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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

City manager raise approved

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Grosse Pointe Park City Council voted 6-1 in a continued special meeting Monday, Feb. 1, to approve City Manager Nick Sizeland's 11 percent pay raise, bringing

his salary to \$100,000, per negotiations established in his contract. At the start of the meeting, Mayor Robert Denner stated no votes were taken in the previous meeting, Jan. 25. After the previous meet-



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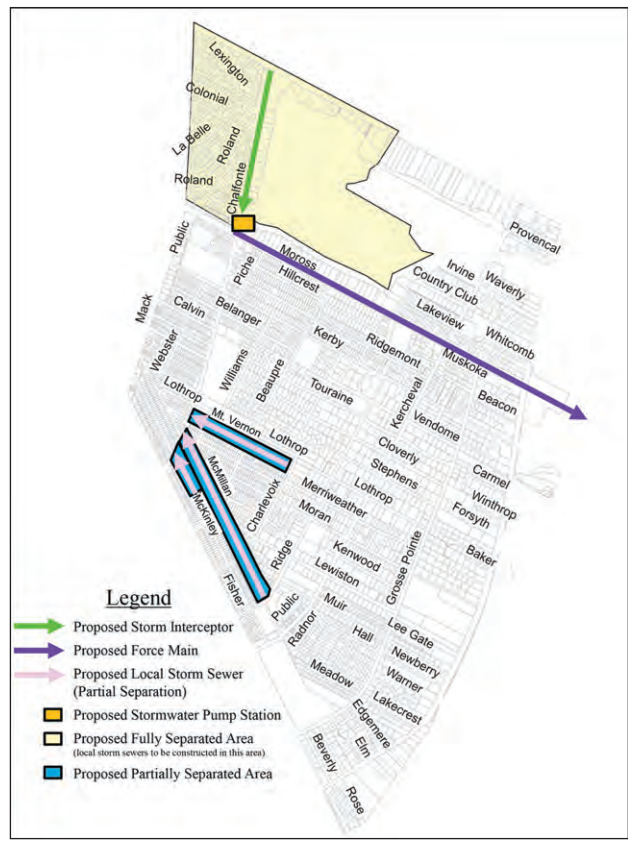
Final call

Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, left, and exiting Chief John Schulte listen to the radio broadcast of Schulte's final call: "Attention all stations. Today we honor the longtime dedication of a man who served the community for 42 years with distinction, integrity and honor. Chief John Schulte has earned the respect of his subordinates and that of his colleagues through his commitment to providing an outstanding service to those he has led and those he has served. Today, the village of Grosse Pointe Shores honors that commitment by recognizing Chief Schulte for his leadership, commitment to excellence and his many years of service to the community. Chief Schulte, we thank you for your commitment to the village of Grosse Pointe Shores and surrounding communities. Enjoy your retirement sir. (Schulte's radio call sign) 441, you will be sorely missed. Station 40, clear."

Inland district sewer separation?

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While the storm water and sanitary sewer system in the Farms lakeside district were separated in the early 2000s, the inland district has remained combined because it does not slope toward Lake St. Clair, which would make separation far easier. The city now is considering partial separation of the inland district in order to increase the level of service for the district, reduce the likelihood of basement flooding, reduce the extent and duration of street flooding and reduce annual Great Lakes Water Authority sewage fees. Two years ago, Hubbell, Roth and Clark



DESIGN MAP COURTESY OF HRC

The map shows the areas of focus for the recommended sewer separation project in the inland district.

GPPSS considers contract extensions

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The contract renewal of four Grosse Pointe Public School System executive administrators, which is routine in nature, spurred discussion during the Jan. 25 meeting of the GPPSS Board of Education due to the current superintendent search. With concern raised over the possibility a new superintendent may want to put his or her own people in place, a

suggestion was made to consider delaying the decision until May or June. "I would like to see if maybe we could come up with some type of modification to it," Trustee Ahmed Ismail said, "so that the superintendent who's coming in puts his team together." However, it was debated that a new superintendent would prefer to depend on an already established team. "Superintendents generally come in and learn

how to work with the team that's assembled," Vice President Margaret Weertz said, "a team that I'm really proud of that's taken a long time to get this good and this qualified. All the superintendents I've worked with, they don't come in and replace top-level administrators. They actually need them to learn the ropes of this district and the details of this district." The executive administrators currently up for

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Dems call for Seely's censure

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Among the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club's first orders of business for 2021 was to draft and adopt a resolution calling on the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council to

censure one of its members for challenging the Michigan presidential election results. Shores Councilman Matt Seely and his wife, Alexandra, were among seven individual plaintiffs in a suit filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

"We felt it necessary to call out this wrongdoing because it was rooted in fallacy and deception, and these lies continue to cause harm to our democracy," Grosse Pointe Democratic Club 2nd Vice President Colton Dale said via

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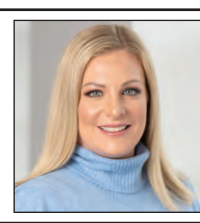
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New chamber podcast benefits local businesses

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce continues to work tirelessly to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work and play in Grosse Pointe. As part of its efforts, it recently launched its Chamber Chat podcast, highlighting local businesses that shape the Grosse Pointe community.

“We decided to launch a podcast here at the chamber as a way to help showcase all of the incredible businesses within the chamber with a more personal touch,” said Rachele Wright, the chamber’s social media

To listen to Chamber Chat on Anchor, visit <https://anchor.fm/gp-chamber>

To listen on Spotify, visit <https://open.spotify.com/show/47DEEWcPj7hap12Bt9Q9Cm>

To watch on YouTube, visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_181FHeXZTWNh11D9N3Sow

director. “As a chamber made up of mainly small businesses, we know how important it is for them to have content to promote and share digitally about what they’re doing — and often. As video and audio content continues to become more and more important on social media, email marketing and on websites, we knew that a podcast that was presented in both an audio and video format was the perfect way to help them grow.”

Each Chamber Chat

audio recording is available on all traditional platforms that host podcasts, including Spotify and iTunes. To watch an episode, the chamber records the interviews on Zoom and posts them on YouTube.

“The interviews are a Q&A format between us here at the chamber and the business owners and representatives themselves,” said Wright, who also hosts the podcast. “We typically ask questions that allow them to tell us about their business in their own words,

what makes them unique to the community, allow them to share a few memorable experiences they’ve had while running their business and why they love being a part of this Grosse Pointe community.

“These interviews also allow business owners to continuously share this content over and over again, allowing the content to work more for them than a traditional Facebook or Instagram post that sort of dies down after a day or so.” Each episode is around

15 to 20 minutes, “which is just enough time to get insight into the businesses, the owners, and leave you wanting to find out more on your own,” she added.

Currently, the chamber plans to post two or three episodes per month, but hopes, as the podcast grows in popularity among businesses and residents, to post weekly episodes.

“We are covering topics we feel are of relevance at this time of year,” Wright explained, “and then select experts

(members) in that industry who will provide us with a learning and impactful experience; however, the podcast is open and available to any chamber member who would like to be featured.”

Those interested should email socialmedia@grossepointechamber.com to schedule an interview.

The chamber also offers low-cost commercial opportunities for those who would rather skip the interview but still promote their business. To learn more, email socialmedia@grossepointechamber.com or call (313) 881-4722.

The Dragich Law Firm promotes Vintevoghel to partner

The Dragich Law Firm recently announced attorney Amanda Vintevoghel has been elevated to the role of partner at the City of Grosse Pointe firm.

Vintevoghel is integrally involved in the firm’s active corporate restructuring practice, representing businesses in restructurings and wind-downs both inside and outside of court. She also is a commercial litigator who represents clients across a number of

industries in state and federal courts, as well as in alternative dispute resolution forums, and advises clients in various business transactions, including the negotiation and drafting of commercial contracts, corporate formation and the sale or acquisition of assets and businesses.

Vintevoghel is an active member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Turnaround Management Association, where she is

a member of the TMA Board of Directors. She also is the past president of the TMA Detroit Chapter.

“Amanda has shown great dedication to our practice, our clients, and she is an active member of the community,” said David Dragich, founder of The Dragich Law Firm. “We are proud to have Amanda as a new partner, which is a role that will allow her to deliver even more value to our clients.”

Rollinger named Family Physician of the Year

Kathleen Rollinger, D.O., having completed her family medicine residency at Bon Secours Hospital and continuing to serve patients at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, recently was named Family Physician of the Year 2020 by the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians. Rollinger also received the Women of Excellence Award for 2019-20 from the Michigan Osteopathic Association for exemplary leadership in the field of medicine.

Rollinger has lived and practiced on the east side her entire career. She is committed to patient and family-centered care, including women’s health and low-risk obstetrics at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe and the surrounding communities. Her office is located in St. Clair Shores.



Kathleen Rollinger, D.O.

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length and, as we’re all in this together, let’s keep things upbeat and positive.

Along with local sub-

missions, our new section will feature syndicated columns, including:

- ◆ Dear Abby, advice columnist
- ◆ Ann Landers, advice columnist
- ◆ Lindsey Novak, career coach
- ◆ Robert Whitley, wine aficionado
- ◆ Amy Alkon, aka the

Advice Goddess

Additionally, horoscopes and Solunar Tables will be featured in the section, which also will serve as the new home for our longstanding Ask the Experts columns, provided by The Family Center; Ask Jeff and Debra, provided by addiction and intervention specialists Jeff and Debra Jay; and the newest addition to the Grosse Pointe News, our two-page comics spread that has received tremendous accolades from subscribers.

Email your submissions to media@grossepointenews.com and keep a look out for this new section, which will make its debut soon.

Aretée welcomes new staff

Aretée Day Spa in Grosse Pointe Woods recently announced the addition of four new team members to its growing business. Each brings her own specialties, expertise and creativity to build clientele and ensure long-standing relationships with the spa’s current customers.

Owner and hairstylist Olga Tecos said she is thrilled to add such talent to her staff.

“We are so happy to have these fabulous and talented people join our tight-knit team,” Tecos said. “These professionals bring enthusiasm, edginess and experience. Together with our current staff, we make up a high-caliber team, delivering precision and excellence to our clients and meeting the holistic needs and expectations of our communities.”

Each new hire is fully licensed and well-known throughout the Pointes communities.

◆ Geri L., hairstylist — Formerly of La Moda Salon, Geri has accrued 40 years of experience in the industry. She keeps her skills sharp by continuously attending hair shows to stay ahead of trends and helps mentor younger stylists.

◆ Patty H., nail tech — Patty’s career as a nail tech in the Pointes spans 30 years, including La Moda and the Coliseum salons. Her level of experience and passion for her work ensures each person receives high-quality service and attention. She excels at nail care, using creativity and precision to strengthen and beautify each client’s hands and feet.

◆ Maria A., massage therapist — Formerly of Terme Day Spa, Maria is renowned for her vast knowledge of various modalities and gentle manner, which have helped her build a solid clientele. Her goal is to improve her clients’ physical and mental well-being, customizing massages to individual needs.

◆ Stevie P., esthetician — Stevie is a certified esthetician who graduated from the prestigious L’esprit Academy. Her goal is to provide facials that result in radiant complexions as part of the journey toward optimal health. Her attentiveness and cutting-edge approach have impressed the spa’s clientele and she continues to attract a regular following.

For more information, call Aretée Day Spa at (313) 423-0087.

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*Terms expiring (4-year terms):
Council Members
Maureen Juip
Christopher D. Walsh
Daniel J. Williams

Grosse Pointe Farms

(313) 885-6600 • www.grossepointefarms.org
Salary: Mayor, \$900, Council Members, \$600
4-year terms for Council Members;
2-year term for Mayor
Filing deadline: TBD
*Terms expiring:
Mayor:
Louis Theros
Council Members
James C. Farquhar Jr.
John Gillooly
Beth Konrad-Wilberding
Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$22,272
Matthew R. Rumora

Grosse Pointe Park

(313) 822-6200 • www.grossepointepark.org
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4-year terms for Council Members;
2-year term for Mayor
Filing deadline: TBD
*Terms expiring:
Mayor
Robert Denner
Council Members
Darci McConnell
Lauri Read
James E. Robson
Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$23,000
Carl F. Jarboe.....term expires 12-21

Grosse Pointe Woods

(313) 343-2440 • www.gpwmi.us
Salary: Mayor, \$6,000; Council Members, \$3,750
4-year terms for Council Members and Mayor
Filing deadline: TBD
*Terms expiring:
Mayor
Robert E. Novitke
Council Members
Victoria Granger
Todd A. McConaghy
Vacant

Grosse Pointe Shores

(313) 881-6565 • www.gpshoresmi.gov
No salary for Mayor or Council Members
4-year terms for Council Members and Mayor
Filing deadline: TBD
Terms expiring:
Council Members
Robert H. Barrette Jr.
Matthew Seely
Municipal Judge, 4-year term
Matthew R. Rumora.....term expires 12-21

City of Harper Woods

(313) 343-2500 • www.harperwoodscity.org
Salary: Mayor, \$2,700, Council Members, \$2,400
4-year terms for Council Members; 2-year term for Mayor
Filing deadline: TBD
*Terms expiring:
Mayor
Valerie Kindle
Council Members
Ernestine Lyons
Vivian Sawicki
Ivery Toussant Jr.

*Unless otherwise specified, all seats expire in November and will be on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot. Source: LWV-GP

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“Chamber Chat”

Jennifer Palms Boettcher

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From left, former Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni, Sgt. Joseph Srebernak, Sgt. Michael Herrgott and City Manager Pete Dame.



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Srebernak's wife, Helen, pins his badge on.



Herrgott's father, David, pins his badge on.

Promotions

Michael Herrgott and Joseph Srebernak, who have been public safety officers in the City of Grosse Pointe approximately five years, were promoted to sergeant during a ceremony at the new public safety building Monday, Jan. 11.

Previously a sergeant in Grosse Pointe Park, Srebernak retired from the department in 2016, and came to the City.

Before joining the City's department, Herrgott was a sergeant in the Pontiac Police Department.



Srebernak is sworn in as a sergeant by City Clerk Julie Arthurs.



Herrgott is sworn in as a sergeant by City Clerk Julie Arthurs.

July 16 proclaimed Mark Dybis Day

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council proclaimed July 16, 2021, Mark Dybis Day at a meeting Monday, Jan. 25.

In the proclamation, Mayor Robert Novitke explained that Dybis gave 65 percent of his liver to his brother-in-law, Dave Galbenski, in November 2019.

"Dybis became a living organ donor and donated what was clearly the gift of life," Novitke said.

Galbenski was officially put on a transplant list Feb. 14, 2019, not only Valentine's Day, but also National Donor Day. He had been diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis in 2013, a disease that, without a transplant, ultimately leads to the cessation of liver function.

On Nov. 25, 2020, Dybis and family celebrated the one-year anniversary of the donation that saved Galbenski's life.

Dybis and Galbenski plan to attend the 2020 Donate Life Transplant

Games, which have been rescheduled for July 16, 2021. According to the host organization, Transplant Games of America, the games are a "multi-sport festival for individuals who have undergone a life-saving transplant surgery." The event is aimed at honoring these individuals and their families for their "life-saving generosity" and recognizing donation success.

To coincide with the beginning of the Life Transplant Games, July 16 was proclaimed Mark Dybis Day in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"This was a proclamation that everybody wanted issued," Novitke said. "It's nice also when somebody takes the position on something instead of just talking about it, that they actually do it and ... you set that type of example."

Dybis thanked the council for the hard work they put in to daily operations and expressed his love for the community of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I hope to live up to the honor you bestowed on me today," Dybis said.

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was commissioned to evaluate the system in both the inland and lake-side districts via metering to determine where flows of storm water are entering the system and then identify the most efficient way of addressing the issue.

The engineering team now is recommending separation of the systems north of Moross — a new storm sewer would be constructed along the road with the old sewer converted into the sanitary system — as well as those on Mount Vernon,

McMillian and McKinley; a storm interceptor down Chalfonte; and a pumping station at the corner of Moross and Chalfonte. The city purchased the corner property for \$393,000 in August 2019.

Including engineering costs and road repair after storm sewers are laid, the project currently is estimated to cost \$21 million to \$27 million.

"Even though someone's particular street doesn't look like it's got any action on it, know that the fix is to help the entire inland district, not just the streets that are being dug up and having sewer work," Mayor Louis Therios explained.

"If one side has the majority of work, the other side of town still benefits from that water coming out of the system, because that means any water on that side of the district can be handled much easier as it comes into our pumping station."

The designs would reduce surcharging and potential for basement flooding by 58 percent; reduce the peak flow by 112 CFS; and reduce the volume at the Kerby pump station by .52 million gallons, which is a 32 percent reduction in peak flow and a 17 percent reduction in volume.

If the infrastructure is constructed to be expandable, the city would have the option to consider additional separation in the future.

HRC also explored other alternatives to separation such as in other areas of the inland district.

The options, which would remove 100 percent of the flow from the Kerby Road Pump Station, were to either separate the entire inland district or build a giant storm water retention basin near Kerby. These would take \$60 million to \$183 million to accomplish, Jesse

VanDeCreek of HRC said.

"There's not another alternative that is as cost effective and can give us that much benefit at this cost," he said of the recommended proposal. "It rises up above all the other combinations of alternatives that we looked at with the overall benefit."

An approximate \$160,000 proposal by HRC to begin the design engineering will be placed before council during its next meeting Monday, Feb. 8.

Assuming council approval, HRC will get to work on the basis of design report, which includes surveying physical assets and various alternative routes for the infrastructure to determine the least disruptive and most economically beneficial way to facilitate conveying the storm water over Ridge Road. The work will take around six months to

complete, at which time at least three different route alternatives will be brought to council.

Once a route is accepted by the city, pursuing the formal permits necessary could take another six to nine months, which puts city staff a year to a year and half out from issuing any bids to contractors. The construction itself would then take two to three years.

Since the 2011 flooding, the city also has upgraded the Kerby Road Pump Station, built a new standby generator for the station and installed restrictive catch basins in the inland district.

"Our judgment regarding our settlement of the basement flooding cases has a provision in there that we are to do some sewer fixes," Therios said, "so this is as much of a need to do as we have to do to comply with that order."

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email. "Signing on to that bogus lawsuit was shameful of him and we expect better from our community's elected officials, no matter their political party."

The lawsuit alleged Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, along with Wayne County election officials, allowed fraud and incompetence to corrupt the conduct of the November 2020 election and did not follow Michigan's Election Code.

Specific claims included unlawful ballot duplication, counting of ineligible ballots and pre-dated absentee voter ballots. It also alleged the county used ballot tabulators shown to miscount votes for Trump-Pence toward Biden-Harris.

"There was a reason to question whether or not the election results were correct and I think that any voter, regardless of what your political party is, will want to make sure that our elections are running with integrity," Seely said. "... The fact that (the club is) trying to basically punish people

for exercising their First Amendment right is against every principle of who we are as a country. They can disagree with me, but censure me because I basically said, let's make sure that the

election was conducted with integrity and that the results are accurate? It's just too bad that we've gotten to this point as a country. We used to be able to respectfully disagree."

The lawsuit has since been voluntarily withdrawn by the lead plaintiff.

"We've all obviously moved on and accepted the election results," Seely said.

The resolution

WHEREAS, A properly conducted general election was held Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and Democratic presidential candidate Joseph Biden won that election; and

WHEREAS, Now-President Joseph Biden received approximately 154,000 more votes than Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump and his supporters have falsely claimed that he received more votes than Joseph Biden in the State of Michigan and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Over 60 lawsuits have been filed in the State of Michigan and around the country alleging fraud in the voting process of this election; and

WHEREAS, In none of those lawsuits has any fraud been established nor have any election or voting irregularities been discovered that would change the results of the election; and

WHEREAS, Grosse Pointe Shores City Council Member Matthew Seely was a plaintiff in a bogus lawsuit filed in United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan that

falsely claimed election illegitimacy in Wayne County and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The lawsuit was voluntarily dismissed by the lead plaintiff only after misinformation spread that the Wayne County Board of Canvassers declined to certify Wayne County's election results, which was and remains to be wholly untrue; and

WHEREAS, The lawsuit filed by Council Member Seely perpetuated lies originated by Donald Trump and others that the election was rigged or illegitimate; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Seely's position as an elected official gave credence to the lie that the election was rigged or illegitimate and contributed to the insurrection at our nation's Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Board of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club demands that Grosse Pointe Shores City Council formally censure Council Member Matthew Seely for his involvement in perpetuating lies that undermine our democracy.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission and Master Plan Community Visioning Session, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

- ◆ Date Skate at Patterson Park is CANCELED. All individuals registered will receive a refund.

4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Empowering women to pick themselves up financially

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Melissa Fradenburg began her career in what she described as “the stereotype of what a stockbroker is” — plopping down at a desk, picking up the phone and calling person after person.

“You start dialing and smiling and try to sell people stuff,” Fradenburg laughed.

She quickly disliked the idea of the sales job. Fradenburg used the position to help her get licensed in the financial world and left soon after the licensure was complete.

“I ended up working at a bagel shop,” Fradenburg said as she recounted her summer of 2001. “Not everyone knows what (they) want to do. Sometimes you kind of fall into things.”

As Fradenburg worked through that summer, she fell into a new opportunity.

Her dad ended up getting her an interview with Oppenheimer Funds through a friend of his in New York City. Fradenburg and the friend talked on the phone and scheduled the interview first thing on a Tuesday morning in the World Trade Center.

When she got off the



COURTESY PHOTO

Melissa Fradenburg

phone, her mom reminded her of the hair appointment she made the same Tuesday morning. Fradenburg said she could not miss the hair appointment, so she got back on the phone and moved the meeting up to Monday. “So I went on Monday, which was Sept. 10, 2001,” Fradenburg said. “Needless to say, the next day, I did not get that job.”

The position

Fradenburg was pursuing when she narrowly avoided the 9/11 catastrophe she later got with the Hartford Funds, which ultimately brought her to Michigan.

After meeting her husband and having two children,

Fradenburg decided to transition to the role of stay-at-home mom. She picked up do-it-yourself projects during the same time.

“I felt bad spending money,” Fradenburg said, explaining it was hard for her to do so when she felt like it was her husband’s. So, she started picking up money-saving tricks.

“I love to decorate,” she said. “I would try to find inexpensive ways to do things. ... I just love finding DIY projects. I love to find things, I love to save money ... find things at Home Goods and Target and make it look high-end. It drives my husband nuts.”

Her time as a stay-at-home mom was what eventually inspired her purpose-driven career in financial planning aimed toward women.

“I connected with moms and made friends, and I was blown away by the dynamic that women give up interesting jobs to stay home with their kids,” Fradenburg recounted. “A lot of really smart, educated women with great careers take time off and I see that they lose confidence — especially with money; they feel like they’re spending their husband’s money.”

“I saw a few friends go through divorce and they felt lost, or stay in bad marriages because they’re financially dependent on their spouse.”

Fradenburg’s mother’s need of financial help was ultimately the spark that led her back to work.

“My own mother went through a later-in-life divorce that blindsided her,” Fradenburg said. “At 60 (years old), she had to rethink her whole life.”

She brought her mother to a financial advisor in Grosse Pointe, who encouraged Fradenburg and gave her the means to go back to work in the financial world.

“I knew that this was my purpose,” she said. “I didn’t need to go back to work financially, but I felt useless.”

She aimed her career goals at helping women, which ultimately moved her to a firm owned by women.

In November 2019, Fradenburg opened a branch of Pearl Planning in Grosse Pointe, a company whose story and origin stems from wanting to help women empower themselves by getting a hold on their finances.

“One of our focuses is really just being approachable and not taking the approach that your investments (or) finances (are) so complicated that you have to work with us,” Fradenburg said.

“You’re going to be OK. (We just want) to give people the peace of mind that they can do this.”

Though Pearl Planning does market toward women, its clients include men and couples, as well.

Fradenburg said the company feels like a much better fit than the groups she had worked for previously.

“I worked with all males,” Fradenburg said. “It’s a man’s world. It’s changing, but it’s just one of those industries where there (are) not as many women. I’d love to encourage more women because I think it’s a place where we should be.”

Outside of work, Fradenburg has made commitments in the community that strive toward the same goal of uplifting other women. She is a board member of Phoenia, a Grosse Pointe charity that partners with shelters and nonprofit organizations to help women survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or homelessness rebuild their lives. The organization’s name comes from combining the words “phoenix” and “female.” They use the slogan: “A woman rising from ashes.”

RAISE:

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ing, the chairman of the personnel committee, Councilman Jim Robson, was to meet with Sizeland to convey the sense of the council as it related to his personnel review.

“There has been a great deal of speculation on the discussions held in closed door in the public,” Denner said. “I want to emphasize that closed

door discussions are strictly confidential.”

Denner moved that the council set Sizeland’s salary to \$100,000, honor the provisions in Sizeland’s contract, summarize goals for Sizeland and give him feedback in six months.

Councilman Vikas Relan stated he was looking forward to working with Sizeland, but has an issue with raises in the current state of the world.

“I do have an issue with giving anyone a

raise at this point,” Relan said. “Working in my job, or corporate, I understand that COVID is still pretty relevant and prevalent. Through my work, I understand that not many people are getting raises.”

During the special council meeting Jan. 25, Relan voted to approve a 4 percent pay raise for Jane Blahut, city finance director/clerk/treasurer, without mentioning COVID.

Relan expressed a desire to move the raise back to be enacted after Sizeland’s next evaluation, six months from now.

Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt stated she felt the council should have been going back into closed session and that no more room for private discussion was a surprise to her. Fluitt said she would be voting no.

“First of all, this was not what I expected,” Fluitt said. “I thought we

would be going back into closed session for further discussion so this is a surprise.

“I would have to agree with the issue with the pay increase,” Fluitt said. “I don’t think it’s commensurate with his experience. I also think an 11 percent pay increase is pretty big and I don’t think that’s appropriate if we are going to be coming back and doing another review in six months.”

Fluitt also asked to establish a date in six months for the review session. Denner responded that the calendar fluctuates and that is why he left it open with the six-month timeframe.

Robson said he is in approval of the increase due to the relationally low salary Sizeland receives.

“Even with that \$10,000 increase ... the \$100,000 salary would still make Mr. Sizeland

the lowest paid city manager of all the Grosse Pointes,” Robson said. “In that context, I am comfortable with the increase.”

Councilwoman Darci McConnell stated she was grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with everyone and that she will be voting yes.

“While I have some concerns about granting a pay increase for many reasons, it’s my understanding that this was part of the initial contract negotiations and, if not granted, this ... could result in a protracted legal battle, ultimately cost taxpayer dollars,” McConnell said. “So I will be voting yes for the reasons I just mentioned and I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues as well as the city manager.”

The motion to approve Sizeland’s pay increase was passed 6-1, with Fluitt voting no.

After the vote was taken, Fluitt proposed an investigation into who

may have leaked information from the closed session Monday, Jan. 25.

“I think it’s important to say that someone may have broken the law,” Fluitt said. “Without disclosing any details, based on the information contained in the various emails that we received, many of which had similar claims and verbiage, I believe this effort was meant to have an effect on what are supposed to be confidential deliberations. ...

“I’m going to ask that council begin an investigation into who broke the confidentiality to which we were enjoined by the city attorney,” she said. “There are legal consequences, in fact, when issues related to the Open Meetings Act have come to court in the past; intent has played an important part. I believe confidentiality was broken with intent.”

Fluitt’s proposal was tabled and placed on the agenda for the city council meeting scheduled Monday, Feb. 8.

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Unemployment fraud

A 54-year-old Grosse Pointe man discovered his identity had been used to fraudulently apply for unemployment in Ohio.

Political feuding revisited

After attending a Trump rally in early January, a 54-year-old Grosse Pointe woman found herself to be a target of social media attacks. Following social media posts, she was the target of bulletin board flyers in two area businesses. The victim accused the 48-year-old Farms woman who made the social media posts.

Subsequent investigation from the police found that the Farms woman was out of town when the flyers were placed and is not a suspect.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Expensive identity theft

A 79-year-old Shores man filed a report Thursday, Jan. 28, after being notified a credit card had been opened in his name with a Detroit address. It already had \$10,000 worth of purchases charged to it.

Awaiting charges

Felony charges of fleeing and eluding, false ID,

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operating under the influence and driving while license suspended currently are awaiting authorization by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for a 41-year-old St. Clair Shores man.

After traveling approximately 60 mph on Lakeshore Road at 8:02 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, the man was arrested for eight valid warrants and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .22 percent.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Not my card

A business in the 17000 block of Mack received a call from an unknown individual wanting to purchase items over the phone at 3:06 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

The cardholder notified the business they did not authorize use of the card, indicating credit card fraud was occurring. The business stopped the sale.

The identity of the caller is unknown.

Another town

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested on a warrant by City of Grosse Pointe public safety at 12:26 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27.

He also was found to have an outstanding war-

rant for his arrest in Grosse Pointe Park.

New account

At noon Tuesday, Jan. 19, a woman discovered that a Home Depot credit card had been opened in her name without her knowledge.

The victim canceled the account.

Warrants

Shortly after 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, a 31-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Somerset.

Upon stopping him, the public safety officer discovered the driver had several warrants out for his arrest.

Unemployment at all costs

A woman in the 1000 block of Whittier realized at 12:39 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, that someone had filed for unemployment in her name.

The suspect is yet unknown.

Defective equipment

Public safety stopped a 33-year-old Detroit woman at 10:14 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, near Mack and Nottingham for having defective equipment.

She was arrested when the officer found she had been driving on a suspended license and had a warrant out for her arrest.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Incognito

A 43-year-old Detroit man was noticed driving his 2002 Mercury at Mack and Bournemouth with no headlights at 12:53 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27.

The man had no form of ID to present the officer who pulled him over; he was found to be driving on a suspended license.

The man was issued citations for both offenses.

47 in a 25

At 3:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, a Detroit man was pulled over at Allard and Arthur for driving 47 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone.

The 18 year-old driver of the 2020 Nissan also had a suspended license.

He was issued citations for both offenses.

Broken window

A resident of the 1900 block of Prestwick noticed a man wearing a blue surgical mask and blue latex gloves at the side of her mother's car at 4:09 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

She stated the suspect was holding "a window-punch tool."

The suspect then broke a window on the car, at which point the resident shouted at him.

He fled north on Craig Street in a white Chevy

Impala.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Double-digit suspensions

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested for 24 suspensions and five arrest warrants after being pulled over for improper plates on westbound Mack Avenue at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

Trespassing

After being advised two days prior to not return, a 61-year-old Detroit man was arrested for trespassing in a business in the 19000 block of Mack

Avenue at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Three felony warrants

A 45-year-old Farms man was arrested Thursday, Jan. 28, for three felony warrants for fraud, child support and theft.

Possession of drug paraphernalia

A 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia after being involved in a vehicle accident at Fisher Road and Lakeshore Road at 8:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Fitness classes resume

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Group fitness classes return to the Woods Community Center Monday, Feb. 8.

According to Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart, classes return after being shut down Tuesday, Nov. 10.

As of Wednesday, Jan. 13, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services had given orders to allow indoor fitness classes to resume.

The procedure is the same as it was previously.

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The Corner Studio celebrates the month of togetherness, family, friends and self-love with Valentine's-worthy gifts for all.

Partnering with several retail stores in the area, The Corner Studio launched its "Avenue in the Woods Studio-to-Street Valentine's Giveaway". Feb. 1-12 Corner customers who spend \$75 on retail, classes, or sauna sessions will be entered to win one of four prizes, including gold earrings from Ahee Jewelers, designer sunglasses from Girlie Girl, a blowout and hair products from Vintage Room Salon, and a designer handbag sponsored by The Corner. The winners will be announced Feb. 13.

Wellness-inspired gifts, including new retail for both men and women from Alo Yoga, Beyond Yoga, Varley, Beach Riot and Avocado and couple's sauna special for \$20, are available for purchase in the Corner boutique.



For the entire month of February, The Corner is accepting donations to Blanketed With Love, a local charity that gives blankets to those in need. Drop off a store-bought or homemade blanket to the studio and receive a choice of free sauna session, open gym pass or 10% off a retail item.




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OUR VIEW

Administrative team in place?

As the search for a new school superintendent gets underway, the Board of Education also must consider renewal of individual contracts for several of the district's top administrators.

At their Jan. 25 meeting, board members discussed whether new superintendents prefer to select their own team and what lengths of contract extensions are appropriate.

The answers seem to be that new superintendents rarely, if ever, want to clean house immediately; one expert suggested a solid executive team often helps attract well-qualified candidates to the top job. When new superintendents do realign staff, it's generally over a period of years.

It is considered the norm in education circles for top administrators to sign individual three-year contracts and then, after a year or two, receive annual one-year extensions. New superintendents know they will arrive to find virtually every employee under contract.

The contracts under consideration cover people Superintendent Gary Niehaus described as the executive administrative team. If approved by the board at its meeting Monday, the extensions would go to June 30, 2023, according to Superintendent Niehaus' memo.

In the Grosse Pointe Public School System, two deputy superintendents get a base salary of \$148,032; for the three directors whose contracts are under consideration, it's \$134,693. Their contracts also include fringe benefits, bonuses for good evaluations and a longevity factor, among other adjustments.

The four contracts awaiting renewal are for Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean and Directors Maureen Bur, Keith Howell and Stefanie Hayes. Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson, the other executive administrator at this level, is not involved since she was hired mid-2020 and signed a three-year contract then.

While we understand that a one year contract extension may be necessary for some of these administrators, we suggest that the board members take a hard look at the administrative team they want the new superintendent to inherit.

District weathers loss of students

Michigan's public schools have weathered the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic without too much financial disruption, thank heavens. That includes the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and credit should go where it's due — to the state budget worked out late last summer by the governor and the Michigan Legislature.

The district's enrollment fell by 526, compared to the original budget estimate of a loss of 200. But with a revised accounting method for enrollment, the district got charged for losing the equivalent of only 122 students. The district also had budgeted for a cut in per-student financial aid, when in fact the final state budget held the grant steady.

The district also has faced increasing expenses, of course, including for new staff contracts and one-time bonuses based on financial metrics from the 2020 fiscal year.

There have been extra expenses because of COVID-19, and it's not clear whether increased federal spending for schools will cover all of them. The lack of receipts from athletic events is another missing element.

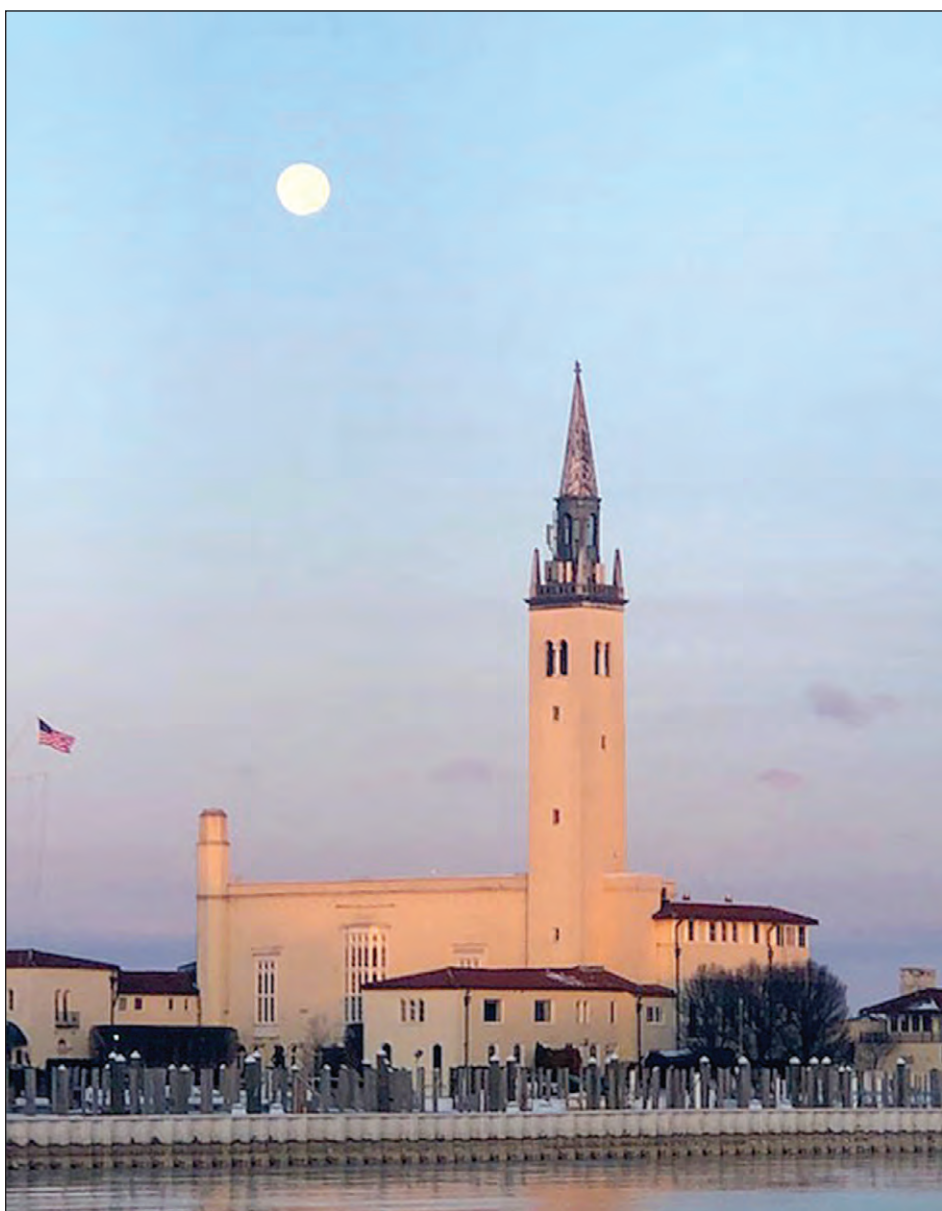
So, despite the mostly good news, the district still expects expenses to exceed revenues. The district's fund balance, or accumulated savings that help

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Joe Rich, now of St. Clair Shores, sent in this photo, stating, "I was driving down Lakeshore on my way home from work, about 5:30 yesterday (Jan. 27), and found the most beautiful picture of the yacht club. The sun was shining on the club and the moon in the background. I named it 'The Sun and the Moon.' Thought your readers would love it!" We are sure they will! Thanks, Joe!

PHOTO BY JOE RICH

GUEST VIEW By Ada Johnson

Ask your teen, 'Are you OK?'

What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candor and more unashamed conversation"; but what does that mean to you? Mental health is realizing to what

extent an individual can cope with stress or psychological issues. It is vital to keep it at the first of priorities to function in everyday life. Students deal with stress, trauma and a multitude of pressures every day. As a community, we should be paying attention, looking out for one another and making sure we have affordable mental health care in our communities.

Some students go without the mental health care they need simply because the social or financial cost of help is more than they can afford. Parents often get fixated on success/education and unwittingly prioritize college admissions above their child's mental health. Many teens hide their mental health needs because they are afraid to ask for help and face their parents' disappointment.

It's a vicious cycle that comes at the cost of a student's health. Suicide has been the third leading cause of death between ages 15 to 19 for too long. It's time students get the help they deserve, instead of worrying about if they're good enough. How can we do better? I think we can begin by having regular, casual conversations at the dinner table about mental wellness and simply asking if your child is really OK? Could we scale back our focus on grades and achievement and just ask, "How are you feeling?"

The pain and finality of suicide never fully subsides and leaves us all with lingering questions of what we could have done differently. How did we miss the signs of a fatal disease? Did we just not pay close enough attention to the signs? Friends, staff members and family members wish they could go back and catch the early signs of their loved one's crippling mental health needs, but are left with the pain of all the "what-ifs." As a community, it's our responsibility to help youths get the help

they need. What if we normalized conversations about mental health? What if we ended the stigma surrounding it so there is one less barrier to help?

The thing about mental health is that it can consume individuals, impeding their day-to-day functioning. "One in five youth have a mental health condition, but sadly fewer than half receive any mental health services." (NAMI) And what are the reasons why fewer people are receiving services?

Some people are afraid of speaking out, some believe they can fix it on their own and others cannot afford the help they desire. So they continue to hold everything in like intrusive thoughts and long, sleepless nights and the stress of all of the pressures continually piling on their shoulders.

As adults, you get to make choices that benefit children/young adults; if you do not use that privilege, you are in the wrong. Counselors everywhere offer time to speak with students, a chance to connect or just a chance to breathe. That safe space feels so good, so relieving, but once you walk out of their office, the needs and demands come rushing back. I need to study; I need to do my homework; I need to clean my room; I need to help my family and I need to breathe. We need more safe spaces. Not just counselors' offices, but safe spaces in our homes and our communities where we can speak those brave and necessary words, "I need help."

I implore you all to act. Be the safe parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle. Create safe spaces and be a harbor in the storm for the youths in our community. We need all of you and we can make it through together. I know I vow to "be the change." I am working within my school community to raise awareness about mental health, reduce stigma and increase help-seeking. I am part of a peer-to-peer support program focused on these goals and I won't stop until I make my community a better and safer place for all.

Ada Johnson is a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School. She lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Racial equity

To the Editor; The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Racial Equity Task Force would like to compliment the Grosse Pointe News on two recent articles.

One highlighted Joseph Herd as the first Black president of the Grosse Pointe school

board and the other described the new Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. historical plaque at South High School.

We hope that the Grosse Pointe News continues to provide coverage of news articles supportive of racial equity in the Grosse Pointe community while

also addressing reports and incidences of injustice.

- MARK FRANCHETT
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Good Samaritans

To the Editor: On Wednesday last, Jan. 27, about 10 a.m., my walker collapsed and I fell entangled in it.

Fortunately, my helper, Mary, was in the house and called 911.

Within minutes, two men from MedStar and a police officer, Officer Reygaert, arrived with masks and a portable unit to check my vital signs. They knew exactly how to lift me and asked many questions about any possible injuries. They strongly suggested I go to the ER to get checked out. I felt "fine" and refused same.

Their professionalism, efficiency, courtesy and understanding was outstanding. They refused any "consideration" I offered.

My sincerest thank-you for this outstanding service.

TOM MACKEY
Grosse Pointe Farms

I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Are we addicted to our phones?



Where is your cell phone right now? Perhaps you're reading this on your phone or your computer or reading the paper and your phone is a few inches away.

Cell phones have become the adult "Binky." A security blanket of sorts. We rely on them to store information. We listen to podcasts or audio books, pay bills and watch movies on them. We use

them to socialize. How many times have you said, or heard someone say, "My life is on that phone."

Young people don't set up their voicemail because it's all about texting. They send thousands of texts a month. I don't think they realize their phone is actually a phone. A while back, ABC News did a story on a 16-year-old who needed surgery because she got carpal tunnel from sending over 100 texts a day.

If we need to find information, we use our phone. Want to look up restaurants or movie times? We use our phone. Have a question about something? We use our phone to search for the answer.

People below a certain age don't know what it was like to live without having access to a phone for everything. Back in the day we used the Yellow Pages to find a business or used a road atlas if we were going on a road trip. (I loved those.) GPS didn't exist yet.

I drove by myself from Michigan to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, where I was going to spend time living and working. I had a car with only an AM/FM radio that didn't always get reception. There was no satellite anything. But there were hours of silence on that trip. That wouldn't be the case now.

In today's world it is hard to imagine not hav-

ing a cell phone. When cell phones began to become popular, I resisted getting one. "I don't need one," I said. "I'm fine." Then, not long after uttering what now seems like a ridiculous statement, I got one.

It was great. I couldn't believe the information I had at my fingertips. I could call someone, check email, look things up all without having to be at home or in front of a computer. It was as mobile as I was.

Cell phones are pricey and even though we complain, we still shell out a crazy amount to have one. They are almost less of a phone and more of a camera, a computer and a way to socialize.

Are we addicted to our

cell phones? Are we lost without them? Is it annoying that companies make them out of glass so they break easily? Yes. To all of that.

Look around at people when you are out. Many are glued to their screens. And we've all heard someone in the grocery store chatting away on their phone while they browse the aisles.

It is said the average person looks at their phone more than 100 times a day. I know I have found myself checking email or Facebook during commercials. Really? I think to myself. You can't go 88 seconds without being distracted by your phone?

Do you look at your

phone before going to sleep? Of course, we know we aren't supposed to because it disrupts our sleep and causes eye strain. Don't even get me started with the radiation a cell phone emits. (I have a protective cover). We are supposed to limit our time on our phones, turn down the brightness and turn on the blue light filter.

Do we use our phones to cope with boredom? Maybe. Part of it is that we can find so many things to laugh at, discover, learn and distract us, that at times it is hard to put down. Maybe we could set limits for scrolling and browsing. That sounds like a good idea. I'll make a note of it. Wait, where's my phone?

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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URGE POLICE, FIREMEN MERGER:

The resignation of Police Chief Joseph Trombley of Grosse Pointe Farms has thrown the councils of that village into a quandary and incidentally has revived the dormant agitation for a combining of both the police and fire departments with those of the City of Grosse Pointe.

PARK ASKS FOR PERMIT:

The Contract and Investment company, of which George H. Vawter is president, presented a petition to the Park Village Board of Commissioners asking for an amendment to the present village zoning ordinance which would permit the erection of a clubhouse for the Automobile Club of

Michigan on the southwest corner of East Jefferson and Somerset Road.

Obituaries: John Norton Lord Jr.

1971

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FATHER, SON BOTH WORLD CHAMPIONS:

One might have guessed that since the Detroit area is the hub of iceboating activity in the United States, there would probably be a Pointer or two somewhere who is heavily involved in the sport somehow and may even be a champion of some kind. John Woodhouse sails a Renegade in the International Renegade Ice Yacht Association while his son, Tim, is a member in good standing of the International DN Class Iceboat Association. Both are

world champions.

RESTAURANT PLEA OPPOSED:

A proposed restaurant scheduled to be built on Mack between Lennon and Van Antwerp faced another setback at the regular city council meeting of Grosse Pointe Woods, when residents turned out in force to object to the building and the issue was tabled until the next morning.

Obituaries: Lawrence Knight Butler, Esther Mayo Hartzell, Richard J. Kowalski, John H. Schummer, Elsie O. Bentz, Helen Miller, Mabel E. Lincoln, Kristen Sue Lang

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25 years ago this week

FARMS CUTS NUMBER OF VOTING PRECINCTS:

In a move to save money and make tabulating election results easier, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council voted 6-1 to reduce the number of election precincts from seven to five. However, the Farms now faces the possibility of having fewer delegates at the county convention.

PARK PONDER'S PARKING PERMITS:

The issue of parking permits came up at a recent Park council meeting when a resident concerned about the shortage of parking in certain residential neighborhoods asked about their feasibility.

Deborah Ferris, while talking about a parking lot at the corner of Mack and Beaconsfield, suggested to the council that city officials consider issuing parking permits to residents in certain Park neighborhoods.

Obituaries: Carolyn Postiff Scarborough, Sharon Sophia Spiliadis, Cynthia A. Veen, Albert F. Fiorello Sr., Serie K. Wigton, Dorothy Broucke, Lianna Clark, Stanton Carroll Crawford, Betty Lou Antich, Wayne L. Myers M.D.

2011

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POLICE GIVEN CRUISER:

Even men in blue need a white knight once in a while. In Grosse Pointe Shores, aid is coming in the form of a free police car. An anonymous family in the Shores donated a 2010 Crown Victoria interceptor for the public safety department, taking \$21,000 of pressure off the budget.

TAKING AWAY PARKING METERS:

The odds of getting a parking ticket in The Village are slated to go down this summer when two municipal lots are stripped of coin-operated meters. If things go as planned, meters will be replaced with gated systems, as

in the district's city-owned parking structure. Gates also outfox drivers who park at metered spots without paying.

Obituaries: Donald A. Carter Sr., Peter Hale Gushee, Robert Allen Hollenbeck, Patrick

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from Tim Horton's, to re-zone Parcel # 42 012 01 0063 000, Lots 63 to 74 82 83 and Vacated Alleys Beg at Intersection of N Line of Vernier Rd 204ft Wide and W Line of Beaconsfield Ave 93ft Wide Also Being S E Cor Lot 67 Th N70deg 04m 15s W 150ft Th N19deg 29m 05s E 200ft Th S70deg 04m 15s E 150ft Th S19deg 29m 05s W 200ft Pob 0.69 Acres Obenauer Barber Laing Cos Lafayette Sub Pc Ff L59 P19 WCR from C-2, Special Business District, to C-1, General Business District. The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, 48225.

The lot being requested to be re-zoned is located north of M-102 Vernier Road, south of E. Eight Mile Road and west of Beaconsfield. An area map of the of the proposed parcel to be re-zoned is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before February 24, 2021.

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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GPPSS BUDGET:

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ensure its cash flow, is estimated to remain just below the recommended level of 15 percent of expenditures.

Some additional federal money for schools may still be coming, although it appears to be part of what is being held hostage by Republican legislative leaders as they feud with Gov. Whitmer. They want her to cede emergency powers she and the Health Department have been exercising during the pandemic.

Schools are clearly the wrong pawn in this prolonged dispute. Legislators and the governor should maintain their excellent record of stabilizing schools — especially as districts such as Grosse Pointe aim for full-time schedules next month.

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Backup pump to prevent basement flooding

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Since a pump in the Shores' Cook Road Pump Station broke and became completely inoperable Nov. 30, the station has been operating with only one of two automatic pumps the last two months.

While the pump was sent in for an approximate \$10,000 repair and was reinstalled Jan. 27,

the situation led city officials to consider the necessity of having an extra backup pump on hand.

"Had this happened at any other time during the year, it would have been a major emergency, requiring a pump immediately to be reinstalled," Public Works Director Michael Way said. "Operating that station at nearly 50 percent, meaning only one of two pumps, should not happen for any long

period of time, anything longer than a few days, depending on weather."

Following a unanimous vote by city council during its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, the city will purchase a new ABS submersible dry pit sewage pump for approximately \$28,000, including installation. Staff currently is exploring options for the best price point.

Once the new pump is installed along with the repaired one, the other

pump, currently in working condition but which recently had a fail signal alert, will be sent in for maintenance with an approximate \$10,000 price tag.

Since both pumps were installed at the same time eight years ago, Way said, it's likely the same problems would occur for both within a similar timeframe.

While the station now will have a backup pump in the case of an emer-

gency, the city also plans to swap out the pumps and send one in for maintenance every five years to prevent emergencies from happening in the first place.

This is protocol many pump stations have begun adopting, Way reported.

The purchase comes amid the beginning stages of a major sewer infrastructure project within the city, which could include rebuilding

the Kerby Road Pump Station.

"Is there a chance that we're going to build a new pump station down there?" Way addressed before the vote. "Sure. Is it going to happen in the next two years, in five years, in 10 years? I don't know. When is our current pump that we're running right now going to break? It could break next week and we're going to need a pump to replace it."

Shores to consider state loan for major infrastructure project

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A \$7 million project to repair leaks in the Shores' sewage pipes is nearing the construction phase, which should begin in July if the city does not

request an extension to pursue a loan program through the state.

The necessity of the work is due to a memorandum of understanding between the city and the Southeast Macomb Sewage Disposal to reduce the exceedance of

discharges to the Grosse Pointe Interceptor within an agreed upon series of dates. With the Shores allowed a maximum discharge of 3.0 CFS (cubic feet per second), it was required to pay \$132,000 in fiscal year 2020 as an excess sewage fee.

For months city officials have mentioned the potential of a bond to cover the cost; however, while this remains an option, applying for a loan from the state revolving fund, which is a program through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, will be explored as well.

The city's engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth and Clark, was authorized to submit a letter of intent to the program through a unanimous vote by city council during its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19.

"All it does is buys us a place in line and says Grosse Pointe Shores may want to borrow \$7 million down the road," said Matt Seely, councilman and liaison for the infrastructure committee. He added that the city will have no

obligation to it. "That way, if we look at bond rates, because there's going to be a whole discussion about what's the better value (and) what's the better way to go, we don't close a door for ourselves by not putting this letter of intent in."

The SRF is a low-interest loan with current interest rates of 1.875 percent for a 20-year and 2.125 percent for a 30-year.

If the city chooses to pursue this, the extensive project plan required to apply will cost \$59,900 for HRC to put it together and a public hearing on the matter will need to take place. The city would not be guaranteed to qualify for a loan in this next loan year. In the case it doesn't qualify, said HRC representative Jennifer Morreale, it could apply

the next year with the same project plan.

Although the SRF loan would push the construction start date back to 2022, the rest of the schedule would remain the same, with design construction through 2024; metering for one year for project performance certification; and then data analysis to see if the city is still above its allowable limit of 3.0 CFS.

While taking the route of a bond would require a special election for the residents to vote, the cost of holding a special election is comparable to the cost for HRC putting together the application for state funding, according to Seely.

If city officials decide to take the route of state funding, the application will be submitted in mid-summer.

Woods hosts Snow Creation Contest

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission is conducting a Snow Creation Contest this winter season. Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart is looking forward to the potential the event holds.

"This is the first year that the Citizens' Recreation Commission has put on the Snow Creation Contest, but it is likely that it will become an annual tradition for the residents," Gerhart

said via email. The contest is aimed at getting people outside and being creative in how they build objects with snow, not just in a traditional snowman fashion. Gerhart is encouraging residents to use their imagination.

"The advice I would give to the participants is to have fun and let your imagination soar," she said.

The contest is open to Woods residents of all ages; creations must be family friendly.

Entries are to be submitted in picture form to LFPassistant@gpwmi.us by Sunday, Feb. 28, and should include the name of the snow creation, family name, address and number of children who reside in the house. The entries will be judged and the top three creations will be awarded prizes.

"I'm looking forward to seeing all of the different creations and encouraging families to enjoy the outdoors," Gerhart said.

— Kate Vanderstelt



New chief sworn in

Ken Werenski was sworn in Jan. 27, to his new role as the director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores by Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

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FITNESS: a limit of 11 participants per class and participants are required to register ahead of time for class," according to Gerhart.

Registration for each class is one week ahead of its date and can be done online or by phone at (313) 343-2408. Registration began at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1.

"In order to maintain social distancing, there is

Classes include yoga; chair yoga; Fitness, Vitality and Health; Senior Fit 20-20-20; and Senior Core Strength and Balance. Class participants will remain in 6-by-6-foot squares to maintain social distancing, according to Gerhart.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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Enrollment down, state aid up in GPPSS

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— The first amendment to the Grosse Pointe Public School System 2020-21 budget, initially adopted June 29, will be up for approval during the board of education's next meeting Monday, Feb. 8.

While the first budget amendment is typical this time of year, to reflect details such as finalized state aid and enrollment numbers that were not known when it was adopted, this proposed amendment includes significant changes.

Regardless of the pandemic, Deputy Superintendent for Business Operations Amanda Matheson reported, the district is in a declining enrollment environment, meaning the number of students graduating each year is greater than the number of students coming into kindergarten.

An enrollment projection last spring estimated the district would be down 200 full-time equivalent students from fall 2019 to fall 2020, but final numbers show the fall-to-fall reduction is 526.62.

"That's a big drop," Vice President Margaret Weertz said.

However, thanks to the state's recent finalization of the school-aid act, the district has been granted a "super blend," which means the pupil count from the 2019-20 fiscal year and a portion of the pupil count from this year are taken into consideration when it comes to funding. The super blend has allowed the district to

realize a full-time equivalent student reduction of 122.94 in regard to state funding.

Additionally, although the district had planned on the state cutting around \$600 of funding per pupil, the state ended up providing the same amount as last year, with \$10,224 per pupil.

"With the increase in foundation allowance compared to the budget, as well as faring a little bit better on the FTE, we do have a state-aid increase of approximately \$2.7 million," Matheson reported.

With the district's fee-based programs — Kids Club, Preschool, Safety Town, Camp of Fun, Community Swim, etc. — struggling this year, the amendment includes a \$450,000 transfer into community services fund accounts from the general fund budget.

"The reason for this transfer is because that is pretty darn close to the amount that this fund would be running in deficit without the transfer and a special revenue fund is not supposed to be running in a deficit fund balance position," Matheson said.

While the revenue is affected by the anticipated decrease in tuition and fees, expenditures remain the same due to no significant change in staffing, despite the reduction in program participants. This is because of safety measures in place, including social distancing and smaller classes.

Also reflected in the proposed amendment is the creation of a new fund in the special revenue

fund category for the district's special education center programs to be in compliance with Act 18; fund shifts to address the reduction in purchased lunch revenue in the food service fund; and adjustments to account for staffing changes made since June.

Overall, the district's general fund revenues now are expected to come in a bit short of its expenditures, resulting in \$3,499,342 coming out of its fund equity and leaving the district with an estimated \$14,883,690, which is equivalent to 14.65 percent of its total expenditures for the year.

"Around 15 percent is where we want to be," Matheson said. "If we fall too much short of that, then we end up having to draw on our line of credit in order to get us through the points where we have low cash flow for the year, so I'm happy to be reporting that we'll be able to maintain right around that 15 percent mark."

After already receiving \$2.6 million in coronavirus relief funds and \$359,010 from the education stabilization fund, there is potential for the district to receive an additional \$2.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively.

"I would normally tell you that the first amendment is the most accurate amendment for the school year's budget," Matheson told the board. "Not this year. We are anticipating additional federal funds. ... None of that is finalized yet and once it becomes finalized, we would incorporate that into the next available amendment."



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Snowball break

Maire Elementary School first graders spent their recess Jan. 28, playing with giant snowballs in the sunshine. From left are first graders Casper Chrobak, Parker Adams, Amina Lesinski, Pippa Hull and Elle Brewster.

Finalists announced for 2020-21 MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Awards

The 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Awards for the 2020-21 school year, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, have been announced.

This year's local finalists include:

Girls Class A

◆ Catelyn Gagnier, Grosse Pointe North High School

◆ Madeline Kohler, Grosse Pointe North High School

◆ Alexa Downey, Grosse Pointe South High School

Boys Class A

◆ Jacob Harris, Grosse Pointe South High School

Girls Class C

◆ Reese Martin,

University Liggett School

The program, in its 32nd year, has recognized student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year and again this winter will honor 32 individuals from MHSAA member schools who participate in at least one sport in which the association sponsors a postseason tournament.

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Awards and will present a \$1,000 scholarship to each recipient. Since the beginning of the program, 8,323 scholarships have been awarded.

This year, 1,356 applications were received from 418 schools. Applications were judged by a 72-member

committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools. Selection of the 32 scholarship recipients will take place in early February.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. Students also were asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

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contract extension consideration are Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur, who has held the position since 2015; Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, who has held the position since 2012; Director of Special Education Stefanie Hayes, who has held the position since 2013; and Director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction Keith Howell, who has held the position since 2015.

"I don't know if the community appreciates the terrific stress on our administrative team over the last few years with closing schools and reconfiguring and fighting COVID," Secretary Chris Lee said. "Our team has worked tirelessly. They've been asked to do a tremendous amount of work ... and I would really like to thank our administrative team by approving the contract."

Of the six executive administrator positions, Superintendent Gary Niehaus is not up for renewal, as he will retire in June 2021, nor is Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations Amanda Matheson. Matheson was hired last spring into a three-year contract not to expire until June 30, 2023.

The one-year extension would allow the four

administrators to have contracts through two additional school years, ending June 30, 2023.

"The reason why districts typically do this is because you're cuing your administrators," Dean explained. "If you're not going to renew

the contract of your administrators, they want to know soon because this is the (hiring) season. ... To wait for the next superintendent would mean this season is over by the time that happens, most likely, and then you

would have administrators in this spot of being on the last year of their agreement and that is typically a difficult place."

Under new contract terms, salaries would

remain unchanged from the current contract. Otherwise, salaries and benefits are up for possible adjustment with all employees in June 2021.

Currently, annual salaries are set at \$139,214

for Bur, \$151,567 for Dean, \$138,078 for Hayes and \$138,571 for Howell.

The contract extensions are expected to be considered during the board's next meeting Monday, Feb. 8.

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This cub began showing signs of weakness and inactivity, so it was separated from her mother to be brought back to health.

Oh baby! Twin polar bears born at Detroit Zoo

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Detroit Zoo recently welcomed two polar bear cubs, the latest additions to its growing family, which a month ago debuted the first lion cub born at the zoo in 40 years.

The cubs were born Nov. 17, capping a year of distinction at the 92-year-old zoo.

"2020 was such a very notable year for us in so many ways," said Scott Carter, chief life sciences officer and a resi-

dent of Grosse Pointe Woods. "We had three significant births in the same year: A chimp was born earlier in the year, then the lion (in September) and now these cubs. A king penguin hatched this year, too.

"For all the real stress 2020 has had for much of the world, it was an oddly notable year for us because of these births."

The cubs, which have yet to be named, are the first polar bears to be born and successfully raised at the Detroit Zoo

since 2004. They were born to 8-year-old mother, Suka, and 16-year-old father, Nuka, in a specially designed, private den away from other bears.

"It's natural for bears; the female has to be someplace private," Carter explained. "They den themselves up as their time nears. She had access to the cubbing den and she decided when to go in it, which was around mid-November."

Though it's not unusual for bears to pro-

duce twins, Carter said, the new arrivals have become a special case at the zoo.

"One of the cubs, at two days old, began to show signs of weakness and inactivity, so we made the decision to remove it and give it care," Carter said.

The female cub was extracted from the den to be examined by veterinarians and get the treatment she needed. While still separated from her mother and sibling, she has grown to a healthy weight and is

reaching the same milestones as her twin.

"The cubs are developing at pretty much the same rate," Carter said; their eyes are open, their teeth are coming in and they are learning to take their first steps.

Unlike the Detroit Zoo's new lion cub, Binti, who needed a gradual re-introduction to her family after a cesarean-section birth, such a process won't be necessary with this female cub.

"Bears don't live in social groups like lions

do," Carter said. "But this is a rare case where one is being hand-reared and the other is being mom-reared. We don't know what to expect for this reintegration. And we don't know what the timeline of that is going to look like."

Both cubs continue to be monitored; Suka and the cub she's rearing — its gender is unknown — are watched closely via camera. Suka seems to enjoy being a mom, Carter noted, as she nurses, grooms and cuddles her cub.

The births are exciting news for the zoo, which is part of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. The recommended pairing between Suka and Nuka was part of the AZA's Polar Bear Species Survival Plan; polar bears are listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Though both cubs and their mother currently are being kept out of the public eye, Nuka and 20-year-old Anana are receiving guests at the Arctic Ring of Life's tundra and pack-ice habitats.

The Arctic Ring of Life is one of the largest zoo

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Celebrating 90

Friends organize 'Honk & Wave' for woman's milestone birthday

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It appears Cecelia Barr has quite a fan club. Many of her admirers paraded past her Grosse Pointe Woods home Jan. 21, to wish her a happy 90th birthday.

Barr's entire family lives out of state — mostly on the East Coast — and were unable to help her celebrate her special day in person; however, the nonagenarian was just as pleased when fellow members of the Deeplands Garden Club showed up to share it.

The "Honk & Wave"



Friends lined up to wish Barr a happy 90th birthday.

event was organized by Debbie Rowe, a member of the Deeplands Garden Club who also attends the same church as the birthday girl. Rowe set the

time and meeting place, as well as made colorful bows for each car. Nearly 20 vehicles paraded by Barr's home on Brys. "We had a wonderful time," said neighbor Joan Gossman, who moved to the neighborhood nearly 17 years ago. "We live one house apart. The neighbor between us is good friend of hers, too. We try to keep an eye on her."

The sun shone throughout the parade and, though it was cold and breezy, Barr stayed in her driveway with a cheery smile on her face for the duration. "I have wonderful neighbors and lots of people who absolutely surrounded me with love," said Barr, who has lived in the Woods since 1971. "I feel like I was surrounded by love. It's hard to put into words. Everybody is just so caring and I can't thank them enough."

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... I think you instilled a sense of civic responsibility in me at that moment. "... Thank you for always working to give us the best opportunities in life, from moving to Grosse Pointe to always talking about us going to college. We knew it was just something we would do."

Though Barr didn't go to college, "I made sure my girls did," she said. "I'm just a little girl from the other side of the tracks," she added, "but Robert Barr rescued me." During their marriage,



PHOTOS BY JACK RYAN

Cecelia Barr waves back to the friends who drove by her Brys home to wish her a happy birthday.

While Barr's family couldn't be there, her daughters — Jeanne Carey, Susan O'Donovan and Sheila Holman — created two scrapbooks full of photos, letters and cards from family and friends. Some of the memorabilia reflected on Barr's past.

The mother of three and grandmother of six graduated from Redford High School and spent her working years as a secretary at University Liggett School and Junior League of Detroit, among others.

Apart from belonging to the Deeplands Garden Club and Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, Barr counts women's rights among her interests, as evidenced in one of the scrapbooks, in which her daughter, Sheila, wrote: "I remember being 4 or 5 ... and going into the voting machine with you to vote."

Following the birthday parade, a few close friends stayed for pizza and salad. Afterward, Gossman's husband, Patrick, set up a Zoom video call with 14 members of Barr's family, so they could be part of the celebration.

For her actual birthday, Friday, Jan. 22, the Gossmans invited her over for a private dinner. "We told her to get dressed up," Gossman said, adding that Barr "loves shoes and she always dresses to the

nines, including jewelry. When she steps out the door, you know you're looking at quite a lady."

Other members of the garden club also offered glowing words about their friend. "Deeplands Garden Club is so privileged to have Cecelia in our club," member Kathy Brown said. "She is truly one of the most kind, loving, generous and gracious women I know. I have often told her she is my mentor. I feel so fortunate to have her in my life."

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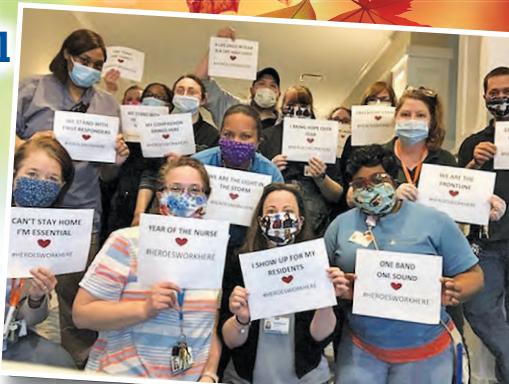
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Cecelia Barr recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

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The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday, Feb. 4.

◆ Tween Writing Group, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, all day Tuesday, Feb. 9.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, all day Wednesday, Feb. 10.

◆ Self Care Art, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. The group discusses "Sleeping Giants," by Sylvain Neuvel.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday, Feb. 11.

◆ Dinosaur Tea Party, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Lakeshore Senior Living

Lakeshore Senior Living, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, presents a series of educational webinars, beginning with "COVID-19 and Caregiving," from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. "10 Warning Signs" takes place 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, followed by "Legal and Financial Planning" from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. For more information, call (800) 272-3900.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, McCann Ice Arena, 1044 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Gilda's Club Lake House

Gilda's Club's Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Family Bereavement, 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10.

◆ Pancreatic Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

◆ Breast Cancer Support Group, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

The Helm

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

◆ Strength & Balance, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 9 to March 16, with instructor Carolyn Bradt. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers.

◆ Grooves Trifecta—A Cardio Workout, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 11 to March 18, with instructor

Carolyn Bradt. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers.

◆ Medicare counseling, free to members and nonmembers, via telephone or videoconferencing. Email mfrench@helmlife.org to schedule an appointment. Those without access to email should call (313) 649-2110 and leave a message; calls will be returned within 48 hours.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. Allister Chang, an elected member of the D.C. State Board of Education, member of Bibliothèques Sans Frontières and advisory board member of the Library of Congress Literacy Awards, will discuss his efforts to advance literacy. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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 lisajones.mentalhealth@gmail.com.

New members welcome to Grosse Pointe Men's Club

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Weathering the COVID-19 storm has been a challenge for many clubs, including the Grosse Pointe Men's Club. Its meetings transitioned to Zoom last year and, while the club still

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KEN MOKRAY
Grosse Pointe Men's Club Immediate Past President

hosts twice-monthly meetings complete with choir performances and guest speakers, membership has declined. "Clubs everywhere are facing challenges," said Ken Mokray, immediate past president. "We had 400 people on the books (pre-pandemic). ... There are about 300 on the books now."

"Financially we're in good shape," he added. "But we're always looking for new members."

Mokray, whose presidency ended in October, said he tinkered with the meeting format "to liven things up," including offering a shorter program and relaxing some of the club's more rigid rules.

"We've loosened up so

people don't feel put off," he added. "We want to be as welcoming and flexible as possible."

During summer months, the group's sub-clubs, like golf and tennis, were able to gather, while its reading club resumed activities virtually.

Mokray said. "We encourage people to make new friends."

New members are invited to join the club via its website, seniorclubofgrossepointe.com. But prospective members shouldn't be fooled by the web address, Mokray said; there's no "senior" age restriction anymore.

"Once you join, you'll get an email with the Zoom information," he added.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Mokray said he felt his presidency was a success.

"We were able to hold it together," he said. "We were able to adapt and get people to pitch in at the board level. ... I helped with the transition and helped with ideas to shake things up and make it more relevant."

"There's a willingness to try new things," he continued. "We did whatever we could under the circumstances, not just throw in the towel. Crisis

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polar bear habitats in the world. The facility encompasses more than four acres of outdoor and indoor habitats and was recognized by The Intrepid Traveler's guide to "America's Best Zoos" as one of the finest zoo habitats in America.

Currently, reservations are required to visit the Detroit Zoo, all guests must wear masks and there is an attendance cap to insure social distancing. For more information or to make a reservation, visit detroitzoo.org.

Follow the Detroit Zoo Facebook page for weekly polar bear cub updates.



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This female cub was separated from her mother two days after birth.

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OBITUARIES

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Harry A. Hildebrandt

Longtime educator Harry Anthony "Tony" Hildebrandt passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2021. He was the son of Harry A. Hildebrandt Sr. and Gertrude Mary Hildebrandt (nee Fremont).

When he was out of the classroom, Tony devoted his time to his wife, Joanne; daughter, Anne; and grandchildren, Alexander and Elise.

He loved ice hockey, but from a young age his passion was cars.

A professor in charge of the automotive servicing program area for 34 years at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills, Tony was responsible for producing hundreds of licensed auto mechanics in Michigan. If they encountered a difficult repair, they knew who to call. He taught a number of technology classes supporting the Applied Technology Department at OCC, where he served as chair and apprentice coordinator for seven years. He also taught several subjects at Central Michigan University, including geometric dimensioning and tolerancing.

His previous employment venues included Macomb County Community College, South Lake High School, Harper Woods High School, Chevrolet Engineering, LTV Michigan Aerospace Division and the Ted Ewald Chevrolet dealership in Grosse Pointe.

Tony got his feet wet hanging around the local garage and was proud to call Wilbur Wright High School his jumping-off place for formally learning the auto servicing trade. He propelled himself into a teaching career through two degrees he earned from Wayne State University, bachelor and master of science degrees in industrial education.

For more than 25 years, Tony provided customized training in QS and ISO 9000, CIM, CAD, robotic systems technology, 6-Sigma, hydraulic maintenance and repair, diesel repair and many others, through his consulting business, Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Educational & Training Associates. His clients included GM Engineering, General Dynamics, Lucas Engineering, Chivas Products, Ford Motor Co. and the Focus Hope Center for Advanced Technology.

A proud Vietnam veteran, Tony served in the U.S. Army 1967 to 1969. He spent his last two years at the John D. Dingell Veterans Hospital in Detroit surrounded by other vets, where he continued to help staff and students with their homework and gave monthly technology talks.

In addition to his immediate family, Tony is survived by his cousins, Joanne Comyn, Linda Elias (Paul),

Michele Vitale (Pete), Michael Fremont (Debbie) and Mary Lou Shrum (Ron). Cousins also close to Tony's heart were Paul, John, Kevin and Brian O'Connell, Mary O'Connell Roehr, Maggie O'Connell Thelen, and John, Fred, Tim and Paul Miller. His best friends were Angelo D'Anna, Terry Duncan and Raymond Tessmer.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Feb. 2, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Burial took place at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Drusilla Eva Ross

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident and former Grosse Pointe Farms employee Drusilla "Drussie" Eva Ross passed away Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, in Charlotte, N.C. She was 100.

She was born Dec. 12, 1920, in Detroit, to John and Grace Schick.

A graduate of Denby High School, Drusilla married her high school sweetheart, Albert George Charters Jr., Feb. 9, 1942. Albert passed away 12 years later on Drusilla's birthday, Dec. 12, 1954. She later married Robert Emmet Ross of Birmingham on June 6, 1959; Robert passed away three years thereafter.

Drusilla is survived by her children, Craig Albert Charters, Carole Lynne Van Dyke (nee Charters), Robert Bruce Charters and William James Ross; grandchildren, Patrick Charters, Kristin Berry (nee Charters), Courtney Geller (nee Van Dyke), Christopher Charters, Andrew Ross, Caroline Ross and Olivia Ross; great-grandchildren, Charlie Berry, Chloe Berry, Tommy Berry, Alexa Geller, Spencer Geller and Rhett Geller; and brother, Robert Schick of Grosse Pointe Farms.

After Drusilla raised her children, she enjoyed 14 years of employment, from December 1980 to July 1994, with the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. She retired at 74.

She loved her family and enjoyed preparing Sunday dinners for them — especially roast beef and apple pie. She collected teacups, enjoyed hot tea and hot fudge sundaes with her granddaughter, Courtney, and loved shopping at Talbots.

Drusilla enjoyed many years of friendship with Rosie, Joe, Rose and Yvonne.

Her family said they were blessed with Drusilla's unconditional love and friendship; she was the foundation and sanctuary of her family. They noted she always had a helpful hand ready, a cheerful laugh and looks that said "I understand" and "This too shall pass." Her family said they knew what "It's OK" meant and she surely will be missed by all.

A graveside ceremony will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery at a later date.

Louis Simon

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Louis "Lou" Simon died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, at home in Stuart, Fla., in the company of his wife of 69 years, Nancy.

Born April 16, 1932, he was the sixth child of George and Frieda Simon and the first of two children born after his parents emigrated from Lebanon.

Louis started school in Detroit knowing little English and there began a life of determination to continuously learn and strive to achieve.

He met Nancy soon after he graduated from Grosse Pointe High School; they were married Jan. 3, 1952.

Lou began his professional career as an apprentice making wood models and patterns for automobile manufacturing. In 1961, he started his own company, Simco Industries, in Roseville, ultimately employing more than 100 people, many of whom formed their career paths under Lou's tutelage. In addition to supplying patterns, tooling and interior trim to automotive companies, he developed, patented and produced machining products used globally across many industries.

Lou and Nancy were longtime members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where Lou spent many hours on the tennis courts with his buddies, sailed and entertained family and friends.

After he retired, Lou continued his passion to create and build. He was an active member of the Treasure Coast Woodcarvers; his sea turtle, mice and caricature carvings became an impressive artistic portfolio. A self-taught luthier, he made mandolins, guitars, a banjo and other musical instruments for himself and family members. He was relied upon by friends and neighbors for a wide array of projects and repairs.

Lou was a lifelong learner and avid reader. He relished living on the ocean, where he cast a fishing line, gazed at the horizon and occasionally reeled in dinner. He enjoyed cooking his mother's Lebanese recipes, as well as his lamb shish kabob, kibbeh balls and other dishes.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, Lou is survived by his children, Robert (Lisa), Dr. Nancy Simon (Jeffrey Spain), Lisa Fuller (Michael), David (Anne) and Jane; grandchildren, David Spain (Lauren), Alex Simon, Katherine Bridges (Brandon), Cara Strickler (Aaron), Elizabeth Clark (Henry), Janna Fuller, Emily Simon, Lydia Scovitch (Joseph), Margaret Spain, Alexander Deschenes and Jessica Deschenes; five great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Lou's family said his tales of childhood escapades, gregarious personality and declarative words of wisdom will be



Harry A. Hildebrandt



Drusilla Eva Ross



Louis Simon



Audrey McConachie



Jeanne E. Becker Seaver



Elaine King Kuester

greatly missed by all.

His immediate family will gather in February for a Catholic Mass in Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064; or youthranches.org.

Audrey Norman McConachie

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Audrey Norman McConachie, 99, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, in Lake Oswego, Ore. She was born Dec. 14, 1921, in Chicago, to Eyvind and Selma Norman.

Audrey graduated from Penn Hills Junior College in 1941, and Northwestern University in 1943.

An editor at the Comprehensive Health Care Planning Council in Detroit and director of public relations at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Audrey also was a novelist and journalist. Her book, "No Blueprint for Love," was published by Avalon Books, New York City. At the Lake Oswego Review, she authored the "Jottings from Fifth and G" columns.

Audrey was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. A member of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, she served as its president from 1958 to 1960. She also was a member of the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for Women, the Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women and The Hunt Club.

She enjoyed dramatic acting and writing life stories.

Audrey was predeceased by her husband, Donald McConachie, in 2007; and brother, Robert Norman. She is survived by her children, Sally Versaci, Bruce McConchie (Stephanie), Lorne McConachie (Mary Beth), Craig McConachie (Barbara) and Todd McConachie (Lisa); grandchildren, Chris McConachie, Andrew McConachie, Lisa Versaci, Amy Bono, Michael Versaci, Elizabeth Dwan, Justin McConachie, Robin Houze, Eric McConachie, Grant McConachie and Ian McConachie; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Audrey's ashes will be placed beside her husband's at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

Jeanne Elizabeth Becker Seaver

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Jeanne Elizabeth "Liza" Becker Seaver passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2021. She was 100.

A devoted and loving wife, mother and friend, Jeanne was born in 1920, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Francis and Helen Becker. She was orphaned at age 12 and raised by her grandmother and maiden aunt. Liza began her adult life in New York City, where she lived and worked nearly 30 years.

In 1953, she married Frank Alexander Seaver, with whom she worked in advertising at the Jam Handy Organization in New York, and lived in Gramercy Park. The couple so loved New York that Liza often reminisced, "We felt that a day spent out of New York City was a day forever lost."

In 1959, Liza and Frank moved to Detroit to work in auto advertising and lived in Grosse Pointe. They retired in 1982 to Cape Cod, Mass., in Centerville, where they had spent many summers with their three sons. Liza was predeceased by Frank in 1988.

She continued work as a law office manager in Hyannis, Mass., until she retired at the ripe young age of 89. She moved closer to family in Michigan two years ago, but always prayed she would return to Cape Cod. Liza did so in late 2020, and spent the last six months of her life in the place she said she belonged.

Liza is survived by her loving sons, Jon (Jessica) of St. Johns, Mich., Michael (Diane) of St. Clair Shores and Christopher (Laura) of Hong Kong; daughter-in-law, Ellison Franklin of Northville; stepchildren, Frank Seaver of Monroe, Ohio and Patricia Vitti of Mission Viejo, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and her beloved King Charles Spaniel, Lucy.

Liza was a lifelong, devout Catholic whose faith in God empowered her with a matter-of-fact ability to weather the many challenges in her life. Her faith and the challenges of her early years gave her a unique toughness, resiliency, spirit and wicked sense of humor that guided her throughout

life and inspired those around her. She leaves an indelible mark and her memory and inspiration will live on, her family said.

Facing her seventh bout with cancer in late 2020, Liza was determined to see her vote for President counted and help usher in a new beginning for the country she loved. In that she succeeded, passing one day after she witnessed the inauguration of a new President.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Center, stjude.org/donate.

Elaine King Kuester

Grosse Pointe Park resident Elaine King Kuester, 76, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, surrounded by family, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Elaine will be remembered as the beloved wife and best companion of William "Bill" for 51 years. She is survived by her adoring children, Jennifer Mertz (Jeffrey) and Jeffrey Kuester (Helga). She also was proud grandmother to Charlotte, Adelaide and Amelia; and sister to Carolyn Blackmore, David King and Frances Ziegenhals.

Elaine attended the University of Corpus Christi and became an English teacher. She later had a successful career as a flight attendant for Pan American Airlines, Pro Air Airlines and Ryan Airlines, taking time during her career to raise her two children. Her spirited and energetic persona helped her become a lead in-flight purser at Pan Am and chief flight attendant at Pro Air.

An active member of the Junior League of Detroit, Elaine also volunteered on many church committees. She loved supporting her children's interests. In addition, she was an active world traveler to more than 60 countries and loved skiing and boating.

A celebrative memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, act.alz.org.

OBITS:

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Mary Ellen O'Connor

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Ellen O'Connor, 85, passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, at Ascension St. John Hospital. She was born Dec. 2, 1935, in Grosse Pointe, to Ralph and Pearl Beaupre (nee Moran).

A 1952 graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School, Mary Ellen had a career in property management at Comerica Bank in Detroit.



Mary Ellen O'Connor

Mary Ellen was an excellent knitter; she gave knitting lessons and created amazing sweaters, hats and mittens. She enjoyed fishing, bird-watching and teaching

her children and grandchildren about nature.

Mary Ellen is survived by her sons, James III (Cynthia), Daniel and Hugh (Anne); grandchildren, Allison (Daniel), Daniel (Evie), Keely, Callaghan, Quinn, Iyla and Finnian; and great-grandchildren, Zachary and Kyle. She was predeceased by her husband, James E. O'Connor; son, Michael; sisters, Shirley Tamm, Betty Tamm, Joan Lentz, Paula Johnson and Judy Beckman; and brother, Ralph Beaupre.

Interment took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Red Cross urges blood donation to maintain supply amid pandemic

The American Red Cross typically has a tough time keeping the blood supply strong during the winter months when inclement weather and seasonal illnesses can impact donors. This year the pandemic adds in another challenge in keeping the blood supply strong. The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this month.

Every day there are thousands of patients who rely on lifesaving blood donations.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give this February will receive a \$5 amazon.com gift card via email, courtesy of Amazon. Some restrictions apply; visit redcrossblood.org/together.

Make an appointment to give blood,

platelets or plasma by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org, calling (800) 733-2767 or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Health and safety protocols, including wearing masks and staying socially distant, are strictly followed at each Red Cross blood drive and donation center.

Virtual chat with Andrew Gelwicks set

PFLAG Grosse Pointe presents a live Zoom conversation with celebrity fashion stylist, author and speaker, Andrew Gelwicks, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Free tickets are available at bit.ly/3aduEjI.

Born and raised in the Midwest, Gelwicks worked at GQ and Teen Vogue before beginning his own venture as a celebrity fashion stylist. His portfolio

includes rising and seasoned stars including Catherine O'Hara and Michael Douglas, among many others.

He also is an author and has been profiled in Forbes, The Hollywood Reporter, Los Angeles Times, People, Harper's Bazaar and WWD, among others, and was featured on the OUT100 in 2020. He lives in New York City. Learn more about him at andrewgelwicks.com.

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gives us an opportunity to change some things."

Mokray said the club is open to feedback regarding its changes; the more, the better.

"We're not able to please everybody all the time, but we certainly want to make some changes," he said, noting

a few open officers' seats for those interested in helping out. "Anyone is welcome to try us out. We are willing to accommodate. Clubs today are what you make of them. ... We have lots of interesting backgrounds here, which adds a lot of perspectives to the club."

Men's Club meetings take place at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Upcoming guest speakers include Katie Doelle, author of "Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe," on Feb. 9; Jarrett Skorup, director of marketing and communications for Mackinac Center for Public Policy, on Feb. 23; and Jim Semerad, retired U.S. Navy commander and president of the Brodhead Association, on March 9.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Michael Groh, CRNA; Jola Forthoffer, CRNA; Josh Tranchida, anesthesia technician; Dan Zeldes, anesthesiologist; and Greg Tarver, who raised money for lunches.

City man spearheads donations, food distribution

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many people in many ways, but for City of Grosse Pointe resident Greg Tarver, it sent him on a mission.

Since Thanksgiving, Tarver and his band of volunteers have collected funds, purchased meals and delivered them to frontline healthcare workers.

"I've managed to deliver more meals than I can count," he said.

Since Thanksgiving, Tarver and his friends have collected funds through a GoFundMe account or cash donations, then buy meals from restaurants that are struggling because of the pandemic.

Last week, they delivered 10 meals to anesthesiologists and respiratory staff at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. The week before that, meals were delivered to Ascension St. John Hospital's wound care staff, as well as staff providing respiratory care. Previous beneficiaries of Tarver's project include Ronald McDonald House and Henry Ford Hospital.

Giving to others is nothing new to Tarver, who's been delivering food to homeless shelters more than a decade.

"My volunteers are friends who've helped me," Tarver said. "We volunteer at outreach centers and churches. If something comes up that we feel the need to support, we will. I've always lived a blessed life, so I try to give back whenever I can."

With shelters largely closed because of the pandemic, he switched gears to frontline workers, for whom he has a tremendous amount of respect.

A cancer survivor, Tarver said he wants to let frontline workers know they are appreciated for the work they do.

"That's another reason I do what I do," he said, noting his cancer treatment. "I'm trying to make sure everybody who supported me through those years, I want to get to them by the end of the year to let them know how I appreciate what they did."

A regular rider with Grosse Pointe Pedalers, Tarver also said he was inspired by the cycling friends he no longer sees.

"A lot of nurses in the respiratory department at St. John ride with us; a lot of doctors, too," he said. "When COVID hit ... we saw them in April, but we haven't seen them

since. They're on 12-hour shifts, six or seven days a week. They really aren't able to be social. ... Since I know some of these folks, this lets me, in my own personal way, say thanks."

So far Tarver has purchased meals from Lape Soul Food, Detroit Pepper Company, Woodward Bistro and Woodward Grill.

Tarver said he plans to continue to raise money, help struggling restaurants and deliver food to the front lines as long as he can.

"I don't plan to end it any time soon," he said. "A lot of people are still struggling."

He hopes to make a delivery to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia around Valentine's Day and also plans a return trip to Beaumont, Grosse Pointe.

Recommendations are welcome, he added. Those interested in donating may find a link to his GoFundMe account on his Facebook page.

"I'm enjoying it; it's fun and the meals are good," he said of his deliveries. "I'm glad to be able to let people know somebody appreciates them and that we're still thinking about them. If I can take 10 or five or 100 lunches somewhere and have the means to do it, I'll do it."

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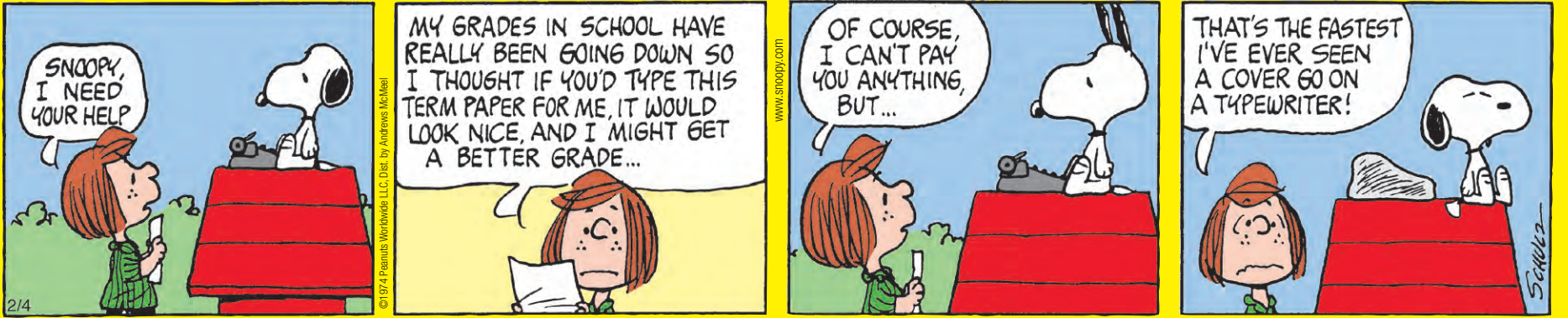
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"Close that door, Barfy! We're not trying to heat the whole neighborhood, y'know."



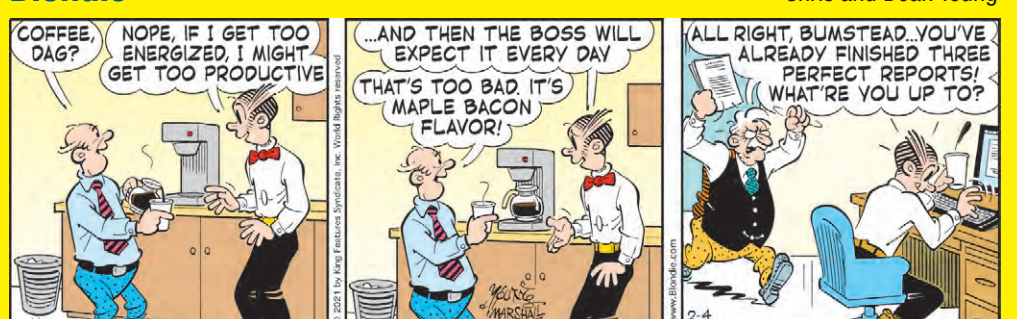
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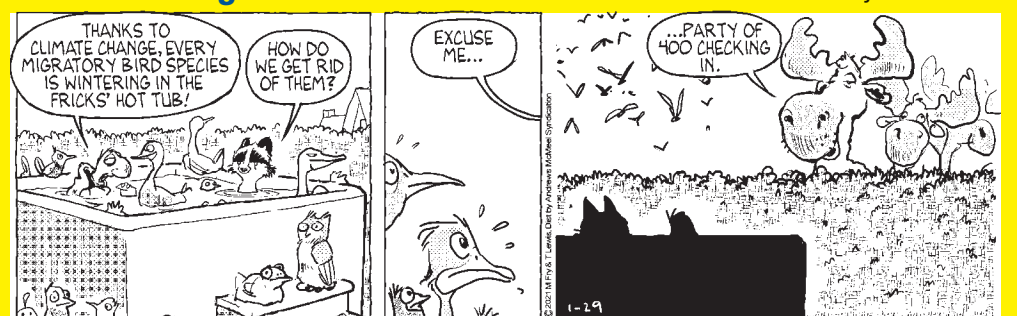
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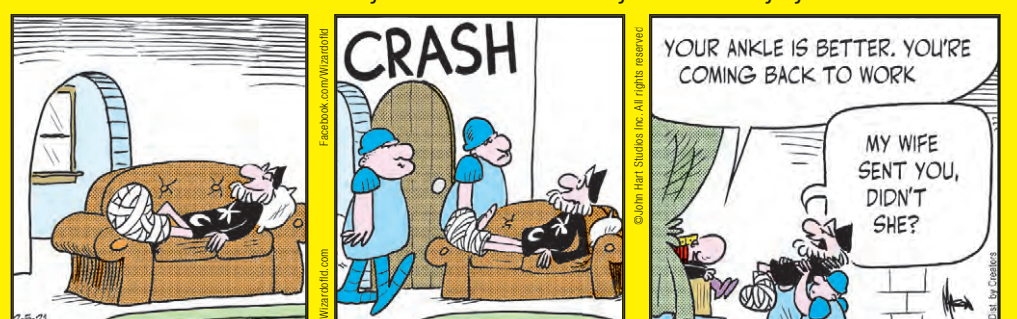
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Wizard of Id

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"No, I will not tell him you've been home all day."

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Niklas Eriksson



Ziggy

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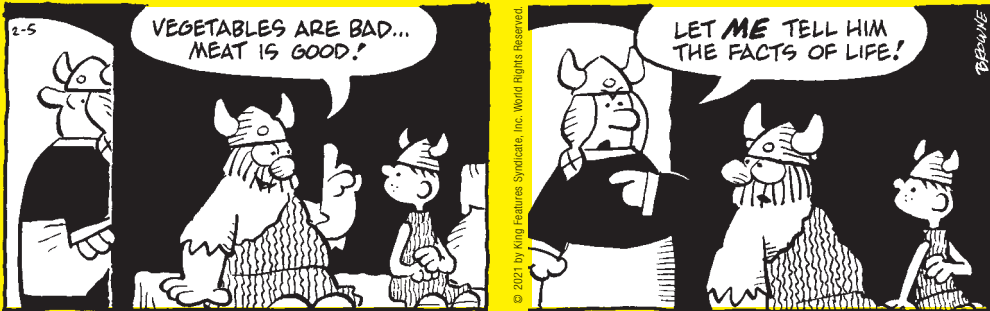
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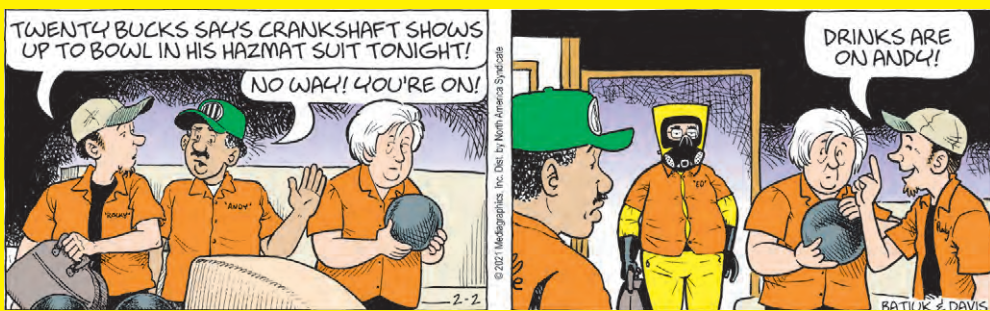
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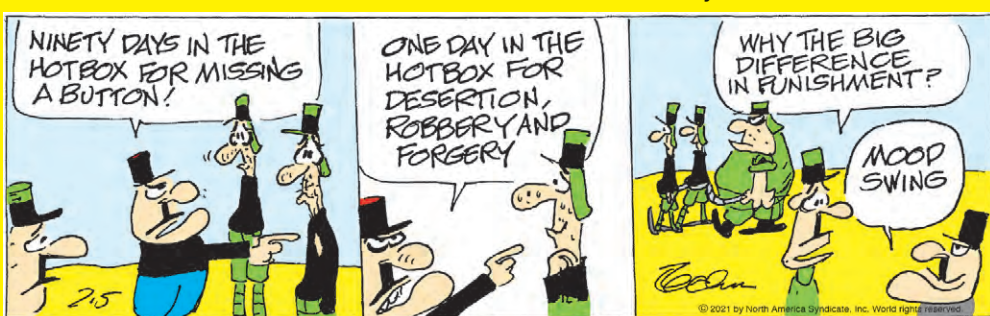
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



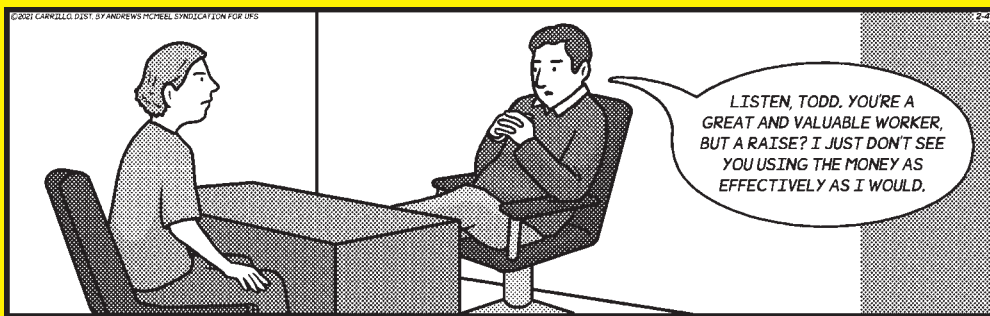
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F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

4			9					5
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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 4, 2021

- ACROSS**
- 1 Digital data transmitter
 - 6 Bounding gait
 - 10 Give a makeover
 - 14 Harden (to)
 - 15 Homer's "Odyssey," e.g.
 - 16 Islamic ruler
 - 17 Meteorologist's cry?
 - 19 Number symbolized by its third letter
 - 20 "Help!" signal
 - 21 Pilot products
 - 22 Cries crocodile tears on stage, perhaps
 - 24 The one specified
 - 25 Speak without distinction?
 - 26 Military leader's jewelry?
 - 32 British fellows
 - 33 Many moons
 - 34 ___ Paulo, Brazil
 - 35 Home with your honey?
 - 36 Enjoys taffy
 - 38 Rotisserie rod
 - 39 Fermented malt drink
 - 40 Russia's ___ Mountains
 - 41 Full of energy
 - 42 Waiter's jewelry?
 - 46 Moved up
 - 47 Nothingness
 - 48 Put a value on
 - 51 Canary's sounds, collectively
 - 52 Filmdom's DuVernay
 - 55 Baptism, for one
 - 56 Cricket player's jewelry?
 - 59 "Argo" actor Arkin
 - 60 Tel ___
 - 61 Without interruption
 - 62 Some Little League players
 - 63 Show of temper
 - 64 Certain art class models
 - 12 Headfirst plunge
 - 13 Unrefined finds in mines
 - 18 Stop nursing gradually
 - 23 Fall bloomers, for short
 - 24 Cassette recording
 - 25 Flat-bottomed boat
 - 26 Word before "pepper" or "powder"
 - 27 Place of refuge
 - 28 Examines by touching
 - 29 Jelly that may contain pieces of meat
 - 30 Overly trusting
 - 31 Lavish affection (on)
 - 32 Burn slightly
 - 36 Piece of a soccer goal
 - 37 Long-eared sprinter
 - 38 Went smoothly?
 - 40 ETs' vehicles
 - 41 French city where seven popes lived
 - 43 Spinach and others
 - 44 Unfold, as a theory
 - 45 Rice-A-___
 - 48 Egyptian or Emirati
 - 49 Airtight tower
 - 50 Time at a resort
 - 51 Large gulp
 - 52 Acted like
 - 53 One may climb a wall
 - 54 "No ifs, ___ or buts!"
 - 57 Lab eggs
 - 58 Antelope with a mane
- DOWN**
- 1 Hit's counterpart
 - 2 "Hold ___ your dreams"
 - 3 Pairs like The Judds
 - 4 Make a mistake
 - 5 Tennessee city known for blues
 - 6 Rough shed
 - 7 Chooses
 - 8 Part of an Insta story
 - 9 Levels of authority
 - 10 Correct the bad habits of
 - 11 Give off

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Think Inside the Box by MaryEllen Uthlaut

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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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BIG GAME

SPECIAL

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Longtime sports editor Chuck Klonke tells
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GROSSE POINTE GLORY DAYS

'57 Blue Devils standout reflects
on winning seasons to remember

By Mike Adzima, Sports Reporter

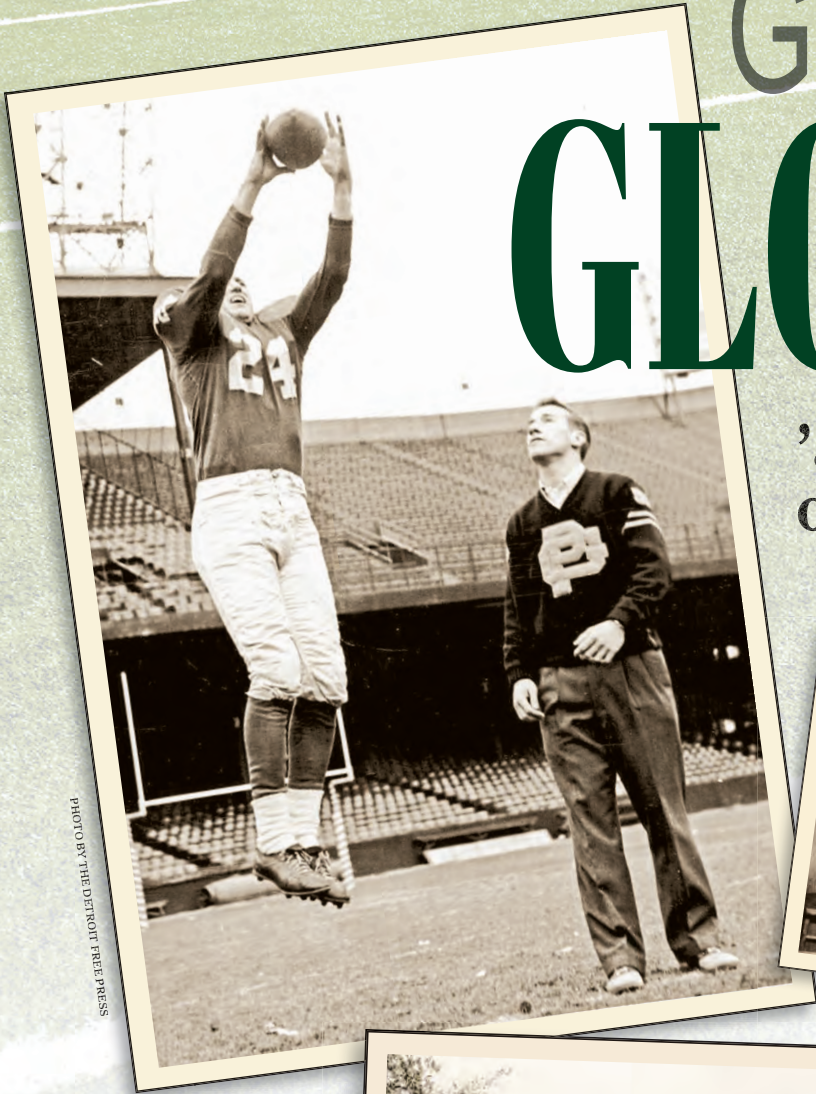


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Top left photo, Detroit Lions All-Pro defensive back Jack Christiansen and Bruce Boardman at a 1957 high school All-State selections photo shoot at Briggs Stadium for the Detroit Free Press.

Right, circa mid-1950s Grosse Pointe High School's Blue Devils football team.

Top right photo, Detroit Lions Men's Night on December 9, 1957. From left, Grosse Pointe High School coach Ed Wernet, Lions' Tobin Rote, Bruce Boardman and Al Harrants, both class of '58, Lions' Joe Schmidt and Ed Barach, AD at Grosse Pointe High School.

As football fans prepare to watch a Super Bowl consisting of legends in the making, it has to be remembered that the game of football has evolved tremendously over the decades. The evolution of the game and the everlasting love for football can be observed in the story of one Grosse Pointe football alumni.

Bruce Boardman was a standout on the historic 1957 Grosse Pointe Blue Devils football team. Nowadays, it's very rare to see a star football player making game-changing plays on both offense and defense.

However, as Boardman says, back then it was par for the course.



A 1957 newspaper clipping features Boardman on the field (at left), and Boardman today (at right).

"In those days, you played both ways. A lot of the guys did," he recalled. "I played a number of positions, but my senior year I was a fullback and a linebacker."

In one game against Fordson during his high school career, Boardman scored two touchdowns, recovered two fumbles and intercepted two passes. Imagine if in the Super Bowl Leonard Fournette of the Buccaneers runs for a touchdown then takes the field on defense and intercepts Patrick Mahomes. Social media would be talking about it for weeks. However, for Boardman's generation of football players, it was all in a day's work.

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Local coaches agree on Sunday bowl predictions

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a football season unlike any other, the Super Bowl is finally almost here. Tom Brady is on a quest to further cement his status as the greatest of all time by winning a seventh Super Bowl ring, this time with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. To do it, he'll have to go through Patrick Mahomes, who's looking to build his own dynasty with the Kansas City Chiefs.

To bring the spectacle of the Super Bowl a bit closer to home, Grosse Pointe high school football coaches were asked their thoughts on the big game.

These coaches may be rivals on the gridiron, however, they all agree in their predictions of

who will come out on top Sunday night.

Coaches Tim Brandon of Grosse Pointe South High School, Joe Drouin of Grosse Pointe North High School and Tarif Kumasi of University Liggett School all

predict the Kansas City Chiefs will win.

"I think the run that the Bucs have made up to this point is pretty impressive, but the Chiefs are just too good, especially on

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Coach Brandon



Coach Drouin



Coach Kumasi

FOOTBALL FUN FACT:

Ralph Wilson was originally a minority owner in the Detroit Lions before becoming one of the founding owners of the American Football League

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Small Favors, enjoying its new home at 17112 Kercheval in The Village, offers a variety of items to help any party-thrasher spruce up their hosting game.

"We always sell entertainment items in the store," co-owner Kasey Malley said, noting Small Favors' assortment of chip-and-dip dishes and other game day essentials. "Our dip bowls are always great for entertaining."

The gift gallery also sells barware, drinkware, kitchen and tabletop

items that will add style to any game day gathering. Though Malley admitted hosting these days can be tricky, even a small gathering deserves flair.

"Just because it's small, doesn't mean it can't be cute," she said. "Even if it's just the people in your own house, we need to have some fun right now."

Amp up your Super Bowl party and spoil yourself with a treasure from Small Favors. For more information, call (313) 887-1774.

Bills CFO reveals intense inner workings of a Super Bowl team

Grosse Pointe native Jeffrey Littman describes how being part of a team fuels winning machine

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

Two powerhouse football teams are gearing up to compete for the biggest accomplishment in the National Football League on Sunday at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have not seen this opportunity since 2003 when they beat the Oakland Raiders in their first ever Super Bowl Appearance.

The defending Super Bowl Champions, the Kansas City Chiefs, are coming into the game with confidence and experience, having won Super Bowl LIV in 2020 with quarterback Patrick Mahomes at the helm of the ship. Prior to 2020, the Chiefs had appeared in two Super Bowls over fifty years, one of which concluded in a victory in 1970.

In anticipation of the upcoming game, it's hard not to think about the elements that are required to bring a team to this point in the season and even further carry them through to a win.

Grosse Pointe native Jeffrey Littman, former chief financial officer of the Buffalo Bills, shed some insight into the

day-to-day operations of these organizations and also a bit about how playing a role on a team can fuel a winning machine.

Littman worked side by side with Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson for a number of years. Beginning his professional career as a lawyer, accountant and a tax specialist, he met Wilson and thus embarked on his journey to the NFL.

"I started as the CFO for the Bills in May of 1986 and by August I found myself in a suite in Texas with the GM and VP of Player Personnel negotiating to bring Jim Kelly to Buffalo. I was thrown in head first," said Littmann.

During his career with the Bills, Littmann saw the team compete in four consecutive Super Bowls, all of which brought an intense level of excitement and nervous anticipation to the table.

"Playing in the Super Bowl is definitely a two-edged sword," he said, "The beauty of the NFL is that we only have one product and that product is competing for the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Everything we do is geared around that competition and letting fans



Jeffrey Littman, left, with Ralph Wilson, the late Grosse Pointe owner of the Buffalo Bills, "in the jungle" on the field before a Bengals game.

share in the fun, excitement and tension of that pure competition. It's the highest of the highs for people involved in the game."

On the other hand, Littmann expressed that competing in the final game of the National Football League can also be "brutal." The season is now extended, which means more wear and tear on the players and less time for recovery leading into next season. There is also the struggle of keeping your winning team together to get back to the big game next year.

"If you win the Super Bowl, your players are

now the most desired players in the NFL," said Littmann. "Other teams want that feeling in the locker room and the leadership from the men that made it happen. Your guys are now worth more than they were the season before. Being the best team in the league, you now get last pick in each round of the draft. It's a hard place to stay once you've gotten there. The reward for good work is more work."

Despite the lows, no one would trade an opportunity to compete in this game. After losing the fourth Super Bowl with the Bills and being asked on a morning in-

terview if it was time to give up, Ralph Wilson simply replied, "There are still 11 teams in the National Football Conference that have not beaten me in the Super Bowl and I want to give them that chance."

The passion and drive that it takes for a team and an organization to collectively compete at this level is a prime example of the teamwork and leadership that Ralph Wilson poured into his work every day. "He lived and breathed the game," Littmann said.

Littmann's experience provides a unique perspective and first-hand

insight into the key components that go into an organization performing at peak capacity. "You need top to bottom leadership, a GM that brings in the right kind of people that fit with the personality and talent that's there. You need a coaching staff that brings the best out of each player individually and as teammates that come together to get it done."

Heading into the Super Bowl LV on Sunday, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs will undoubtedly be bringing their best to the table in what will most likely be an unforgettable Championship football game.

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offense," Brandon said.

Brandon predicted Kansas City to win 31-17, making him the only one of the three coaches to predict a double-digit winning margin.

Drouin from Grosse Pointe North has the Chiefs winning it by a close score of 33-30.

"As much as I respect Tom Brady and his winning tradition, I think it's time for a changing of the guard," Drouin said.

Liggett's Kumasi predicted the Chiefs to win as well, but thinks the game will be a bit more high scoring. Kumasi gave a final score of 47-41.

"KC is fun to watch. Very creative and super talented," he said.

He also predicts Kansas City's Travis Kelce will be the first tight end to ever win the Super Bowl MVP award.

Will the Chiefs prevail like these coaches think? Or will the ageless wonder Tom Brady and the Bucs prove them wrong? Only time will tell. Based on what the coaches say, Super Bowl LV could be one for the ages.

GAME DAY

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Safe ways to celebrate the Super Bowl in a year like no other

The 2021 Super Bowl may set the record for the smallest crowd in attendance due to the COVID-19 virus. The game is slated to be played at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., and ESPN reports that the NFL is planning for 20 percent seating capacity at the game. Fans

are expected to wear masks and will sit in pods separated by six feet. That capacity restriction would place around 13,000 fans in the stadium. Super Bowl I, which took place in 1967, was the only Super Bowl in history not to sell out, and that drew a crowd of 61,946 fans.

It likely will be even more difficult for diehard fans to attend the game in person. Instead, individuals can view the game on CBS or stream it through CBS All Access.

Here are some ways to safely celebrate while enjoying the game.

- Order in. The Super Bowl is one of the biggest nights for pizza sales and other takeout. Fans can make it even more so by ordering from their favorite restaurants - many of which have been hit hard during the pandemic.
- Keep gatherings small. If possible, host the party outside, as the

virus does not spread as easily outdoors as it does indoors. Encourage guests to dress warmly and provide heat sources, like fire pits or propane heaters.

- Host a digital watch party. Video conferencing apps have been used for everything from

work to school. Fans can gather online and watch the game simultaneously, but in their own homes.

The Super Bowl may be a bit different this year, but fans can still root for their favorite teams and enjoy this often thrilling game with family and friends.

Michigan-approved top 10 sportsbooks

For sports fans looking for even more action in their game, here are the top online betting sites approved by the state of Michigan:

FanDuel, for MotorCity Casino

BetMGM/Roar Digital, for MGM Grand Detroit

Penn Sports Interactive/Barstool Sportsbook, for Greektown Casino

DraftKings, for the Bay Mills Indian Community

William Hill, for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

TwinSpines, for the Hannahville Indian Community

Golden Nugget Online Gaming, for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Rush Street, for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Wynn, for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

PointsBet, for the Lac Vieux Desert tribe

- Source: Detroit Free Press 1/29/21

(Reminder: Please always gamble responsibly.)

FOOTBALL FUN FACT:

Football as we know it most likely evolved from a medieval football game played in England and France known as mob football. In it an unlimited number of players between villages would play with almost no rules, except no manslaughter or murder allowed.

Ordinarily there were no restrictions with regard to playing field size, typically using a village church as the "end zone"

BOARDMAN

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Both Tom Brady and Mahomes are looking to prove their dominance of the football world in this Super Bowl. It's unlikely that their teams will ever achieve a dominant milestone that Boardman and the 1957 Blue Devils team were able to accomplish.

"We lost one game, and that was at Flint Northern," Boardman remembered of the 1957 season. "We lost 7-0. A kid had an 87-yard touchdown run to score their seven points. That was the only points we gave up all year."

The Kansas City Chiefs were one of the original franchises of the American Football League. After graduating from Grosse Pointe in 1958, Boardman continued his football career at the University of Michigan. Although Boardman says he never seriously considered playing professionally, his experience at Michigan did present the possibility for an AFL tryout.

"At that time, the American Football League was just starting," Boardman said as the AFL was growing during his final years of college. "They were trying to recruit anybody from the Big Ten. If you played for a Big Ten team to any degree, they wanted you to come for a tryout, but that didn't last very long."

A lot has changed about football since Boardman's playing days, but he still keeps up with

the game today.

"It's hard to keep track of who's on first anymore. The rise in free agency has sort of done away with the old way of 'this guy came to Detroit and played through his whole career then he left and retired,'" Boardman said about the current players. "There's very little long-term loyalty in the game anymore. It's pretty much what guys are in town this year."

Boardman was a multi-sport athlete during his days at Grosse Pointe, a trend that several high school football players still do maintain. Not only was Boardman a star on the gridiron, but he also played basketball and participated in track and field. His advice to current high school athletes, including his own grandson who now plays high school football, Boardman encourages them to take part in every opportunity whether it be in athletics or otherwise. "Participate in everything you can," Boardman said he often tells his grandson. "Have fun. Enjoy it. The big thing is...what comes next? Don't look back. Look forward."

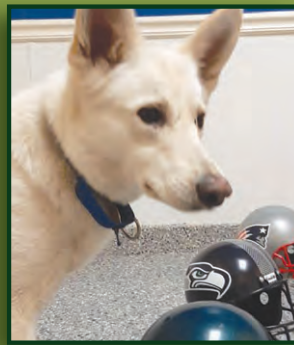
With the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers looking to achieve a similar level of greatness as the 1957 Blue Devils, Boardman did give his thoughts on who he thinks will win the big game. Although his AFL tryout dreams may have been short-lived, Boardman is predicting the Chiefs to win it all.

Grosse Pointe News

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2021

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Did someone say snacks?

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GAME DAY EATS

Something for everyone!

From chips and dip to caviar, these mouth-watering treats will make your gathering one to remember. We asked celebrated local chefs as well as Grosse Pointe home cooks to share some of their favorite recipes.

Onion Caviar Dip

Courtesy of Chef Brian Beland, Country Club of Detroit

Ingredients:

1 Tbsp dried, minced onion
 ¾ cup sour cream
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 2 Tbsp buttermilk
 1 tsp Sherry wine
 1 tsp granulated onion
 1 tsp granulated garlic
 1 ½ tsp sea salt
 3 - 4 turns freshly ground black pepper
 ¼ cup fresh sliced chives to garnish
 1 oz sturgeon caviar



Heat the oven to 300°F. Spread the dried minced onions on a baking sheet and brown them in the oven. This only takes about 3 minutes so keep a close eye on them. Cool completely.

Mix the sour cream, mayonnaise, and buttermilk in a bowl with a whisk.

Add the dried, minced, and toasted onion, the onion powder, and the granulated garlic. Stir to combine. Season generously with fresh ground pepper and salt.

Fold in chives, reserve some to sprinkle on top. Transfer to a serving bowl and top with reserved chives.

Luxurious: Serve with a sturgeon caviar on top or gently folded in.

Crab & Potato Taquitos

Courtesy of Chef Brian Beland, Country Club of Detroit

Ingredients:

30 each 4" corn tortilla, trimmed
 1 lb crab meat, jumbo lump
 1 cups potato, riced
 2 oz crème fraiche
 1 Tbsp chive
 ¼ cup Queso Oaxaca
 ¼ cup Queso Cojita
 Salt to taste



Boil potatoes, rice, fold in crème fraiche, crab, cheeses and chives. Trim tortillas and gently pan fry in oil to soften the shell. Fill with the crab mix and roll up. Reserve for service. At service bake in an oven until hot and crispy.

For Chef Brian's Pico Verde and more great gametime recipes, visit grossepointenews.com/recipes

Easy Street Corn Chicken Nachos

Courtesy of Executive Sous Chef Dominique Moroso, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Ingredients:

1 13 oz bag Tostitos Hint of Lime Tortilla Chips
 1 14.75 oz can of creamed corn
 1 10 oz tub Philadelphia Jalapeño Cheddar Dip
 2 ears roasted corn, kernels removed
 ½ Tbsp Tajin seasoning
 ½ Tbsp sugar
 ½ tsp black pepper
 ¼ tsp cumin
 ¼ tsp garlic powder
 1 rotisserie chicken, shredded
 3 cup Chihuahua cheese
 1 red bell pepper, diced



Crema

1 cup mayonnaise
 ½ cup sour cream
 ¼ cup Sriracha (more or less for heat preference)

Garnish

1 cup Cotija cheese, crumbled
 1 cup Corn Nuts
 1 bunch cilantro, tops torn

Combine creamed corn, jalapeño cheddar dip, Tajin, sugar, black pepper, cumin, garlic powder and chicken.

Arrange tortilla chips in a single layer. Spread chicken mixture over top. Sprinkle Chihuahua cheese over the chips and top with the roasted corn and bell pepper.

Bake at 425F for 12-14 minutes until golden brown and bubbling.

Crema

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream and Sriracha. Stir then place in a sandwich bag. Cut a small piece off the corner of the bag and pipe sauce onto nachos.

Garnish with cotija cheese, corn nuts and cilantro tops.

Enjoy!

Pepperoni Bread

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Ingredients:

Pizza dough, uncooked
 4 oz hard salami
 6 oz pepperoni
 6 slices provolone or other cheese
 ¼ cup grated parmesan
 2 eggs
 Ready-made marinara sauce



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Let dough rest for 30 mins or until room temperature. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough into an oval shape, on a floured surface, until ¼ inch thick.

Mix egg, parmesan, and 1 tsp of water. Brush the mixture over the dough. Layer salami over the dough, top with pepperoni. Lay cheese down the center, do not overlap. Fold half of the dough into the center and the other half over top into a long roll.

Place on baking sheet lined with parchment paper, seam side up.

Mix other egg and 1 Tbsp water and brush over the top. Bake 35 minutes or until golden brown. Let sit for at least 15 minutes before slicing. Serve with marinara sauce for dipping.

Creamy Sausage Dip

Courtesy of Linda Shannon

Ingredients:

1 can Rotel tomatoes
 1 large pkg cream cheese, softened
 1 tube ground sausage (quality brand)

Cook sausage over low heat until just done, crumbling while cooking. Drain.

Mix sausage and cream cheese, add Rotel tomatoes. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbling. Serve with Fritos Scoops.

Touchdown Chili

Courtesy of Debby Wright

Ingredients:

2 lb ground beef
 ½ tsp chili powder
 ¼ tsp ground cumin
 2 large onions, chopped
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
 2 (15 oz) cans tomato sauce
 1 (15.5 oz) can Mexican-style chili beans, undrained
 1 ½ cups water
 1 (6 oz) can tomato paste
 ½ cup green chile or jalapeño salsa
 3-4 Tbsp chili powder
 1 (16 oz) can red kidney beans, drained
 1 (12 oz) can beer
 1 2 ¼ oz can sliced ripe olives, drained
 ½ tsp ground cumin
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Hot sauce to taste



Toppings:

Shredded cheddar cheese
 Sour cream
 Slice ripe olives
 Tortilla chips
 Jalapeño pepper flower (optional)



Cook ground beef with ½ tsp chili powder and ¼ tsp cumin in Dutch oven until brown, stir to crumble. Drain.

Sautee onion, garlic and jalapeño in oil until tender, then add ground beef mixture.

Stir in tomato sauce, chili beans, water, tomato paste, salsa and 3-4 Tbsp chili powder. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.

Add kidney beans and remaining ingredients, stir well. Simmer 15 minutes or until ready to serve.

Top/serve with shredded cheese, sour cream, olives and tortilla chips. Garnish with optional jalapeño pepper flower.

Yields 14 cups.

Whistle Stop keeps kids busy at gametime



Whistle Stop, a local gem of a hobby shop has some great solutions for parents who want their little ones to enjoy the big day too.

There are also games designed to keep single-players or only-children happily occupied.

Leah Isley, Social Media and Web Manager at Whistle Stop offered some engaging and fun ideas from the store's treasure trove of games and activities.

For family fun or siblings, check out these games for ages five to thirteen-plus.:



Even within groups of children, some may have varied interests or prefer to play alone. These are great options to have on hand for any scenario.

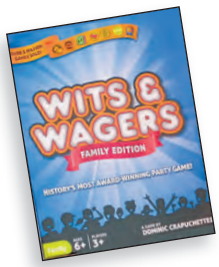
- Laser Maze Jr., ages 6+ / \$32.99
- Rush Hour, ages 8+ / \$21.99

Finally, for kids that enjoy getting involved with creative projects these activity kits offer hours of fun for busy hands:

- Shake It! Beginner Craft - Barnyard Animals, ages 3+ / \$9.99
- MadLibs / \$4.99 and up
- Craft-tastic Make Your Own Mini Surprise Balls, ages 7+ / \$12.99
- #HatNotHate Quick Knit Loom, ages 7+ / \$24.99
- Diamond Dotz / \$12.99 and up
- Paint by Number / \$7.99 and up
- Origami Kit - Neon, ages 7+ / \$14.99

Be prepared and have lots of fun options ready for your little ones.

It's game day. You've been through a lot this year and are eagerly anticipating a little bit of normalcy, some good food and the chance to cheer on the team you're rooting for.



How can you be sure you'll make it through your football fantasy smoothly without those mini versions of yourself interrupting all the best plays?

- Wits & Wagers: Family Edition, ages 6+ / \$19.99
- Bounce Off, ages 7+ / \$23.99
- Slapzi, ages 8+ / \$19.95
- Monopoly: The Child (Star Wars) / ages 8+ / \$26.99
- Codenames: Pictures, ages 10+ / \$19.95
- Say Anything - 10th Anniversary Edition, ages 13+ / \$19.99

Try a hearty winter IPA



Hot pretzels with mustard. Warm, rich chili. Tasty sliders. Football fare deserves a winter brew that compliments as well as refreshes. For the game or the chilly nights after, here are some lagers and ales that might just do the trick.

British IPAs

- Berkshire Lost Sailor IPA
- Brooklyn East India Pale Ale
- Left Hand 400 Pound Monkey
- Middles Ages ImPaed Ale

Vienna Lagers

- Blue Point Toasted Lager
- Devils Backbone Vienna Lager
- Great Lakes Eliot Ness
- Trapp Vienna Lager

Prepare an authentic charcuterie for the game

Meat and cheese trays all the rage for entertaining and family snacking

Artisanal charcuterie meats have exploded in popularity recently, so just watch as your party guests line up to get a taste of your own chef-guided platter. These savory plates make a perfect appetizer or even a light meal.

Darryl Fletcher, better known as "Chef D" to fans of his television show, is also corporate chef for Piller's Fine Foods. He recommends the following tips for a perfect charcuterie party platter.

Start with premium deli meats such as high end salamis or prosciuttos. The Black Kassel line includes a wide array of salamis such as Old Forest, Picante and Mustard Seed. Also available is Speck, which is like a smoked prosciutto. These allergen-free products - free of milk, eggs, fish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybeans - are also available at major grocery stores.

For crudites, Fletcher recommends assorted pickles, assorted sliced fruit, like figs and pears, and grapes. For condiments, choose grainy Dijon mustard, honey or honeycomb, and specialty jam or chutney. And for specialty cheeses, Parmigiano-Reggiano, Manchego, triple cream brie, or aged cheddar work well.

But it's also important to combine the correct beer and wine with the platter. For Old Forest salami, a flower-shaped lean

blend of pork with a delicate flavor, go with a pale lager. Mixed with finely chopped mustard seed and a hint of garlic, Mustard Seed salami is perfect with an unoaked Chardonnay. The cayenne pepper in the gypsy salami gives it a semi-hot spicy flavor that pairs well with Riesling. Featuring habanero peppers, Picante salami is great teamed with Gewürztraminer.

Find more recipes at www.blackkassel.com.

FOOTBALL FUN FACT:

From the 1980's until the early 2000's there were three NFL franchise owners living in the Pointes:

- William Clay Ford, Sr. - Detroit Lions
- Marybeth (Bowlen) Jagger - Denver Broncos
- Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. - Buffalo Bills

Championship game party props

Your Name: _____

Please Circle Your Answers

How long will it take to sing the National Anthem?	Under 2:00	or	Over 2:00
The result of the coin toss will be:	Heads	or	Tails
The first play of the game will be:	Run	or	Pass
Will the game be tied again after 0-0?	Yes	or	No
Tom Brady's first pass will be (INT = Incomplete):	Complete	or	Incomplete
Patrick Mahomes' first pass will be (INT = Incomplete):	Complete	or	Incomplete
Which team will score first?	Bucs	or	Chiefs
Which team will commit the game's first accepted penalty?	Bucs	or	Chiefs
The jersey of the first player to score a touchdown will be:	Odd No.	or	Even No.
Which team will call a timeout first?	Bucs	or	Chiefs
How many yards will the game's longest touchdown be?	Under 47.5	or	Over 47.5
Which team will record the game's first sack?	Bucs	or	Chiefs
How many yards will the game's longest made field goal be?	Under 47.5	or	Over 47.5
Will there be an onside kick attempt in the game?	Yes	or	No
How many total field goals will be made in the game?	Under 3.5	or	Over 3.5
How many passing yards will Tom Brady throw for?	Under 280.5	or	Over 280.5
How many passing yards will Patrick Mahomes throw for?	Under 324.5	or	Over 324.5
Will either team score in the first 5 minutes of the game?	Yes	or	No
How many total touchdowns will there be in the game?	Under 6.5	or	Over 6.5
Which team will score last?	Bucs	or	Chiefs

Which team will win the game? **Bucs** or **Chiefs**

Tiebreaker, if needed: Total number of combined points _____

**closest without going over*

Source: WagerTalk.com



CHUCK KLONKE Two Super Bowls enough for this reporter

I've covered a lot of sporting events in more than 50 years of writing about games and the people that play them.

I've had the opportunity to cover NBA and Stanley Cup Finals, World Series, major golf tournaments and MLB, NHL and NBA All-Star games.

Nothing, however, compares with covering a Super Bowl. I've covered two of them. Super Bowl XVI at the Silverdome in 1982 and Super Bowl XL at Ford Field in 2006.

Both were entirely different experiences.

Changing times

In 1982 I was working for The Macomb Daily. We put out a special section the week before the game so I had to attend Media Day, which is always held the Tuesday before the game. That's the one event that seems to get crazier every year.

You have folks who probably don't even know which teams are playing, but have finagled a credential for Media Day. Some of the strangest questions come up during that circus. That's when someone asked Washington quarterback Doug Williams, "Have you always been a black quarterback?"

Williams was too polite to say what was probably running through his mind: "No, I just thought it would be a better story than if I was just another white quarterback."

The rest of the week players are brought into a smaller interview room and this is where the legitimate journalists get their informa-

tion. However, the sheer number of press credentials makes it difficult to get to the star players. If you want a story that no one else is going to have, better go to the long snapper's table, or the punter's, or one of the offensive linemen.

A circus of events

There is no shortage of non-football-related events surrounding the Super Bowl. There's some sort of party every night. One of those at the Henry Ford museum was when I had my first — and last — taste of octopus.



Game day is the real adventure. The media headquarters for Super Bowl XVI were in Dearborn. In order to get to the Silverdome, you had to take one of the shuttle buses. That was a trip to remember. Vice-President George H.W. Bush decided to attend the game so we were sitting in traffic for half an hour or more while his motorcade headed to the stadium.

That made me decide that if I was ever in charge of the world, no politician requiring Secret Service protection would be allowed on the road between 6 a.m. and midnight.

It was the first Super Bowl played in a cold weather city — and it WAS cold that weekend. The game time temperature was five degrees and

it was snowing.

The game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals was one of the better Super Bowls. Both teams had losing records the year before — there's hope Lions fans — and the 49ers' 26-21 win marked the start of their dynasty under coach Bill Walsh.

I wish I could have seen the whole game. After the third quarter we were herded from our seats to the tunnel leading to the locker room. By the time we made it through the crowd, there was only a couple minutes left. I heard later that two reporters making the trek downstairs had their pockets picked.

Once the post-game interviews were over, it was back to Dearborn. Only one problem: Every writer at the game was ready to head back at the same time and the wait for a bus was nearly as bad as the wait for the COVID vaccine. There were no laptops — or at least very few — so it was difficult to write at the stadium.

By the time I got back to Mount Clemens, finished writing and got home it was 4 a.m. When I finally woke up, I told my wife they can't pay me enough to cover another Super Bowl.

I thought that with the weather conditions that accompanied the Super Bowl festivities, the NFL would never consider another cold-weather site and I wouldn't have to worry about covering another one unless by some miracle the Lions made it that far.

Let's do it again

Then along came Super Bowl XL. I was planning on watching that one from the comfort of my home until NFL.com called. They asked me if I could write stories for the NFL website from the time the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks arrived in Detroit



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHUCK KLONKE

Detroit's Ford Field was home to Super Bowl XL.

through the press conferences the day after the game.

I wasn't sure I wanted to deal with Super Bowl mania again until the NFL told me what it was going to pay. It was an offer I couldn't refuse.

My job was to cover the Seahawks every time there was a media availability. I can't remember how many stories I wrote, but it was at least two a day from Sunday through Sunday.

Covering the game for the NFL was altogether different than covering for a mid-size daily newspaper. I got access that I'm sure I wouldn't have had otherwise. The press headquarters were still in Dearborn, but on the day of the game I got to park in the same area code as Ford Field. I had a seat in the main press box, and I didn't have to maneuver through the crowd to get to field level for the post-game press conferences.

I'll admit I kind of enjoyed that experience, even though the game wasn't that great. The Steelers won 21-10 and their defense seemed in

command the entire game. The weather wasn't bad, either. The temperature on Sunday was 30 and the entire week was balmy — for February in Michigan — and snow-free.

It's unlikely I'll ever cover another Super Bowl but I'm glad I got to work two of them.

Super Bowl royalty

I can only imagine what it has been like for my friend Jerry Green. The long-time Grosse Pointe and former Detroit News columnist is the only sports writer to have covered every Super Bowl. Jerry will turn 93 this year and the last I heard he was planning his trip to Tampa for Sunday's game between Tampa Bay and Kansas City. This will be 55 of them. I'm sure he'll be treated like royalty — at least he should be.

If I can make it to 93, I just want to watch the game from the comfort of my recliner.

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