted, it's important that city workers have the setting they deserve, be it for heavy duty vehicles such as the garbage trucks DPW employees use every day or for dealing with citizens, getting specialty training and other functions crucial to public safety employees.

With a contract that kept costs contained to its budget, the city has managed a major overhaul of facilities that does its residents proud.

The City suffered a setback when the city of Detroit reneged — illegally in our view — on an agreement allowing the DPW to be located in a comparable existing building on the Detroit side of Mack Avenue. The City administration, council and mayor pressed forward, however, and deserve credit for getting the job done.

LETTERS

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Thank you!

To the Editor:
This year the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Sunrise held its 41st annual run virtually.

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Sunrise extends its sincere thanks to its member volunteers and to our participants. The race would not be possible without your participation.

Lastly, we thank the individuals and businesses listed below for their generous contributions to our event. We are indeed grateful.

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To the Editor:
Bring a small group of hard-working, dedicated, talented people together through virtual rehearsals to accomplish what seemed nearly impossible and you have Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Singin' in the Streets."

What started as an idea early in the pandemic to bring some joy to the community during this challenging year, blossomed to become a heartwarming performance that was embraced by the community.

With the support of Grosse Pointe Theatre's leadership, "Singin' in the Streets" took shape. We brought together talented people whose commitment to the success of our small performance group did not waiver.

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I SAY By John Minnis

Private enterprise and the Enterprise



Private enterprise has not only put four astronauts in space, it has also delivered them safely to the International Space Station. Is the moon next?

There will be no turning back. Space can now be commercially developed, or exploited, depending on your point of view.

When I think of private enterprise in space, negative images from science fiction movies come to mind, where we see astronauts smoking cigarettes in a spacecraft and

greedy corporations exploiting space, planets and their employees.

Of course, those are only movies, and it doesn't have to be that way. I imagine there will be good corporate citizens in space, just like there are here on Earth. Let's hope the better angels of ourselves will be the ones to reach the stars.

I'm a space dilettante compared to my older brother, Mark, who unfortunately is no longer with us. He would have been all into SpaceX, the private company that built and launched the Crew Dragon, the spacecraft that shuttle the astronauts to the moon.

I remember as a young child thinking my older brother was nuts to waste

a perfectly good, sunny day glued to the black-and-white TV set watching space launches. Never known as an early riser, Mark would rouse himself out of bed for a blastoff.

Mark was a "Trekkie" long before I became one. While I can recall the plots of most of the original "Star Trek" episodes, Mark knew them by name.

His favorite episode was "The City on the Edge of Forever," featuring Joan Collins. I suspect it was Joan Collins' beauty and not so much the plot that Mark was enthralled with.

The story line was the man from the future goes back in time and changes the path of history and the future. In this case, the Enterprise's Dr.

McCoy goes mad and jumps through an ancient time portal and lands in Depression Era New York City.

He — and Captain Kirk and Spock, who jump into the time portal to retrieve Dr. McCoy — are given aid by Edith Keeler (Joan Collins), who runs the 21st Street Mission.

In the altered past, Keeler goes on to lead a passivist movement that prevents the United States from entering World War II and Germany ends up ruling the world.

Kirk, Spock and McCoy finally reunite when they run into each other in front of the mission. When Keeler, who has fallen for Kirk (naturally), sees the shipmates warmly and happily finding each other, she goes

to cross the street directly in front of a speeding automobile. When Kirk tries to save her, he is held back by Spock, who knows that saving her, and allowing her to form the passivist movement, is what alters the future timeline. They had to let her die.

One of my favorite original "Star Trek" episodes is "Errand of Mercy."

In that episode, the Federation and the Klingons are deeply into war. Both sides are trying to persuade the planet of Organia to join their side of the skirmish.

The Organians appear as a primitive, agrarian society. Yet they are not fascinated by the Federation and Klingon technology, and they refuse to defend them-

selves when attacked. Both Capt. Kirk and Klingon Gov. Kor are equally amazed and disgusted by the Organians' sheep-like behavior.

Finally, when Kor and Kirk are about to enter into a deadly confrontation, the Organians reveal themselves as very advanced, omnipotent, incorporeal beings when they render both the Klingon and Federation weapons inactive so they cannot fight.

Of course, both Kirk and Kor are outraged and indignant that the Organians would interfere. The Organian leader tells them the Klingons and Federation will eventually become great friends, which they do in the following "Star Trek" series, "Next Generation."

LETTERS:

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After months of vocal rehearsals via Zoom, even learning choreography virtually, with just a few outdoor distancing rehearsals, our program was ready.

"Singin' in the Streets" presented 12 outdoor performances since September, generously hosted by individuals and groups in backyards, a park, at an assisted living center, at a church, on sidewalks and in The Village in Grosse Pointe. With safety as a top priority, our team sang and danced outdoors in face masks while distancing as they performed our 20- and 30-minute programs. Audiences were also required to wear face masks and distance.

This wonderful program would not have been possible without the commitment, resilience and talent of these gifted individuals: Ellen Skinner-Bowen, music/vocal director; Christine Campbell-Cormier, choreographer; Dennis Penney, piano accompanist; and our performers Stephanie Butler, Campbell-Cormier, Doug Clark, F. Scott Davis, Peter DiSante, Ann McReynolds, Jacqueline Pfaff and Ellen Taber.

Grosse Pointe Theatre is a volunteer-based nonprofit whose mission is to connect, create and

inspire communities through theater. Our goal for "Singin' in the Streets" was to continue that mission while bringing joy and hope to the community at a time when we all need some inspiration. Audiences embraced us, some coming three and four times, and supported Grosse Pointe Theatre through their generous donations.

For safety reasons, Grosse Pointe Theatre is not currently able to perform indoors. We miss our patrons as much as they miss us!

However, like "Singin' in the Streets," our creative programming continues as we share the richness of the performing arts through a variety of virtual performances, including Grosse Pointe Theatre's Ten-Minute Play Festival on Nov. 19, and a special holiday presentation set for December.

Please visit us at gpt.org, on Facebook and on YouTube to learn more about our performances, programs and ways to support.

We feel privileged to bring the gift of Grosse Pointe Theatre to the community.

Our sincere appreciation for your warm response and support of "Singin' in the Streets." With heartfelt thanks,

PATRICIA ELLIS AND
CHRIS KAISER
Creators/Co-Producers,
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STEPHENS ROAD TO BE EXTENDED: Tentative approval was granted by trustees of the village of Grosse Pointe Farms for the development of a new subdivision which will involve the extension of Stephens Road from Ridge Road through to Williams.

Maxon Brothers, which is handling the deal, has prepared plans for a series of cul-de-sacs, on which will be built ranch-type houses.

NEW BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED: The James S. Holden company is making preparations to improve both corners of St. Clair and Kercheval on the south side of Kercheval with substantial business properties.

Preparatory to this the Grosse Pointe City Council made the preliminary provision to amend the City's zoning ordinance so that buildings can be erected flush with the property line on St. Clair.

Obituaries: Frank Allard

KING ELECTED MAYOR OF CITY: A King was elected mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe by unanimous vote of council. John L. King, 46, has lived in the Pointe for 20 years. He was first elected to council in 1967.

WOODS PAID STATE FOR LAND IT DIDN'T OWN: A lawsuit instituted against the state of Michigan recently was approved by the Woods City Council to gain the return of some \$10,500 that was paid to the state for land which it apparently did not own. The money was paid to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the "title" to submerged land at the lakefront park which was eventually filled for construction of the pool. The land was "purchased" about 15 years ago and it recently was discovered the land did not belong to the state.

Obituaries: George R. Reed, John Bray, Florence Kleefuss, Ann Marie Pasquinzo, Carl A. Cross, J. Walter Runciman, John Edward Schutte, Angela McGregor

PARK DENIES CONFLICT: Grosse Pointe Park officials strongly deny any conflict of interest existed because developers chose to use a real estate agency that councilmember Shirley Kennedy works for to market a condominium project in the city. At a recent meeting, Grosse Pointe Realtor Jim Saros, speaking on behalf of several Grosse Pointe real estate agents, asked the Park council to reconsider Champion & Baer's exclusive deal to market the Jefferson condo project.

LIBRARY PLANS FOR FUTURE: In view of the high number of computer glitches and breakdowns in recent months, the Grosse Pointe library board has decided it's time to replace its current equipment. In the long term, the library would like to increase the availability of electronic databases and internet connections and create a network between all three library branches.

Obituaries: Frances Ann Tracy, James Campbell Stewart, William A. Raupagh, Everett J. Bauer, Harry Thomas Ward Jr.

FAMILY DONATES \$1M TO ULS INITIATIVE: Following the Moroun family passion for advancing educational opportunities for children, Lindsay Moroun has agreed to chair the University Liggett School Merit Scholarship initiative, aimed at endowing scholarship opportunities for children who have potential to be the leaders of tomorrow. To begin the multi-million-dollar initiative, the Moroun family made a lead donation of \$1 million to the Liggett Merit Scholarship fund.

AUDIT, NO WORRIES: Auditors are praising City of Grosse Pointe officials for outwitting the worst of the economic downturn, yet warned the worst isn't over. Results of a June 30 audit showed the city's property tax revenue — its main source, at 70 percent total — dropped \$500,000 from 2009.

Obituaries: Margaret Mitchell Boyer, Martin J. Hacala, Robert Paul Hurley, Phyllis Van Meerhaeghe, Douglas B. Munro

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Back to the drawing board

School district revisits changes to the remote learning schedule

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Katie Maraldo, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, heard about the revised remote learning schedule for secondary students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, she created a petition to repeal it. The petition garnered more than 1,800 signatures and numerous comments from students.

The new schedule, which applied to students enrolled in both the traditional and virtual programs, included daily Zoom sessions for each class period and increased remote learning from four half days a week to four full days. It also proposed a decreased workload outside of live sessions for the majority of students and eliminated first semester exams for high school courses.

An email sent Friday, Nov. 6, announcing these plans drew immediate opposition from parents, students and teachers alike, prompting the administration to withdraw the schedule from consideration at the Nov. 9 regular meeting of the Board of Education and go back to the drawing board.

The email was signed by Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Maureen Bur and the administrative teams from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools and Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools.

"I think the main thing people were concerned about was the mental

health of students," Maraldo said. "Sitting on a computer for three hours alone is not good for us. A lot of us were just getting used to that."

What Maraldo said she would like to see are more mental health resources for students and non-punitive mechanisms put in place for students falling below a certain grade.

If a revised schedule is proposed, she supports more structure, but not additional time, as she doesn't believe this will address the issues students are facing.

'I think we lost sight of the fact education is a social science. It's not a hard science. ... In education, when a kid fails, did they not try hard enough? Did they not get enough teacher support? There's no one cause. It's all about interrelated causes.'

JON DEAN

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Grosse Pointe Public School System

"Seven hours of online school is not the answer," she said. "Seven hours of in-person school is different than seven hours of online school. When you're in school in person, you see friends. Sitting in your room for seven hours is depressing."

Dean acknowledged the way the revised schedule was communicated was a mistake.

"We could have done it better," he said. "That's why we're pausing and getting more feedback. We could have done better and gotten more input."

To solicit that input, the district held listening sessions with teach-

ers at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools and each of the middle schools, Dean said. The administration also sent a survey to parents, staff and elementary students. Responses were due Tuesday.

Next up is a meeting with lead teachers to review the survey and make recommendations. A town hall is tentatively planned for Thursday, Nov. 19. A revised remote learning schedule will be presented to the board at its regular meeting Monday, Nov. 23, for review.

What drove the decision to change the schedule was feedback teachers, central administration and the board received on "what is working and what isn't," Dean said.

"We looked at data. Our failure rates are up by a lot. The quarter just ended last week and we will rerun that failure report."

While at the Nov. 9 board meeting, Dean reported a 400 percent increase in failures in middle and high school students compared to the same time last year, he acknowledged this number was only a snapshot in time.

"It will probably look a lot better" after grades

for the first quarter are reported, he said. "When we looked at it before there were missing assignments."

The goal going forward is to strike a balance between too much and too little work, Dean said, adding he hopes to glean from the survey a better sense of how students are handling their workload.

"I think we lose sight of the fact education is a social science," he said. "It's not a hard science. ... In education, when a kid fails, did they not try hard enough? Did they not get enough teacher sup-

port? There's no one cause. It's all about interrelated causes.

"We get the data. We talk to people," he continued. "We listen. We talk to those experts — which would include the teachers and the principals — and we make the best decision we can. Hopefully, it will work for most people, and for the people it doesn't work for, we have to work with on an individual basis."

In the meantime, the best advice he can give to parents if their child is struggling is to reach out to their teacher.

"That's the place where it gets resolved and gets addressed," he said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Michelle Stackpoole chats online with Jamie Siminoff, chief inventor and founder of the Ring, the world's first Wi-Fi video doorbell.

Opportunity knocks — or rings — in innovation design class

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Michael Hendricks sent an email to inventor Jamie Siminoff, he didn't expect a reply, much less an offer to visit with his class at Brownell Middle School.

The sixth grader wrote the email as part of an assignment for his introduction to design and innovation class. According to his teacher, Michelle Stackpoole, students read about several entrepreneurs as part of their "build a business" project. They were assigned to research an entrepreneur and send a properly formatted email with a suggestion for their product and questions about their business.

Hendricks selected the chief inventor and founder of the Ring, the world's first Wi-Fi video doorbell, because "I liked the sound it makes," he said, adding he has four of them — three security cameras and a doorbell.

Hendricks asked Siminoff what inspired him to create the Ring and why he changed the name from Doorbot, its original name when Siminoff pitched his product idea on the ABC

reality television show, "Shark Tank," in 2013.

While the show's judges turned him down, Siminoff later attracted the notice of Amazon, which purchased his company for more than \$1 billion in 2018.

Hendricks suggested Siminoff "should program the doorbell to tell people that you're not home if you don't have access to your phone," he said.

Siminoff replied he had tried that last year and they were trying to get it launched, but it was very difficult, Hendricks said.

In response to Hendricks' query, Siminoff said he was inspired to create the Ring because he wanted to see who was at the door while he was working in his garage.

While Hendricks was happy Siminoff responded to his email and answered his questions, he didn't expect what came next: Siminoff offered to visit his class via Zoom.

Siminoff's availability 11 a.m. on Oct. 28, lined up with remote learning lab time Wednesdays. Since this was during an elective period,

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who began a hybrid in-person learning plan in October, and students with special needs who began receiving in-person services and programs in a tiered approach beginning Sept. 21.

"We know as a district, as a community, as a state

and nationally, we've had all kinds of increases we've never seen before, even higher than they were back in March," GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Nov. 9. "We chose to take a two-week pause and we've asked our teachers and our parents and our students to go back to remote for the next two

weeks."

Secondary students have been learning remotely since the start of the school year. A plan to begin a hybrid approach for grades 6 to 8 has been put on hold and high school students aren't expected to begin face-to-face learning on a hybrid schedule until the second semester.

As of Nov. 6, according to an email from Niehaus,

GPPSS had 220 students and 47 staff members in quarantine and 10 classrooms shut down, resulting in staffing shortages.

"We simply do not have enough substitutes to cover the vacancies for teachers and staff who are self-quarantining due to COVID-19 exposure," Niehaus wrote.

While no start date is in place, the board approved a return-to-learn plan for grades 6 to 12, which included a hybrid model for grades 6 to 8 similar to the plan in place for Young 5 to grade 5 and a half-day schedule for high school students.

A revised remote learning schedule proposing students attend daily Zoom sessions for each class period from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. beginning Nov. 16, generated enough opposition for the administration to remove the schedule from discussion at Monday night's meeting.

During public comments, teachers, parents and students expressed concerns about the impact of the increased screen time on students' overall mental health. The plan was proposed, in part, to address an overall decline in student learning, as represented by a 400 percent increase in failing grades this

quarter compared to this time last year, according to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean.

Heather Albrecht, a member of the Grosse Pointe Education Association's engagement committee, sent a letter to the board Sunday before the remote schedule was put on hold, urging the administration to "allow teachers, students and parents a voice in the design of remote learning." The letter generated nearly 300 signatures of support in about 24 hours, Albrecht said.

"We are happy that the district is taking into consideration the data surrounding the rise of COVID numbers and feel that they have made the right decision to move forward with all students in a remote setting," Albrecht said during public comments. "However, teachers' stress levels remain at an all-time high due to last-minute decision-making and a lack of timely communication."

Several students also spoke, asking to be part of the decision-making process.

The current remote learning model will remain in place until the administration evaluates the data, trends and pub-

lic health guidance the week of Nov. 16 to determine appropriate next steps.

While Niehaus said he believed there were ways to implement the plan for students to effectively conduct full days onscreen, "there's not much we can do without the support of our teachers and administration."

"We did listen to those who sent us about 120 to 150 emails," he added. "We're going to continue to listen and we are going to try to find the best solution for this."

In the meantime, Niehaus emphasized the district's priority is returning students to in-person hybrid learning whenever it's deemed safe.

"We believe that taking off these 14 days will give us the opportunity to get our students and faculty back to whole again, because they will all have served their quarantine time," he said. "It's my hope, it's my mission and it's my goal to get our students back again. I would like to think on the week of Nov. 16 we will have another report from the Wayne County Health Department giving us another letter grade and hopefully, that letter grade will be something other than an 'E.'"

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Counselors address student mental health

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In pre-COVID times, Grosse Pointe North High School counselor Jenny Sherman took for granted how many students she connected with while walking down the hall.

Today she is taxed with trying to reach those students remotely. She schedules meetings on Zoom. She conducts Google check-ins with questions like: "If you stopped in my office today, what would we chat about?"

Sherman has cell phones for some students; others she asks their parents first if they feel comfortable with her reaching out to them. She also checks in with parents.

The biggest challenge for students in the first quarter was adjusting to the technology and managing their time without oversight from a teacher in a classroom setting.

"Some are thriving; some are struggling," Sherman said.

Developing better time management skills going forward will have a big impact on their overall mental health, in her view.

Grosse Pointe South High School counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske keeps a list of students who are struggling academically and calls them.

Students may initiate contact with her by scheduling a meeting using Calendly, which automatically connects them with web conferencing details and a Zoom link after they've selected an available date and time.

The goal is to address issues right away with the understanding academic and mental health struggles are "inter-



Seventh graders Verona Relan, left, and Madi Nyenhuis take their dogs, Rio and Philly and Rey, for daily walks, balancing screentime with outdoor social time.

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twined," Walsh-Sahutske said.

While counselors are working to ramp up support for both, the barriers created in a remote setting make this all the more challenging.

Lost, for example, are nonverbal cues of disengagement such as a student putting their head down on the desk, Walsh-Sahutske said, and those daily peer connections that result in a student coming to a counselor to express concern about a friend. A virtual peer support model is one of many ideas under discussion, she said.

Currently counselors rely on parents, who are on the front lines of their children's home learning, to identify red flags. Things to monitor include whether students

are logging on for classes, turning on their cameras and accessing the materials they need.

"Some kids are just doing it on their own because parents are off at work or they are engaged in their own work," Walsh-Sahutske said. "I think having a level of support at home is such a benefit that everybody doesn't have and that's really difficult to mitigate from the school end of things."

Monitoring screen time is important, too, but "it's hard to know what the expectations are," Walsh-Sahutske said. "Of course kids are spending a lot more screen time. Some of that is social — kids connecting with kids."

"The other thing that's important to remember as a staff member is kids

are suffering, but parents are suffering, too," she added. "Sometimes they are modeling that discontent with kids and it doesn't encourage engagement. I try to offer a friendly ear and give them a chance to share their frustrations, because oftentimes they don't feel they're being listened to."

Resources

Counselors at both high schools are awaiting results from student surveys and an opportunity to analyze results before determining specific plans to better address mental health.

In North's survey, students had the opportunity to request help with academic support, coping with COVID, promoting mental wellness, time management support, tutoring, virtual connection opportunities, including with other students, and a final fill-in-the-blank question: "Are we missing something?"

"I think because across the board students are struggling in different ways, we have to address that in different ways as well," Sherman said. "If kids need a place to come and talk, we're going to offer that. If kids need an academic place to do better, we'll offer a place for that. If it's purely a mental health component — dealing with anxiety or

depression or whatever it is — we will offer support for them and work with them."

New normal

"This is a fabric of our life now," said Angie Niforos, counselor at Brownell Middle School. "This is all we're focused on because we're all struggling in our own right."

While the role she and fellow counselor Corinne Oderfer play remains unchanged — they check in with students on academics and social and emotional well-being and establish a lasting relationship through their middle school years — they've had to adapt their approach. The focus during the first quarter has been establishing these new norms.

Andrea Bolton, counselor at Pierce Middle School, said she and fellow counselor Cathy Husk have been meeting on Zoom with students by grade level, "playing games and getting to know them and keeping that social-emotional support open so they see our faces even though it's on a computer so that if a more serious situation would arise, they know who we are and who to contact."

The difference in a school setting is if a student is struggling academically, counselors call

them into their office to begin interventions. In a remote environment, while they discuss mental health strategies with students, offerings are limited to Zoom, Bolton said, which students are less inclined to take advantage of than if they were able to walk into her office for support. As a result, she relies more on parents than in the past.

"We know our families are overwhelmed," said Carla Palfy, counselor at Parcels Middle School. "We know our students are overwhelmed. Some families and students are able to handle it better than others. It really is individual because there are so many hurdles and barriers different families face. We haven't put a blanket approach, but we really do try to target interventions for families with specific needs."

Palfy and fellow counselor Kimberly Radant spent the beginning of the year reaching out to families to make themselves available and known, she said.

The first priority was ensuring access to technology for remote learning, whether this meant getting hotspots to households without internet connection or distributing Chromebooks.

"What we really stress to families on a broad scale is we know it's hard," Palfy said. "We know everyone is doing their best. 'Grace' is a word we hear a lot in the middle school and we give a lot of grace to our families and to ourselves."

Advice

Sherman's biggest piece of advice for students is to treat the school day the same as they would when it was conducted in person, attending class and doing homework during school hours and freeing late afternoons and evenings for sports, clubs, homework and connecting with peers.

She also urges students to move beyond first-quarter struggles and focus on quarter two.

"Let's start strong and let's stay strong," she said.

Bolton encourages students to reach out to their counselor or a teacher.

"Don't let any question

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Madi Nyenhuis, left, and Verona Relan rake the Relans' backyard. Counselors recommend students take breaks from remote learning and spend time outdoors.

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ULS seeks 2021-22 merit scholars

University Liggett School is seeking eighth graders in the metro Detroit area to apply for four-year full- and half-tuition merit scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. These scholarships are based on academic achievement, teacher recommendations, interviews, writing samples, test scores and overall potential impact on the Liggett community.

Applications are due before Jan. 15, 2021, and applicants will be notified by mid-February.

Liggett Merit Scholars for 2020-21 are Mallory Childs of Grosse Pointe Farms; Isabella Haladjian of Grosse Pointe Shores; Olivia

Jacque of Detroit; Jake Juip of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Jordan Stefanides-Cartagena of Roseville.

Childs, a Grosse Pointe Academy graduate, "has a strong passion for government, social justice and women's empowerment. She has multiple athletic, musical and artistic talents," according to Stephanie Sikora, director of enrollment management.

Sikora said Haladjian, who attended Liggett since prekindergarten, "exhibits a quiet leadership, a passion for learning, a love of languages, robotics and music. She is a tremendous ambassador for Liggett."

Jacque, a graduate of Bates Academy, "is an extraordinarily talented student-athlete with interests in music, graphic arts and community service," Sikora said. "She is a positive leader and collaborator. She will also be an impactful addition to the girls' basketball team and the orchestra."

Juip joined ULS from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School.

"Jake has a rare degenerative condition, which limits his mobility," Sikora said. "These limitations have only strengthened his resilience, determination, spirit and his passion for helping others."

Finally, Stefanides-

Cartagena, who graduated from Roseville Middle School, "is a hard-working and committed student-athlete. He is kind, inclusive and eager. This opportunity will open doors for Jordan to further develop his academic and leadership potential," Sikora said.

ULS has provided more than 45 students with a four-year scholarship since the onset of the Liggett Merit Scholarship program.

To apply and learn more about the University Liggett School Merit Scholarship, visit <https://admissions.uls.org/>.

— Mary Anne Brush

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Cameron Zak of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's list for the winter/spring term at Centre College. Zak, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Anthony and Caroline Zak.

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Grace Moody of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Connor Miller** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Brian Houghton** of Grosse Pointe Shores graduated from Grand Valley State University at the conclu-

sion of the spring/summer 2020 semester ending in August.

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Madison Foza of Grosse Pointe Farms was honored during a virtual ceremony Oct. 23, as a designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar for ending the previous academic year in the top 20 percent of her class. Foza, a member of Bowdoin's class of 2022, is majoring in economics with a minor in government and legal studies.

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Stackpoole, who teaches at Pierce Middle School as well as Brownell and as part of One GP virtual, was able to open it up to seventh- and eighth-grade innovation design virtual classes as well as broadcast journalism students at both middle schools.

Nearly 100 students gathered for a virtual assembly with Siminoff, who described the experience of appearing on "Shark Tank" after developing the idea of a video doorbell in his garage.

He left the show "feeling really defeated because nobody invested" in his product, not even knowing if the episode was going to air, Stackpoole said.

While the episode did air, sales didn't pick up. Things didn't turn around for Siminoff until the offer came from Amazon to buy his company.

One of the students, using the chat function on Zoom, asked if he was sad when he sold his company.

Stackpoole described his response.

"He was like, 'Not really.' He said it was kind of like you raise a child and then you want them to go off to a good college. And so (he) raised this product and got this company going

and sent (it) off in the world."

One of the themes of Siminoff's talk touched on something Stackpoole said she focuses on in her innovation and design classes — "that you don't just make something for the sake of making it or try to solve a problem. You have to think of the end-user, who is the person that you're going to help. And that was his goal because he made it as a safety feature, a doorbell camera for his family and his neighbors."

The name, the Ring, came not only from the fact a doorbell rings, but because the product provides a ring of security in the neighborhood, she added.

During the 45-minute session, Siminoff encouraged students to find their passion and look for ways to turn it into their career "so your career never really feels like work," Stackpoole said. "He talked about how as a child he was always tinkering with things and pulling things apart and rebuilding them. And sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't."

This was a message that resonated with Hendricks, who said he learned from the inventor, "It's OK to have a failure and just because you don't succeed at one thing, don't give up. Keep trying."

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go unanswered. Don't let any concern not be heard," she said. "Set up a Zoom, give us a call. We're still accessible during our working hours. If we're not hearing from them, we reach out to them and do our best to hold these weekly meetings to let them know we're there."

In response to parents who reach out for help, Niforos said she advises them to contact counselors and teachers.

"They need to monitor their child's behavior," she said. "See how they are. Are they having difficulty sleeping? Do they have mood changes? Do they have headaches? (There are) all kinds of signs out there with what is happening to their kids. Monitor their screen time with non-school activities. It's important to have a balance."

To the students, Niforos recommends establishing and sticking with routines, setting some kind of structure inside the home and balancing screen time with some activity, "whether it's outdoor time, hob-

bies, connecting with families," she said.

Walsh-Sahutske, too, encourages students to spend time outside "bringing in as much fresh air, exercise, nature and connections with people" as they can.

Palfy poses the same question to parents and students alike: "What can you control and what can you not control? Put your energy into the things you can control. Make a list ... of what's within your bandwidth and focus on that."

At the same time, she recognizes how difficult this is when the rules of the game keep changing.

"But I'm confident (counselors are) constant," Palfy said. "Teachers are constant. Students are constant. Those pieces aren't going to change. Our kids — when we get them engaged as a community, as a staff — overwhelmingly our kids are thriving. I think the stress and the emotional issues are things that have to get managed on an individual basis because they are so unique to the families and to the individual kids. But I do appreciate that our families do reach out and do utilize the support."

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Funds for Barker GPBR sponsors fifth service dog in memory of late colleague

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

From the start, there was a special connection between Judy Barker and the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs organization.

During Barker's year as president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, the board sponsored its first Guardian Angels dog, GP, named for Grosse Pointe. Since 2016, the board has gone on to sponsor Mack, named for Macomb County; Sterling, in honor of Sterling Heights; and its most recent dog, Harper, named for Harper Woods.

Now, the board is kicking off fundraising for its fifth Guardian Angels dog, Barker, named in honor of Judy Barker, who died of pancreatic cancer earlier this year.

"Judy was a huge supporter of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs," said Bob Taylor, CEO of the GPBR. "She



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GP, pictured during a training break in Florida, was the first dog sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

took that purpose to heart; she spearheaded so much."

During its sponsorship of GP, the board hosted a fundraising competition; the winner received a life-sized stuffed German shepherd. Barker liked the stuffed dog so much she bought one of her own, Taylor said.

"It was not uncommon seeing her drive down Mack with that dog in her passenger seat," he added.

"One year she was in Florida for our convention, in Orlando," he continued. "She rented a car and drove all the way to Williston and visited the (Guardian Angels) facility. She always spoke highly of it. If anyone needed anything for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, she'd help."

Barker also helped secure Guardian Angels pins, to help the board raise funds; pins still are available for a \$20 donation, Taylor said, adding that Barker not only was generous with her time, but also her finances when it came to Guardian Angels.

Funds are important and necessary to board, feed and train each dog for two years, Taylor

said. The \$25,000 cost per dog ensures they are equipped with the skills to provide services to veterans and first responders with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury symptoms, seizure or insulin concerns, mobility issues and more.

"They don't just train the dog and give it to somebody," Taylor said. "They bring the recipient to the facility where they spend 10 days to two weeks 24/7 training with the dog. And no money is ever charged to the recipient."

Taylor said it was no easy choice selecting Guardian Angels as the GPBR pet project.

"There are many worthy organizations," he explained. "This one is unique in one singular aspect: When a dog is received by a recipient, their life changes almost immediately."

"When we first encountered Guardian Angels, among veterans ... there were 22 suicides a day and 90 percent of them were getting divorced," he added. "Since Guardian Angels has been doing pairings, there have been no suicides, no divorces (among recipients). If



The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors' fifth Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog will be named Barker, in honor and memory of longtime member Judy Barker.

you could write a prescription to eliminate suicide, to eliminate divorce, what would be the cost of that medicine? The reality is nothing like this exists.

"... When you pair a dog with a person who needs it, you're giving a spouse back their significant other, a child back their parent, a parent back their kid, a neighbor back their neighbor. This changes everybody's life who comes in contact with that individual. I can't think of anything else that does that. And not in five years or 10 years from now; it does it today. That's powerful."

The dogs are classified as medical devices, Taylor said. Ownership of the animal is retained by Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs; if a recipient dies, the dog can be paired with someone else, bringing those specialized skills to a new home, changing a new life.

"Once the dog is paired, the results are obvious, instantaneous and significant," Taylor said. "I don't need to donate \$25,000, \$10,000. But if I donate \$100 or \$500 or even \$10, if enough people do the same, I'm going to change a life. The benefit is huge."

Judy Barker's stuffed German shepherd, which sports a personalized "GP" collar, could

be part of an auction to raise funds for the Guardian Angels dog being named for her. Other fundraising opportunities are being planned as well, Taylor said.

Those who'd like to make a contribution may mail a check, made out to GAMSD, to Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, 710 Notre Dame, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. "Barker/Michigan/GPBR" should be included on the note line.

"We will take the money and mail it to Guardian Angels," Taylor said. "The donor will get a thank-you note and they will get a charitable deduction for tax purposes."

The board's website, gpbr.com, soon will be updated to accept donations online, Taylor said.

"We just finished raising money for Harper one week ago," he added, thanking Signature Sotheby's owner Doug Hardy for the generous donation that wrapped up funding for the board's fourth dog. "Doug has become an ardent supporter of Guardian Angels. This is not the first time he's written a check, but it's the largest. We're thankful for Doug's generosity."

As for the GPBR's fifth dog, Taylor has high hopes for community support.

"I'd love to see readers embrace support for Barker the same way Judy embraced support for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs," he said. "Let's see if we can get this taken care of sooner than later, so that we can do another and another and another."

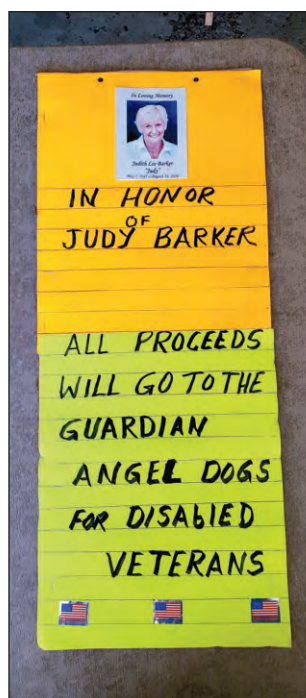
While the GPBR recently kicked off fundraising for its fifth dog, one fundraiser already took place in September for the cause. Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bob Kocian, Judy Barker's companion, hosted a garage sale so he, too, could contribute.

The event was significant to Kocian; he and Barker met at a garage sale three years ago.

"She organized a big garage sale at the complex where she lived," Kocian said. "My daughter lives two door from her. She said, 'Dad, come over and give me a hand,' so I went. Judy did a fantastic job, had tables set up, box lunches for everyone, cold water to drink."

"All the money she collected was for Guardian Angels dogs," he continued. "She did such a great job and I'd never met her, so I sent her a dozen roses with a note that said, 'Thank you for the great job and the great cause.' She asked my daughter for my number ... and we've

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Kocian's garage sale brought in nearly \$500 for Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs.



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Bob Kocian held a garage sale Sept. 19, in memory of his partner, Judy Barker, who passed away Aug. 24, and to raise money for Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs. Kocian sold items such as golf clubs, fans, books, tools and a chess set during the event.

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◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24.

◆ 5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24.

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◆ 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Bereavement: Finding Your Way.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, Lake House social hour.

◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, Family Bereavement.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Blood drives

◆ 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, McCann Ice Arena, 1044 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ The movie "Judy" is shown 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20. Members pay \$2 for snacks and the movie; nonmembers pay \$3.

◆ Free Medicare Counseling, for members and nonmembers. Call Molly French at (313) 649-2110 to schedule an appointment.

◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

◆ Chair yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

A new class was added 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **M o n d a y s** a n d **W e d n e s d a y s**.

◆ Tai Chi Beginner Class, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays.

◆ Continuing Tai Chi, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. Marc Pasco of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets virtually at 7 p.m. every Monday. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisajonementalhealth@gmail.com.



FILE PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Santa Claus Parade has been postponed until next summer.

Chamber's annual Santa Parade canceled

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In an announcement Friday, Nov. 13, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce canceled its annual Santa Claus Parade, which had been planned for Friday, Nov. 27.

Concerns over the spread of COVID-19 caused the parade committee to make the difficult decision.

"It was a very hard and depressing decision to make, but a necessary one," Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher said. "It was unanimously agreed upon to cancel this year's parade; however, I don't give up that easily and think we need

something to look forward to, so Christmas in July it is.

"Summer is Santa's second favorite season for celebrating Christmas, so that is exactly what we are going to do — celebrate Christmas in July," she continued. "Having the parade in the summer will allow the event to be even more community driven with a wide assortment of festivities."

Though the parade won't happen this month, the chamber still plans to host its Gingerbread House Decorating Contest, featuring more than 50 participating businesses and organizations celebrating the sea-

son, Boettcher said.

"The decorated gingerbread houses will be displayed the weekend of Thanksgiving for public viewing and enjoyment through Christmas," she added.

Gingerbread House Maps of Sweetness will be available at the chamber office, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, as well as participating businesses and online at grossepointechamber.com.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our community," Boettcher said, "and the holiday season provides a great opportunity to show our support."

For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

ASK MR. HARDWARE By Blair Gilbert

Flexible plastic pipe and dryer venting do not mix

Q. Mr. Hardware, we recently moved into an older home and I used the existing plastic vent pipe to install the clothes dryer. My wife will not use the dryer until I change this pipe to metal. Do I really have to do this?

A. Good for your wife. At least someone in your household is reading warnings about the dangers of flexible vinyl vent pipe used on dryers. Lack of maintenance is the leading cause of dryer fires and lint is the leading material to ignite.

Flexible plastic tubing restricts the flow of air much more than a smooth metal pipe. Over time, the ridges in flexible pipe tend to accumu-

late lint, thus providing fuel for combustion.

We recommend using a rigid 4-inch aluminum pipe and elbows. Use hose clamps or metal foil tape for joining lengths of pipe and elbows together. The heavy-duty foil tape is much stronger and more heat resistant than duct tape.

Do not use screws to connect the pipe and elbows together, because over time they will attract lint and cause problems.

Some warning signs that your vent is starting to clog:

◆ Towels or jeans take a very long time to dry.

◆ Clothes are very hot at the end of the cycle.

A clogged dryer vent will cause clothes to take longer to dry, use more

energy and cause more wear and tear. A clean dryer vent will increase the life of the appliance.

A dryer vent cleaning brush makes quick work of cleaning a dryer vent. It is a 4-inch nylon brush on a flexible shaft that you can snake through the vent to loosen up the lint. Used with a shop vac, the mess will be minimal and you should be safe for several more years of safe drying.

Send your questions to Mr. Hardware, c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware, 21912 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; call (586) 776-9532; or email staff@mrhardware.com. For past "Ask Mr. Hardware" columns, visit mrhardware.com.

BARKER:

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been dating ever since."

Barker, a longtime Realtor and named Realtor of the Year in 2014, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer Aug. 24. She was 77.

"She was there to help everybody," Kocian said. "When she walked into a room and smiled, the whole room lit up. ... She was a good sport and wanted to do everything. The energy she had, she shared it with everybody. This world lost a great lady.

"That's why this sale was in her honor," he added. "Everybody loved her; she knew so many people in the city. This is for a good cause."



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The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors' most recent sponsored dog, Harper, when he was a puppy.

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The League Shop celebrates longtime employee

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

If you ask Daniel VanGampelaere, the last 45 years have flown by.

That's how long the City of Grosse Pointe resident has worked at The League Shop.

He joined the staff at age 17, through the co-op program at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"He was very shy," said then-owner Patricia Brinker, who recalls the quiet teen when he started Nov. 13, 1974. "He would hardly talk, but he was so good."

VanGampelaere quickly developed into a solid employee, who was tasked with packing, sending and delivering orders, among other duties. He soon developed into The League Shop's Jack-of-all-trades.

"Mrs. Brinker was so happy with me, she asked if I'd mind staying on," VanGampelaere said. "I said, 'Sure.' One thing led to another and the next thing you know, 45 years go by. And I'll probably be around for the foreseeable future."

"He always would do whatever you asked him to do," Brinker said. "Danny had a key to the store, so he could come and go as he pleased. He

was allowed to sign the checks; he was the only person besides me who could sign the checks.

"He was not only trustworthy, but when he was making deliveries, if the customer wasn't home, they would tell him where the key was and how to get into the home," she added.

It was through those deliveries VanGampelaere developed longtime friendships. He considers those customers his friends; his co-workers like family.

"It's comfortable here," he said. "It's like a family. Everybody gets to know everybody and it doesn't take long."

It didn't take long for current owner Patrick Fabian to find a friend in VanGampelaere after purchasing the shop in 2015. Fabian wanted to make sure the longtime employee was recognized for more than four decades of service.

"We're celebrating Daniel, because he is the virtual pivot that makes The League Shop work," Fabian said. "He is the engine that keeps the store running in innumerable ways."

"So many of our customers love him," he added. "He's served them for so many years. That's one of the things



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Daniel VanGampelaere, left, holds a card signed by guests in honor of his 45 years of service to The League Shop while shop owner, Patrick Fabian, stands by.

that makes him a fixture in the community."

In celebration of VanGampelaere's 45 years of service, Fabian organized a party at The League Shop. Patrons and former employees were emailed and invited to visit the shop for cake and other treats and to sign a card for VanGampelaere.

"We had refreshments, gifts for him, a photo array from his many years of service," Fabian said. "Patrons came in to say hello and sign a card

and visit with him. We had employees from years past come out and visit, or from other states call and extend their greetings to him.

"He is a wonderfully kind and personable, dedicated individual who seeks to help everyone who needs it," he continued. "He is the personification of sincerity and kindness. He exudes complete dedication to this work and the community at large. He has unparalleled integrity. He is a wonderful asset

to The League Shop and the community as a whole.

"As the owner of The League Shop, I'd like to say we're very grateful to Daniel for his many years of service. I hope he continues his role at The League Shop for many years to come. Anyone who's met him shares that view of him."

Brinker can be included among them.

"He always has a smile and rarely gets down," she said. "He's a positive young man and polite.

He loves people. He has a lot of friends and people who love him.

"I think he's an asset to the community," she added. "He always has a smile and says, 'Yeah, I can do it.' He's a genuinely nice and good person."

VanGampelaere said he was surprised by the special day in his honor.

"They did catch me off guard," he said. "I wasn't expecting anything. ... It seemed like the years flew by so fast. It doesn't feel like 45 years."

Historical society, Liggett partner for history project

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's website content is about to get a makeover, thanks to a team of sophomores at University Liggett School.

A new partnership between the community organization and school will see student researchers update local historic information and present it in a more concise manner. It fits with Liggett's history curriculum and gives students meaningful projects during a time when other efforts are at a standstill.

"At University Liggett School, we do place-based United States history projects," said Adam Hellebuyck, dean of curriculum and assessment. "All of the content is based around Detroit and the Great Lakes region. We learn about the United States through local history."

That learning largely involves site visits, Hellebuyck added, "which we're not allowed to do this year because of COVID, which has forced us to think differently."

As a historical society board member, Hellebuyck became aware of the society's desire to revamp the history content on its website and enhance its digital presence. He suggested Liggett's U.S. history class put their local history knowledge to use.

"Students will craft articles for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society website, about the Fox

Indians, ribbon farms, historic families," Hellebuyck said. "They'll do careful research, use primary sources and send in articles, hopefully for years to come."

Throughout the year, students will work to produce the best content, Hellebuyck said, and while the focus now is on Native American tribes and ribbon farming, "We hope to continue to dig

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ADAM HELLEBUYCK
University Liggett School dean of curriculum and assessment

deeply and look at lesser-known stories that are equally as important."

Hellebuyck said he's excited for the project to begin.

"This is the way of the future for our schools, this authentic partnership with community organizations," he said. "We want students doing the actual work, not only really digging into history and topics they're interested in, but getting an authentic experience from it. It's not just a grade. They'll get feedback from a historian or board member, then make changes and update it. I'm excited. I hope it continues for years to come, even after COVID restrictions are lifted. The sky's the limit. These students are going to surprise us."

"Our future certainly is digital," said Stuart Grigg, vice president of development for the historical society. "That's where we're concentrat-

ing. It's a good time to do it, since we can't do in-person activities or events."

The society received grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, which have allowed it to continue operating with a staff, Grigg said.

The cost for the partnership with Liggett will come out of its operating

practical next steps of what they're doing in class. We can be a center point of that, to be in place where we can broadly broadcast good content from appropriate people. We really see it as a beginning of a heightened effort."

Collaboration between Liggett and the historical society is nothing new. Three years ago, then-president Pat O'Brien invited two senior Liggett students to sit on its board. Two seniors, with full voting rights, have sat on the board ever since.

O'Brien, who serves as immediate past president, parliamentarian and honorary trustee, said she is thrilled to see the partnership furthered.

"This is part of what my dream was when I wanted to start collabo-

rating with schools," she said. "This is going to be big. It's going to change all kinds of things with how history is presented. It will be a resource internationally for how history is seen in our area. This has come together far beyond anything I could have ever imagined."

Hellebuyck and his colleague are working out the details of what the end-of-semester project will look like, whether students will work individually or with partners.

However it looks, "We're committed to it; it's in our lesson plans," Hellebuyck said. "Work will begin shortly."

Added Grigg, "Our goal at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society isn't to keep every artifact about Grosse Pointe, but to provide the broadest and most appropriate message to the largest audience we can. We're beyond thrilled about the commitment we have with Adam. Right now, we can concentrate on our core mission work and figure out how to do it. I'm very optimistic about this. A makeover of historical information is critical. The website is 15 years old. A lot of the content is 15 years old. We're taking a new look in light of all the changes in the world."



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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.

Joan Armbruster

Joan Armbruster, 83, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, in Detroit.

The daughter of Glenn and Mildred (nee Duff) Bayne, Joan was raised in Muskegon.

A graduate of Muskegon High School, she earned a degree in elementary education from Western Michigan University and enjoyed membership in Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Joan taught school in St. Clair Shores, where she fell in love with a fellow teacher and future principal, Dr. Rudolph Armbruster. Joan and Rudy were married Aug. 12, 1961, and enjoyed more than 59 years together.

Joan continued teaching until she and Rudy started a family, and then stayed home to raise their four children on the eastside of Detroit and later, in Grosse Pointe Park. During this time she was very involved with her children's activities, including as a Camp Fire Girl leader, room mom for her children's classes and volunteer at many other organizations, including St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. Joan also was active in the local alumni chapter of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. As her children moved on to college, Joan began a new career as a bookkeeper at Doyal, Friedman & Associates, where she remained until she retired.

After Joan and Rudy both retired, they traveled the world together and moved to Pinehurst, N.C., where they lived for 20 years. The couple returned to Michigan in 2014. In Pinehurst, Joan was actively involved with the local garden club and discovered a love of quilting. Her beautiful quilts are treasured and displayed in each of her children's homes.

In recent years, Joan's husband and children cared for her with loving devotion.

Joan was predeceased by her parents and brothers, Roy and Larry. She is survived and dearly missed by her husband, Rudolph; children, Brad (Paula), Steve (Judy), Lynn Baggot (Joe) and Eric (Sara). In addition, Joan will be affectionately remembered by her grandchildren, Emily, Anne, Grace, Ryan, Erin, Kyle, Allison, Gabriel, Anden, Leah and Shane; brothers-in-law, sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

A private funeral Mass for family and relatives takes place 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by private interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed at olsos.org.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's name may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, kidney.org; or the National Education Association Foundation, neafoundation.org.

Ronald Louis Vallan

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ronald Louis Vallan passed away peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, in his sleep, due to complications from congestive heart failure. Ron was born April 9, 1946, in Detroit, to Dominic and Elizabeth Vallan, both now deceased.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Susan; and children, Anthony (Shelly), Lisa (Michael Francescutti) and Ronald. Ron was proud grandfather to Madison, Nick, Andrew and Jake. He also is survived by his brother, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Well loved by many friends, employees and customers, Ron considered them part of his extended family and treated them as such.

A proud veteran, Ron served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Ron began his tenure at Young Supply Co., Jan. 21, 1974, where he worked for its owner, his father, Dominic A. Vallan. He assumed ownership of the company in 1981. Ron's legacy as its owner, president, CEO and chairman of the board was unmatched in the vision, leadership and guidance he provided as he moved the company from a local southeastern Michigan refrigeration wholesale distributor to one of the nation's premier HVAC, refrigeration and food service equipment wholesale distributors with 18 branches throughout Michigan and northern Ohio. Well respected in the industry, Ron earned many awards and accolades for his service. Ron also served more than 15 years as a board member of the Key Wholesaler Group Association; he happily shared his knowledge while he helped dozens of other wholesale distributors across the country succeed.

Ron loved traveling, cycling, squash, skiing, tennis and working out. He was a longtime member of the Detroit Athletic Club and Country Club of Detroit. In addition, he enjoyed art, design, architecture, shopping, fine clothing and scenic drives along Lake St. Clair. A true food connoisseur, Ron enjoyed dining at restaurants around the world. His love of food led to many friendships with chefs and others in the restaurant industry. Breaking bread with family and friends was one of Ron's favorite pastimes.

His family said Ron's passion for life, trademark smile and genuine interest in others' well-being will be remembered by all who knew him throughout his remarkable life.

Due to COVID-19, funeral services will be limited to immediate family. A full military service and celebration of life gathering will take place April 9, 2021.

Share a memory and view the family's video tribute to Ron at ahpeters.com.

Richard L. Kozlowski

Former Grosse Pointe resident Richard L. Kozlowski of Harbor Springs, died peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at home with his wife, Gail, by his side. He was 90.

Dick spent 33 years in the trust department of National Bank of Detroit. He retired in 1990. During his years in business, he served on the Orchard Lake Schools' board of regents and at United Community Services and the American Society of Corporate Secretaries.

Dick and Gail moved from Grosse Pointe to Harbor Springs in 1992. They divided their time between homes in Harbor Springs and Stuart, Fla. Dick was a member of Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club and the Heathers Club in Bloomfield Hills.

A memorial Mass was held Nov. 17, at Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church in Harbor Springs.

Dick's full obituary may be viewed at stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Miriam Bens

Miriam "Mimi" Bens (nee Shaplo) of Southbury, Conn., passed away peacefully in her sleep Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at home. The former wife of Elias Kole and widow of Frederick Bens, she was 87.

Miriam was born May 6, 1933, in Manhattan, a daughter of Edip and Nadideh (nee Hairjo) Shaplo.

She graduated from high school in New Jersey. At 18, Miriam moved to Detroit, where she married Elias Kole. She lived many years in Grosse Pointe, where she raised her children and enjoyed many special friendships. Together with her second husband, Frederick Bens, she was an active member of Lochmoor Country Club. Mimi then lived 20 years in Highland Beach, Fla., before she moved to Southbury to be closer to her family.

Mimi's fiery red hair was representative of her larger-than-life infectious personality, her family said. Quick-witted and funny, she welcomed all with a hug and a smile.

Mimi was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her son, David Kole of Los Angeles; daughter, Debra Kirby (Stephen Wilkinson) of Danbury, Conn.; grandson, Jason Kirby (Tracy) of Hudson, Colo.; granddaughter, Allison Kirby (Bryan Taylor) of Southbury; and great-grandchildren, Julia Kirby and Annalie Taylor. She was predeceased by her brother, Edward Shaplo; and son, Glenn Kole.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brookside Memorial, The Albini Family Funeral Home & Crematory in Middlebury, Conn.

Share online condolences at brooksidefuneralhome.com.



Joan Armbruster



Ronald Louis Vallan



Richard L. Kozlowski



Margaret G. Rogers



James Zurek



William Charles Hess

Margaret Geraldine Rogers

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Margaret Geraldine Rogers (nee Key), 88, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at home. She was born July 30, 1932, in London, England, to Charles and Ellen Key.

Margaret arrived in Canada after World War II, where she worked for the Canadian government at the United Nations. She later moved to New York City, where she met Wilson Rogers. They married in 1959, in New York City, and enjoyed 61 years of marriage.

The couple moved from New Jersey to Michigan in 1971.

Margaret had a 25-year career with the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She last held the position of administrative secretary at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Margaret's British accent helped her make friends wherever she went, especially when she traveled around the world.

A devoted parishioner at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, Margaret volunteered at the Thrift Shop, Altar Guild and Sweet Noelle cookie exchange, and as a member of Episcopal Church Women.

She especially enjoyed cooking and baking, reading a good book and cheering for the Michigan State University Spartans and Detroit Tigers. She never missed a birthday and was the first to reach out to anyone in need.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret is survived by her husband, Wilson Rogers; daughters, Kim Rogers Powell (Robb) of Belmont, N.C., and Hilary Marie-Rogers Atabak (Jack) of Lake Orion; and grandchildren, Kelley and Allison Powell and Brian and David Atabak (fiancee Sarah Hayward). She also leaves behind numerous nephews, nieces, family, friends and neighbors, particularly from her church and Grosse Pointe school communities.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

James Zurek

Grosse Pointe Farms resident James "Jim" Zurek passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, with his wife and daughters by his side. Born Feb. 4, 1959, in Mount Clemens, the way in which Jim lived his life between those dates was truly inspirational, his family said.

Jim had many favorite sayings he often repeated to his wife and daughters, including "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" and "You're lookin' good." His family said these oft-repeated phrases truly represented Jim's relationship to life. Relentlessly positive, he enjoyed every moment with his family, conversation with patients at his dental office and interaction with neighbors.

A man of integrity, character, commitment and gentleness, he brought these traits to everything he did. In addition, Jim was a leader from a young age and showed true dedication and sportsmanship as a basketball, baseball and football player for many years, including at L'Anse Creuse North High School and Albion College.

Jim cared for his patients beyond the call of duty as a dental student at the University of Michigan and a practicing dentist. He cultivated meaningful relationships that often resulted in his patients driving far distances to see him.

His favorite activities included washing his car in the driveway on a sunny Sunday afternoon, coaching his daughters' soccer teams, watching Michigan football and reminiscing about the glory days with a cold Bud Light. Friends and neighbors will remember seeing Jim on long walks through the tree-lined streets of Grosse Pointe or along the shores of Lake Huron at his cottage. True to his character, Jim shared with his family that despite his three-year cancer journey, those years were wonderful; he saw the marriages of his three daughters, Rachel, Katharine and Julia, and he became Grandpa to Rachel's son, Leo. Through his last days, Jim maintained the gentleness and selflessness for which he was known. Even on hard days, he

was the first to ask how others were doing — true to a lifetime of putting his loved ones first. That's why it surely was "a beautiful day in the neighborhood" in heaven when Jim passed away, his family said.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Janet; beloved daughters, Rachel Kirshner (Jordan), Katharine Marvin (Daniel) and Julia Boettcher (Jake); grandson, Leo Kirshner; mother, Dorothy Zurek; siblings, Ken Zurek (Connie), Debbie Gentry (Mike), Mary Ann Lindsay (Joe) and Jean Sequite; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Larry Zurek.

Jim's life will be celebrated by a walk-by memorial display from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, outside his home. COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Jim's family requests participants wear a mask and plan to stop by for a few minutes. For more details, Jim's family may be contacted at krzurek@gmail.com.

William Charles Hess

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident William Charles Hess of McCloud, Calif., passed away Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. Born Nov. 28, 1967, in Detroit, to Mary L. and George J. Hess, he was 52.

William was known in McCloud as "the firewood guy" and helped restore The McCloud Mercantile Hotel.

A true outdoorsman, he was able to live off the land and spent several years living in the forest just outside Mt. Shasta, Calif.

William had a generous heart, strong work ethic and determination for independence, his family said.

William is survived by his wife, Jill Vogel; children, Alexandra Hess, William Hess II (Maria Fordham) and Asher Hess-Vogel; grandchildren, Kirra, KayDe, Heidi and Arlo; mother, Mary L. Hess; siblings, Patrice Hess (Teresa) and George Hess II (Jennifer); and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, George J. Hess; maternal grandparents, William and Thelma Sheehy; and paternal grandparents, Charles and Clara Hess.

Christ Church offers free COVID-19 mobile testing

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, in partnership with Wayne Health, Wayne State University and Ford Motor Co., hosts another COVID-19 mobile testing event at the church, 61

Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19.

Before arrival, everyone planning to be tested must complete

online registration. Details of the event will be emailed after individuals have signed up. Due to limited testing supplies, there are just 200 available spots.

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tions are available to anyone ages 3 and older. Antibodies testing, or serology, is available for anyone ages 13 and older. Onsite HIV testing also is available upon request.

The event is free. Masks must be worn at all times.

For more information or to register, visit signuppenius.com/go/60b0f4bada929a0fe3-free.

Circle of Love: Helping those who need help the most

By Theodore G. Coutilish
Guest Writer

Dear friends Tom Schoenith and Jane Manoogian grew up in different communities, but learned a similar life lesson: Giving back is a responsibility.

Schoenith and Manoogian continue to practice that philosophy every day.

Schoenith, who owns the iconic Roostertail in Detroit along with his wife, Diane Schoenith, did not know a thing about the Full Circle Foundation a few years ago.

He bumped into Full Circle founder Mary Fodell and administrator Sue Banner at a Full Circle function he was invited to by Manoogian. That same evening he offered to host the Full Circle "An Evening

Under the Stars" fundraiser event at the Roostertail.

"I saw all of the micro-enterprises, the resale shop, the laundry, the flowers and a lightbulb turned on inside my head," Schoenith said. "Giving to Full Circle is important, because it goes directly to those in our community who need help the most. I love what they do."

Manoogian, who oversees the not-for-profit Richard and Jane Manoogian Foundation along with her husband, remembers her father as a professional aerial photographer who instilled in her the responsibility to always help others.

"I see these young kids at Full Circle working hard to stock and sell clothes in the resale shop," she said. "It's



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jeff Jay

How to deal with adult peer pressure

Q: I'm not a prude, but I also don't want to get wasted at a party and lose the following day to a hangover. How can I do that without getting called out for being no fun?

A: So, you don't want to be a teetotaler, but you also don't want to get sloppy at the next party. You don't want people to think you're an abstainer, but you want to stay within your own limits. How can you do that without being rude or appearing like a prude?

Let's face it, a lot of adult parties are out of control. The drinking starts early and goes way too late. Over-drinking is almost a sport and the pressure to join in can be intense. Today, alcohol is sold like soft drinks, with

sweet, kiddie-type flavors and higher alcohol content. And it's everywhere.

Marijuana is legal in most places and weed is much more powerful than it used to be. Many adults smoke pot with abandon, with the absurd excuse that it's natural. Strychnine is natural, too, of course, but we don't need to digress. There are bigger dangers, like the common problems of cocaine, benzos and other drugs, all of which are found at many adult parties. More and more people are getting sick or dying because the composition of street drugs can't be verified, and fentanyl often is used to lace drugs with devastating effects.

So, here's how to slow

down without being a downer:

1. Have fun. Own your party experience and be yourself. You know you don't have to get drunk to have fun. So, have a drink. Then get on with the dancing, the games, the conversation or whatever else is going on. Don't make alcohol or drug consumption your No. 1 priority. Enjoy the people at the party who are not making fools of themselves. If most people are, the party must be boring and you'll probably want to leave. Give yourself permission to not hang out with boring drunk people.

2. Pace yourself. You don't have to accept big drinks or overly powerful drinks. You know by now how alcohol affects

you. Easy does it. Have a glass of wine and then fill the next glass with cranberry juice. Nurse your drinks, don't gulp them. Remember, alcohol is not a thirst quencher. If you're thirsty, grab a bottle of water or a juice.

3. Be a designated driver. No one wants to get a drunken driving ticket and everyone values a designated driver. You can have a ready-made excuse for chilling out and still have a lot of fun. Be a pal and drive your friends home safely.

4. Avoid drugs. You really don't know what you're being offered (and neither does the person offering). There is zero safety in street drugs and that includes pills coming from a prescription bottle which may yet be

counterfeit. Some people are embarrassed to say "no," so you might try "not tonight." Or, if you really want to try a different line, just say, "That's a buzz kill for me." They won't understand and that will be half the fun.

5. Be yourself, be true to yourself and stop caring so much about what other people think. Presumably, you are not an insecure high school kid, so stop acting like one. Own your party experience, have fun and avoid the people who are getting wasted. There is nothing more boring in the world than an inebriated person. Most people's drunken conversations revolve around how drunk they got last time. BORING.

Give yourself permission to live a more interesting life. Hang with people who are doing

more interesting things. It's fine to have a drink or two, but don't enslave yourself to other people's bad behavior. You are better than that and you have a far more interesting destiny.

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Grosse Pointe breast cancer survivor grateful for therapist's assistance during, after treatments

More people, like Debbie Russell, 71, of Grosse Pointe, are surviving cancer. Today, there are nearly 17 million cancer survivors in the U.S. like her. By 2029, that number is projected to increase to 21 million Americans.

The challenge is training more physical therapists and occupational therapists to meet the unique needs of cancer patients through their continuum of care: before, during and after treatments.

In 2017, Beaumont Health developed the first cancer rehabilitation residency program in the country. Physical therapist Mary Alice Hewelt was a member of the inaugural class.

"We need more oncology rehabilitation specialists to increase access for cancer survivors to have appropriate and safe rehab services which promote health and well-being to thrive post diagnosis," Hewelt said.

The board-certified oncology physical therapist has helped many patients, including Russell.

With a family history of cancer, Russell never misses her annual screening mammogram. And she credits a mammogram with detecting her breast cancer.



COURTESY PHOTO

Debbie Russell of Grosse Pointe is a cancer survivor.

Russell's November 2018 screening mammogram triggered lots of medical tests and procedures — an ultrasound, MRI and biopsy. The biopsy confirmed breast cancer. She then had a lumpectomy. All seemed to be going as planned, but the pathology report showed her cancer had spread to her lymph nodes.

"Initially, the news of my cancer spreading was a shock to me," said Russell, a retired educator. "I tend to be an optimist, but I'm also a realist. I was concerned."

She then underwent 18 weeks of chemotherapy,

followed by six weeks of radiation at the Proton Therapy Center at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

"I was fortunate to get into the Proton Therapy Program," Russell said.

Treating her left-sided breast cancer with proton particles spared Russell's heart and lungs from unnecessary radiation. This precise treatment deposits radiation directly into a tumor with no exit dose.

During Russell's proton treatments, she began experiencing some discomfort having to remain in one position for extended periods of time.

Her radiation oncologist, Dr. Joshua Dilworth, referred her to Beaumont's Cancer Rehabilitation Program.

"With Debbie, we worked on increasing her flexibility to relieve her discomfort of lying in the same position for a long time while setting up for and receiving her proton radiation treatments," Hewelt said.

As a breast cancer survivor, Russell came to appreciate all those on her multidisciplinary team, including Hewelt.

"Mary Alice really helped me continue to recover. She's very understanding and pushes you

to obtain the best outcome," Russell said. "We worked on my flexibility and strength, which resulted in less discomfort during my proton treatments and beyond."

Russell liked that the sessions took place at the Beaumont Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center in St. Clair Shores, a short drive from home.

"In Debbie's case, as with all cancer patients, we assess their physical abilities and limitations," Hewelt explained. "She had some pre-existing orthopedic conditions with her back and legs which were also taken

into account. As therapists, we treat all our patients as a whole person."

Russell's physical therapy sessions with Hewelt spanned four months.

"It's exciting to see the progress Debbie made through our sessions together. It's rewarding to be able to make a difference in helping her return to everyday activities," Hewelt said. "I truly believe rehabilitation services should be included at the beginning of a cancer patient's care. If we can mitigate a patient's limitations early on, make them more active and healthier, they'll better tolerate their treatments."

While it has been about a year since her proton therapy, Russell remains active and continues to exercise. In fact, she recently met with Hewelt for an updated assessment.

"I was very fortunate to have many caring individuals help me throughout my cancer treatment and recovery," she said. "Mary Alice was among them. She was wonderful and very helpful during the process. I'm grateful and thankful to say I'm currently doing well and feeling good. Hopefully, God willing, I will have many more years of a cancer-free life."

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Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils split in regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was in the script. The Grosse Pointe South girls volleyball team gutted out a win over division foe Utica in a Division 1 regional semifinal at Utica Ford High School early last week.

The Chieftains beat the Blue Devils twice during the regular season, and both matches were close. Everyone expected the same close, hard fought battle yet again in a match where the winner advances and the loser ends their season.

It went five games, but South won 25-23, 25-21, 18, 13-25, 16-14.

“We expected this to go the limit, and we played well enough to win,” head coach Janeil DiVita said. “I don’t think we played our best, but we played well enough to win and move on to the regional finals.

“We really had some girls step up when we needed them.”

Things didn’t start out well for the Blue Devils as junior Kamryn Richards sprained an

ankle during warmups and could not play.

The last-second lineup change didn’t seem to phase the Blue Devils as they raced out to a 2-0 lead after winning key points in the late stages of games one and two.

Seniors Emily Crane and Keely Conlan sired up the backrow, while juniors Jada DiVita and Ellen Martin led the offense. Senior Mary Fannon facilitated the offense.

Early on in game three, it looked like the Blue Devils were going in for the sweep as they grabbed a quick 4-0 with Conlan serving and DiVita and Martin collecting kills.

Then the Chieftains used a huge momentum shift and used several long serve runs to take control and send the match to a game four.

Game four was much of same as the Chieftains had all of the momentum and won another easy game to force a deciding game five.

Coach DiVita and her assistant, Holly Ritchie, were able to get their players refocused for the

pivotal game five.

Everyone contributed with a serve receive, pass, dig, kill and block as each team tried to gain the momentum.

Martin’s three straight service points gave the Blue Devils an early 4-1 lead. DiVita had back-to-back kills and senior Kaitlyn Stafford had a block during the four-point run.

During the later stages of the game, Martin and DiVita had a couple of kills, and senior Ashley Price played well at the net. Conlan’s all-around ability allowed the Blue Devils to stay ahead 11-9.

Game five was tied at 13 and 14 before Stafford served the final two points to send the Blue Devils to the victory. Price had the game-winning kill for point No. 16.

Jada DiVita led the Blue Devils with 25 kills, followed by Martin with five.

South lost to Dakota, the Macomb Area Conference Red Division runner-up, in the regional championship game two nights later, 25-14, 25-15, 25-11, to end its season 11-7 overall.

Tennis

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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Mr. Tennis

University Liggett School senior Will Cooksey, center, earned the Bob Wood Mr. Tennis Award this fall from the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. He helped the Knights win a Division 4 state championship this season by winning the No. 1 singles flight, which was his fourth straight. Cooksey finished 26-1 this season and 108-6 during his four-year high school career. He earned an athletic scholarship to play men’s tennis next season at the University of Michigan. Joining Cooksey in the photo are ULS head coach Mark Sobieralski and assistant coach Lauren Harris.

Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North tests new gridiron helmet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Football is an aggressive game, but arguably the most popular in the United States.

It’s also one of the most physically demanding games, and one with the potential for concussions due to players who don’t tackle the right way or the contact at the line of scrimmage when a play starts.

Riddell Sports Group is an American company specializing in sports equipment for football.

The scientists for the company have spent thousands of hours developing the safest helmets for players to use to cut down on the risk of concussions.

This fall, Grosse Pointe North’s football team, under head coach Joe Drouin, was asked to take part in a study for a new helmet design.

“The Riddell Insite technology gives us another set of eyes on the field to monitor head impacts with our players,” said Riddell’s representative for the are Ron Bonin. “We use the data collected to inform our coaches and players, and it can be used as a



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE DROUIN

Grosse Pointe North used three “test” helmets to measure the intensity of impactful tackles on the playing field this fall.

teaching opportunity.”

North had three varsity players wear the Insite helmets this year, Tim Cleland, linebacker and fullback; Ben

Bessert, linebacker and fullback; and JaVontae Stewart, interior defensive lineman.

“We tried to have player in different areas

of play wear the helmets,” Drouin said. “I carried a device no bigger than my phone at practice and during games. The helmets

would communicate with the device through a bluetooth connection.

“If a helmet encountered a hit of a certain magnitude, I would get an alert on the device. We averaged about one alert a game. It gave us a chance to check out the player instantly to make sure he was ok.

“In 24 years of coaching football at the varsity level, this was the first year we did not have a player miss practice or a game due to a concussion. Was it because of the helmet? I can’t say for sure, but the technology helped us plan our practices and our technique. I would download information from the device after practice.

“I would get more information than I knew what to do with from the helmets. I would get a hit chart with where on the head a hit occurred, the magnitude of each hit, and the time of each hit. I could look at it and see there were a lot of hits happening between 4:30 and 5:00, then I could look at our practice plan and see what was going on, if we needed to adjust our drill or routine.

“We could also see

things from the hit chart you don’t notice on the field. We noticed early in the season JaVontae was getting a lot of intense hits to the crown and back of his head — he was ducking his head on contact, we had to coach him up and reteach how he was hitting to keep him safe. I even got an alert from Cleland’s helmet that there was a high magnitude hit at 5:00 on a Friday. We were getting ready to board the bus — ends up Tim kept his helmet in his trunk and it bounced around.

“Oh, I wondered what that was rolling around back there. I think it helped us understand how the players were hitting. It helped us reinforce proper technique. I helped us put the guys in the best places to be successful while maintaining safety.”

Through the hours of practice and games this season, the Norsemen were able to provide information to Riddell to use to try to create the best and safest helmet available to keep players on the field instead of in the training room or on the sidelines in street clothes.

So far, so good.

Girls hockey winter preview

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights field a lot of firepower

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Last year's run to a state title ended premature for the University Liggett School girls hockey team under then first-year head coach Gregory Paddison.

This year, the Knights return 16 players from last year's team that finished with a 21-6-0 record and ranked No. 3 in the state.

The seniors this season are Kendall Zinn, Gabby Anubigian and Reese Martin; and the juniors are Logan Merriweather Maddy McKee, Natalia Dragovic, Ally Doppke and Elese Kogel, who coach Paddison said was one of the most improved players last season.

The Knights' sophomores are Isabel Standish, Emmalyn Stahl, Christa Serventi,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School head coach Greg Paddison, second from left, is in his second year at the helm.

Gabby Noble, Ally Metry, Lindsay Kien, Giuliana Lutfy and Izzy Fruehauf.

Newcomers to the team are juniors Tori Roth and Ava Jacob, as well as sophomore Morgan Hamilton and freshmen Sofie Ancona, A.C. Doppke, Sully Estes, Bella Metry, Brooklyn Peshl, Elle Quinlan, and

Allie Roth.

"The expectations for the Knights are exceptionally high heading into this season," Paddison said. "Many of our girls were left with a sour taste after last season's heartbreaking playoff loss to rival, Grosse Pointe South, which gave the Knights all the moti-

vation they needed during the off-season. With increased depth at every position, the goals the team had set for the 2019-20 season are now expectations for the 2020-21 Knights.

"The team will feature no shortage of offensive fire-power as our top forward line from 2019-20,

Doppke, Dragovic and Anusbigian, is going to be challenged by last-season's breakout star freshman, Giuliana Lutfy, and newcomers, Hamilton, Jacob, Ancona, A.C. Doppke, Elle Quinlan, and Tori Roth, all of whom are hungry for ice-time on the front end.

Defensively, the Knights return all of their top four defensemen from last year, Zinn, McKee, Fruehauf and Standish, while Zinn and McKee are expected to carry the heavy minutes.

Sophomores Standish and Fruehauf have proven themselves as very capable blueliners and coupled with the addition of two very talented freshmen, Estes and Ally Roth, the Knights will have the luxury of rolling three lines on both side of the puck,

capable of competing with any opponent in the state.

In net, the Knights have a tall task, replacing Evie Bournais, who was All-State.

However, incoming freshman, Brooklyn Peshl, according to Paddison, has done nothing short of wow her teammates and coaches in early season practices, with excellent positioning, reflexes, and rebound control.

They play Mercy, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Grosse Pointe South, Livonia United, Grosse Pointe North, Brighton-Howell-Hartland, St. Catherine, Livingston United, Troy United, Sacred Heart and Regina.

The season is on a three-week COVID-19 induced hiatus, and will return soon.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils to contend for title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team was getting ready to face two-time defending state champ Mercy in its state semifinal before the Michigan High School

Athletica Association pulled the plug on the remainder of the season due to COVID-19 concerns.

Head coach Hailee Craig had her Blue Devils playing their best of the season during their state playoff run.

The clock moved forward a year and Craig returns to the bench and is looking toward returning players Regan Sherry, Molly Ryszewski, Liv Livingstone, Julia Gebeck, Effie Hodges, Elise Harr, Riley Sherry, Gia Cavaliere, Grace

Lindsay, Olivia Boyer and Ellie Smith to lead the way.

"Hard to have any (season expectations) since we are going day by day with COVID restrictions and interruptions," Craig said. "I think the team overall is very solid and we have a lot of incoming players that are going to make a big impact very quickly."

The Blue Devils have enjoyed the most successful girls high school

hockey program in the state, and they once again field a squad that fields one of the top goal scorers in the state in Ryszewski.

If they can sure-up the defensive end, the Blue Devils look to once again make a long run in the state playoffs.

Harr is the starting goalkeeper, and other newcomers to the team are Ryleigh O'Donoghue, Kamryn Schocker, Tia Kosmas, Veronica Van

Rossen, Lyssie Moody and Gabby Vosburg round out the roster.

The Blue Devils face St. Catherine, Plymouth-Canton-Salem, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Livonia United, Grosse Pointe North, University Liggett School, Livingston United, Ann Arbor Skyline, Regina, Walled Lake, Northville, Sacred Heart, Bloomfield United, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Troy United and Mercy.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen field improved team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Last year was a less-than-glorious one for the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team.

A long losing streak was the culprit as a lack of veterans put a lot of newcomers on the ice for head coach Casey Quick and assistant coach Emma Yee.

This season, seniors Mia Cassar (goalie) and Erin Murphy (center), look to give the Norsemen a foundation to work around.

"Looking forward to their skill and leadership make us competitive this year," Quick said.

Look for juniors Clare Ramsdell and Toni Miano to solidify the defense, while sophomore Gabby Brumme will be one of the goal scorers for the Norsemen, as well as freshman Elle Dobbs.

"Both forwards hopefully will help put pressure on opposing defenses," Quick said. "I think we should be better than last season probably climb up to the middle of the league."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North head coach Casey Quick, center, has a more experienced team this season.

The schedule includes 16 games in the Michigan Girls Hockey League, plus others against Plymouth-Canton-Salem, Regina, Troy United, Bloomfield, University Liggett School, Sacred Heart,

Livingston United, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Grosse Pointe South, Ann Arbor Skyron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Wixom St. Catherine, Livonia United, Northville, Walled Lake and Mercy.

Boys hockey winter preview

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

ULS eyes wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team heads into the season as a defending regional champion.

Head coach Mike Maltese and his staff pulled a couple of huge upsets last year in the regional, beating U-D Jesuit 5-3 and city rival Grosse Pointe South 4-3.

“Going to be an interesting year that’s for sure,” Maltese said. “Hopefully we last long enough to defend our regional championship from last year.”

The Knights have 20 returning from last year and eight newcomers to the program, including seven freshmen.

Maltese’s co-captains are senior Alec Leonard and junior Doug Wood. Leonard had 41 points on 11 goals and 30 assists, while Wood had 83 points on 44 goals and 39 assists.

The assistant captains are senior goalie Grant Lindsay, who had a .905 save percentage last season, and junior Rocco Scarfone.

“Beating three teams in the top 10 in the state



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Coach Mike Maltese, left, is banking on veterans to lift the Knights this year.

was a huge accomplishment for a team that wasn’t even considered being ranked by any outlet,” Maltese said. “Winning the regional championship was just icing on the cake. It just shows the little disparity in high school hockey. Anyone can beat anyone on any given night, it’s just a matter’s each teams’ “attention to detail” during the course of a game. That is something we worked on throughout the course of last season and hope to carry into this upcoming season.

“I’m looking forward to working with this young group, and expect us to be competitive and moving full steam once we hit the second half.”

The Knights finished in the middle of the pack in

the Metro Hockey League East Division a year ago.

That could change this season. The Knights battle Allen Park, Detroit Country Day, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Brownstown Woodhaven and Wyandotte Roosevelt.

The Knights played 10 league games, and non-league contests against Warren DeLaSalle, L’Anse Creuse United, Berkley, Port Huron Northern, Romeo, Toledo St. Francis and St. Clair Shores United.

They also compete in the Alpena Tournament and its own holiday tournament with Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competing.

The veteran leadership on the team could lead to bigger and better things this season.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Watch progress

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team made progress last season under new head coach Rob Blum.

As year his second season starts, Blue believes his Norsemen can take another step in the right direction.

Look for returning senior forwards Dominic Vitale, Connor Troost, Tyler Richardson, Ethan McCormick and Tim Cleland to provide vet-

eran leadership, while returning junior forwards Evan Burney and Jason Michalski give the team depth.

Seniors Nick Asimakis and Dylan Holman anchor the defense, and in net junior R.J. Cassar is back.

“We picked up quite a few new players and will have a nice balance of veteran upperclassmen and newer younger guys,” Blum said. “On forward we picked up junior Niko Karoutsos along with sophomores

Zach Potter and Rocco Giammarco and freshmen Matthew Lorelli and Chase Martin. Newly joined sophomores Curt Cameron and Jacob Simcox will join Holman and Asimakis on the point.

“We’re extremely excited to get this season going and feel that we have a great amount of talent to work with this season.”

The Norsemen compete in the MIHL with city rival Grosse Pointe South.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Veterans lead Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team has some unfinished business this season.

Last winter, the Blue Devils were upset by city rival University Liggett School in a Division 3 regional championship game.

Head coach Paul Moretz will use that learning experience to fuel his Blue Devils in the 2020-21 campaign. His

assistant Nate Reilly and manager Kurt Strehlke add a ton of hockey experience to help Moretz.

“We will be a younger team this season but we will also have an experienced core of leaders that we will lean on to get us through the early part of the season as our younger players get acclimated to the level of play that is expected,” Moretz said. “This will be a fun group to coach and a group that will

improve tremendously from the start to the end of the season.”

He lost some explosive players to graduation, but look for veteran players Dean Therriault, Aaron Vyletel and Jacob Spitz to lead the team this season.

Other returning players are David Rivard, Joey Czech, Harry Wright, Zach Wharton, Ryan Benard, Sean Clarke, Max Aldighieri, Remi Fausie and River Kraus.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Flourish
 - 6 "Rabbit, Run" author
 - 12 Tearjerker
 - 13 Construction piece
 - 14 "Anna Christie" playwright
 - 15 Coats
 - 16 Lima's place
 - 17 Father of Thor
 - 19 Away from WSW
 - 20 Style
 - 22 LummoX
 - 24 Most Wanted List org.
 - 27 Elite alternative
 - 29 Bart's sister
 - 32 Lincoln's election year
 - 35 Region
 - 36 Location
 - 37 Storm center
 - 38 Inseparable
 - 40 Osso buco base
 - 42 A cont.
 - 44 Level
 - 46 Apiece
 - 50 Boardroom props
 - 52 Prophet
 - 54 Half a story-piece
 - 55 "My heavens!"
 - 56 Clothing
 - 57 Unlike a rolling stone?
 - 18 Fool
 - 21 Make a choice, with "for"
 - 23 "The Greatest"
 - 24 Shriner's cha-peau
 - 25 Life story, for short
 - 26 Unknowing
 - 28 Waiting area
 - 30 Pigpen
 - 31 Nay canceler
 - 33 Coop denizen
 - 34 Multitude
 - 39 Old anesthetic
 - 41 Starts
 - 42 Turkish potentate
 - 43 "Animal House" group
 - 45 Capri or Wight
 - 47 Dogfight participants
 - 48 23-Down's old name
 - 49 The lady
 - 51 Sixth letter after 53-Down
 - 53 See 51-Down
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of N.B.
 - 2 Lecherous look
 - 3 Poppy drug
 - 4 Lubricate
 - 5 Tunes
 - 6 Wrinkly fruit
 - 7 Challenge for Laurel and Hardy in "The Music Box"
 - 8 Saharan
 - 9 Obsession
 - 10 "Show Boat" composer
 - 11 Gaelic
 - 12 Doo- — music

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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