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Harper Woods	862 (+51)	41 (+1)

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## State champs!

Congratulations to the University Liggett School girls hockey team, who captured the state championship last Saturday, with a physical 4-2 win over Livonia Unified. Check out our coverage of the game on page 1D.

## New mayor, council members selected

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The mayoral seat and two vacant council seats were filled at a special city council meeting and a committee of the whole meeting Monday, March 29. The council had been operating with an empty seat since the death of George McMullen in December. Following the recent death of Mayor Robert Novitke, council decided to press forward with the process of filling seats. With a recommendation from the committee of the whole, current Mayor Pro-Tem Arthur W. Bryant was appointed mayor to fill the vacancy until the November election.

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## Hospital visitor restrictions reinstated

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Due to a significant uptick in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in southeast Michigan and the addition of more variants,

the Beaumont Health System resumed visitation limitations at all of its campuses Thursday, March 25, with Ascension's southeast Michigan hospitals following suit the next day. As of March 23, there were 356 COVID-19 in-

patients — this includes 301 who had tested positive and another 50 who were suspected to be positive or had tests pending — in the Beaumont Health system, which is nearly triple the 129

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## Dog park construction to begin

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Construction on a dog park that has been under discussion for years is anticipated to begin at Patterson Park later this month.

Construction begins as documents regarding dog park logistics were finalized in a special meeting

of the Park's recreation commission Thursday, March 25.

Members of the meeting discussed the dog park pass application, proposed rules for the off-leash park, the incident/bite report and a helpful hints document. With a few minor tweaks, the documents will be passed along to the recreation commission for approval.

They will then be sent to City Manager Nick Sizeland and City Attorney Jake Howlett for review before being finalized.

Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig and Sizeland said this review process will not hold up production of the park.

"Within the coming

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## Happy Easter!

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## Main Street Grosse Pointe engagement session rescheduled

### Survey extended

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The timeline of efforts to revitalize The Village through the Main Street Grosse Pointe initiative has shifted slightly.

The virtual community-wide engagement session hosted by

state and national Main Street experts initially set for April 7, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 4.

The presentation will cover summaries of stakeholder input, surveys, market data and research, before delving into potential transformation strategies for The Village, informing the community on how to get involved and outlining the next

steps in the process.

The additional time is needed, Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock explained, to broaden the scope of data that has been collected to this point.

Specifically, the Main Street team aims to look outside The Village district itself and to how the other Pointe downtown districts, such as The Hill, play

into what happens in The Village. Data gathering will include following where money is being spent, demographics and more.

"It really became apparent that we need to dig a little deeper into the way that we've been analyzing the geographic data and so in order to get the

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**Amy Padesky**  
Home: Grosse Pointe Woods  
Military pilot finds joy in flying, family time.



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# Filing deadlines coming

By Brad Lindberg  
Special Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Two election hopefuls in Funny River, Alaska, weren't laughing last year when they blew the deadline to register their campaigns. Both wound up disqualified from the ballot.

One candidate explained he was sidetracked in the lower 48s tending his dying father. The other blamed a red traffic light for making her one minute late submitting a financial disclosure statement with the proper agency.

"So it goes," the latter told a reporter for the Aug. 29, 2020, Peninsula Clarion newspaper.

Among the ways a political candidate can lose an election, not entering it is the most assured.

Another way is by not thinking ahead. Candidates for municipal office in some of the Grosse Pointes must be mindful of filing deadlines more than six months in advance of the Nov. 2 general election.

In the Farms and Park, nominating petitions for mayor, city council and municipal judge must be submitted to city clerks by 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

Deadlines in the City, Shores and Woods are 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

Filing deadlines are roughly one month sooner than when City Democrat Tim Bledsoe served two consecutive terms, 2009-12, in the Michigan House of Representatives on behalf of the Pointes, Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit.

"I don't think it makes much difference," Bledsoe said of the new filing date. "It's only a few weeks. If you haven't decided by then if you want to run or don't want to run, you probably don't belong in office anyway."

"It's awfully early to make up your mind to run in November," said Republican Ed Gaffney, former Farms councilman, mayor and Bledsoe's predecessor as a three-term state representative.

Gaffney suspects an early deadline helps incumbents.

"People already serving know when the deadline is," he said.

"People who want to run should know it."

"You're always notified when the deadline is," said Matthew Rumora, Farms municipal judge since 1988.

"You know you're up for re-election and have plenty of time to get nominating signatures."

This election cycle is the first in 33 years Rumora, 72, can't win. He's age-limited from competing.

"The Michigan Constitution says you can't run for judge after you turn 70," he said. Rumora will watch from the gallery this year to see which municipal candidates comply with their jurisdiction's respective nominating deadlines.

Candidacies aren't official until three days after the deadline. People filing petitions may withdraw from a race in writing within that period ending 4 p.m. Friday, April 23. Their names won't appear on a ballot.

## Farms 4 p.m. April 20

In the Farms this year, voters choose the mayor, three council members and judge. Candidates must submit at least 50 but no more than 75 nominating signatures of qualified registered electors and fellow residents to the clerk's office at city hall, 90 Kerby Road.

A primary election for each office is Tuesday, Aug. 3, if enough candidates file.

"If there are more than twice the number of filings per race than there are seats available, we must have a primary," said Derrick Kozicki, Farms clerk and assistant city manager.

A total of six candidates filing for three council seats, therefore, sends the race straight to the November election. A seventh candidate — more than twice the number of open council seats — triggers a primary. Likewise, three candidates each for mayor and judge prompt primaries in those cases.

City headquarters is open by appointment.

## Park 4 p.m. April 20

Rules in the Park are nearly identical to the Farms. The difference is the number of petition signatures. Park procedures require signatures of 25 to 50 registered Park residents.

"There's an affidavit on nominating petitions," Clerk Jane Blahut said. "We check them."

Being decided this cycle are the mayor, three council seats and judge.

As in the Farms, a primary is scheduled Aug. 3, if there are more than twice the number of candidates per race.

"Nobody's filed yet," Blahut said. City hall, 15115 E. Jefferson, is open.

## City 4 p.m. July 20

"No primary," said Julie Arthurs, clerk and assistant city manager. "Our charter does not

call for a primary. Anyone choosing to run for (municipal) office runs in November."

Up for election this year are the mayor and three members of council.

"Our filing deadline is July 20, at 4 p.m.," Arthurs said.

Petition packets are normally available early May.

"If someone wants one sooner, I'm happy to do that," Arthurs said. "They just need to contact me."

City hall, 17147 Maumee, is open.

## Shores 4 p.m. July 20

The Shores doesn't have primary elections for mayor and council, but is subject to primaries for the municipal judge it shares with the Farms.

Judicial candidates have a filing deadline 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

"Since we share the Farms judge, if there are more than two candidates running for that position, the Farms will hold an August primary in which our residents will vote as well," Administrator Tom Krolczyk said.

Also up for election this year are two council members. The council deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

Candidates must submit nominating petitions signed by at least 15 electors of the city.

City hall, 795 Lakeshore, is open.

## Woods 4 p.m. July 20

There is no municipal primary, only a Nov. 3 general election.

Candidates for mayor and three council seats must submit nominating petitions by 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

Among vacancies this year are those of former Mayor Robert Novitke and Councilman George McMullan Jr. Both died in office. Novitke, 74, was mayor since 1990, and on council 13 years prior. McMullen, 63, elected to a first term in 2017, died late 2020.

Nominating petitions shall be signed by not less than 200 nor more than 250 registered electors of the city, according to Clerk Lisa Hathaway.

City hall, 20025 Mack, is open.

# Lauri Read to run for mayor

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — While current Mayor Robert Denner decided not to run for re-election this fall, Councilwoman Lauri Read announced her plans to pursue the mayoral role.

Read acknowledged she knew Denner would not be running for re-election and believes the next person to take the seat needs to have experience and knowledge.

"It's not a decision that I came to lightly," Read said, regarding running for the mayoral seat. "It's important to have good people in government who know what they're doing and I want to serve my city."

Read has served on the Park's city council since November 2017; her term expires this fall.

"As I complete my term, I have decided to seek the mayoral seat with the support and encouragement of many of the residents I serve," Read said in a statement. "I bring the skills, experience and passion to serve the city in this role."

In 2017, Read's campaign platform sought a



Lauri Read

fiscally sound, responsible and accessible city government.

"We have made great strides as a city, even during these unprecedented and turbulent times," Read said. "Every great community must continue to adapt and grow to remain vibrant and attractive to new families. We owe that commitment to each generation."

Read has worked as part of the Beautification and Recreation Commissions, Marina Subcommittee, Ordinance Review and Communications Committees, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Fox Creek Artscape and Alter Crossing project sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

# Ford announces board nominees

Ford Motor Co. announced two board nominees in a March 12 press release.

The nominees are Ford family members Alexandra Ford English and Henry Ford III.

Ford English is the director of Corporate Strategy at Ford and Ford III is a director in Ford Investor Relations.

"Henry and Alexandra are both passionate and capable young business leaders who care deeply about Ford Motor Company and the welfare of our customers, employees, dealers and shareholders," Bill Ford said in the press release. "I am pleased and proud that we have a new generation of Ford family leaders who believe in serving the company and ensuring it remains a successful and positive force in the world for years to come."

The company also announced the retirement of Edsel Ford, as well as John Lechleiter's decision not to stand for re-election.

The election is set to take place at the annual meeting of shareholders May 13.

A Ford spokesperson told Grosse Pointe News neither Ford English nor Ford III are available for comment concerning their nominations.



Alexandra Ford English



Henry Ford III

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Mayor: 2-year term  
Sheila Tomkowiak  
Council Members 4-year terms  
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: April 20, 4 p.m.  
\*Terms expiring:  
Mayor:  
Louis Theros  
Council Members  
James C. Farquhar Jr.  
John Gillooly  
Beth Konrad-Wilberding  
Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$30,000  
Matthew R. Rumora (statutory retirement)

### Grosse Pointe Park

(313) 822-6200 • www.grossepointepark.org  
No salary for Mayor or Council Members  
4-year terms for Council Members;  
2-year term for Mayor  
Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m.  
\*Terms expiring:  
Mayor  
Robert Denner  
Council Members  
Darci McConnell  
Lauri Read  
James E. Johnson  
Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$23,000  
Carl F. Jarboe.....term expires 12-21

### 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: July 20, 4 p.m.  
Terms expiring:  
Council Members  
Robert H. Barrette Jr.  
Sandra Cavataio  
Matthew Seely  
Municipal Judge, 4-year term - \$15,000  
Matthew R. Rumora (statutory retirement)

### 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: July 20, 4 p.m.  
\*Terms expiring:  
Mayor  
Vacant  
Council Members  
Victoria Granger  
Todd A. McConaghy  
Vacant

### 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: April 20, 4 p.m.  
\*Terms expiring:  
Mayor  
Valerie Kindle  
Council Members  
Ernestine Lyons  
Vivian Sawicki  
Ivery Toussant Jr.

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# Concessionaire retires after four decades at Pier Park

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — When Dick Graves took over as concessionaire at Pier Park in 1980, the stand was essentially a wooden garage with unfinished walls. Once in his hands, it underwent a complete remodel, including residing the exterior with finished plywood, putting up walls inside, placing coach lights next to the door and even cutting the grass himself.

Every morning, he would get fresh ground hamburger delivered from Eastern Market and every year, he would take two weeks to repaint the entire stand, keeping it in top condition.

Initially, the city was so pleased with him they extended his three-year contract. Now, he is retiring from the stand after 40 years.

“Dick was an institution down at the Pier Park and stopping at the snack shop for a cheeseburger and french fries was a rite of summer,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “He was very passionate about his work, the service he provided to residents (and) the quality of the food and, to my knowledge, he is the only food provider in Wayne County that consistently received a 100 percent score from the health department. They were always amazed to see how well-organized and what a clean shop he ran. Beyond that, he became a friend to our residents over the years and, personally, he became a family friend.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Dick Graves in front of the concession stand he managed 40 years.

When the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation started focusing on Pier Park improvements approximately 20 years ago, the stand was demolished and rebuilt, with Graves heavily involved in the interior design aspects.

The result was a bigger concession stand that wouldn't require annual painting and included a larger deep fryer and grill.

“If it wasn't for (former city manager) Rich Solak and Shane Reeside, that park would not be what it is today and I would not have been and stayed involved with it,” Graves said. “Those are two wonderful, dedicated human beings that are so dedicated to this community. Those guys are just unbelievable. They amaze me with the amount of effort they put in to make this a great community for us.”

With a new building that required significantly less upkeep, Graves was afforded

extra time to modify the menu which, before then, had only included hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, pop, novelty ice cream and candy. Through experimenting and asking customers what they'd like to see, additions have included grilled cheese, Chipotle Black Bean Vegetarian Hamburgers, Amish chicken breast sandwiches, Polish sausage, Mister C's pizza, diet caffeine-free pop and a lot more ice cream.

What kept Graves going four decades was serving happiness on a tray through great food and great service. The excitement children would express in special instances when he would let them in the back door of the stand to pick out their own ice cream is only one such example of his efforts to make eating at the stand an experience to remember.

“It's the gratification that I get from somebody being super satisfied at

something that I had a part in doing for them,” he explained. “... There's nothing greater to me than to have somebody come back and tell you how good that food was.”

The time has come to retire, Graves said, because 40 years is a nice round number and at 70 years old, it's time to pass the torch while he's on top.

As the lead organizer and host of the annual Farms/City Fishing Rodeo since taking it over in 1986, when his father died, Graves plans to continue his work there to some capacity. He also will maintain his full-time capacity as a Realtor, as he has done since 1985, at Higbie Maxon Agney.

The Farms now is seeking a seasonal contractor to operate and manage the concession stand at Pier Park. The request for proposal can be found at [grossepointefarms.org/news\\_detail\\_T2\\_R32.php](http://grossepointefarms.org/news_detail_T2_R32.php) and is due by 3 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

# Draft Mack Ave. zoning changes presented

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Following completion of the Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan and an initial stakeholder meeting in mid-December, public feedback is being sought on the development of initial draft zoning recommendations for the City side of Mack between Fisher and Cadieux.

As it stands, the zoning on Mack in the City is largely split between the restricted office district, R-O1, and local commercial, C-1. While it is still a work in progress, City Planner Julie Connochie cautioned, initial recommendations suggest the two zones be consolidated into one general commercial district. The P-1 parking district, encompassing the parcels that sit behind the R-O1 and C-1 districts, are proposed to be maintained in areas where an alley exists, but transitioned to mixed-use zoning in areas where it doesn't. The R-T, or residential terrace district, the fourth and final type of zoning along the stretch, would remain as multifamily residential zoning.

Potential new uses to be permitted in the commercial district are animal grooming shops, artisan/maker spaces,

educational uses, small animal clinics and residential, while potential new uses that would require special use authorization are brewpub, microbrewery or craft distilleries, child care centers and live/work units.

Uses that currently require special use authorization, but are recommended to be permitted without need for authorization are fitness centers, grocery or specialty food stores and outdoor cafes and eating areas.

With the recommendation that residential be allowed and limited to above the ground floor throughout the potential new commercial district, proposed prohibited uses are banquet halls; currency exchanges; drive-thru facilities for any use, which already isn't permitted; massage parlors, which does not include businesses such as Massage Green under the legal distinction; pawn shops; payday loan stores; and resale shops.

Design standards for the commercial zone being considered for recommendation include establishing a consistent build-to line, which already is required in the C-1 district, to ensure buildings hold a constant line framing the street; codified building material standards; building mass-

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, APRIL 5

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods municipal offices closed.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA Board meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

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

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tion. Councilwoman Vicki Granger was selected to serve as

mayor pro-tem in Bryant's place.

Bryant's appointment to mayor left a new council seat vacant, resulting in two open seats. The Woods received 19 appli-

cations for the open seats.

As a committee of the whole, the city selected Angela Coletti Brown and Thomas Vaughn to fill the vacant seats of

Bryant and McMullen.

Brown and Vaughn will be officially sworn into office at the council meeting Monday, April 12.

— Kate Vanderstelt

## HOSPITAL:

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COVID-19 in-patients in the system a month prior Feb. 22.

“COVID-19 cases are now rising at a pretty alarming rate throughout Michigan and especially southeast Michigan, and we at Beaumont Health are pretty concerned about the trend that we're seeing,” said Dr. Nick Gilpin, medical director of Infection Prevention and Epidemiology for Beaumont Health. “... The test positivity rates within our community have jumped significantly and we're seeing more and more COVID variants, specifically the B117 UK variant in our community, as well.”

Practically mirroring the Beaumont guidelines set last fall when the community saw its last surge in cases, visitors are not

allowed in rooms of patients with pending or positive COVID-19 tests, apart from situations such as end-of-life, patients younger than 21 years old, women in labor or other extreme circumstances where the benefits of presence outweigh the risk of exposure. These exceptions must be approved by clinical leadership.

Patients without COVID-19 may have one visitor in situations of serious or critical condition, an adult with a disability who needs help communicating or managing anxiety, a person undergoing a surgical procedure and, if arrangements are made in advance, a person having an outpatient test or procedure.

For children age 21 and younger, two parents are allowed. For women in labor or with pregnancy complications, a desig-

nated partner along with a doula are allowed. For someone being evaluated for hospice care or near the end of life, two people are allowed at the bedside and additional family may take turns.

Except under extreme circumstances, those younger than age 16 are restricted from visiting.

“All of Beaumont's hospitals are safe and remain open to patients needing healthcare, including emergency room visits, testing and surgery,” Gilpin said. “Patients should continue to go to any Beaumont emergency department for medical issues that require urgent attention.”

Masking within Beaumont hospitals remains required, regardless of vaccination status, and additional visitation guidelines for those who have been fully vaccinated are expected to be announced early April.

While many Ascension Michigan hospitals have been allowing one visitor per patient recently, the updated restrictions are under a no-visitor policy.

The exceptions allow for one visitor in the cases of patients ages 21 or younger in the emergency room, a pediatric unit, surgery or ambulatory care sites; labor and delivery patients, where a midwife or doula is allowed in addition; outpatient surgery patients; outpatient radiology and lab patients, if necessary for patient assistance; and ER, medical, surgical, inpatient rehabilitation or intensive care unit patients when the visitor has been appointed to make medical decisions or is deemed essential as a support individual.

The restrictions also do not apply to end-of-life or religious visitations. Visitors must be at least 18 years old.

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time to really get the complete look with the different districts and how they relate to The

Village as a whole, as well as the surrounding community, we would like to push that back another month,” Willcock said. “Although we're all really excited to have a final product

delivered, I think it makes sense to make sure that we have a really good solid understanding and representation.”

The deadline on a community survey

intended to seek feedback on the strengths and needs of The Village has been extended to Thursday, April 15.

It can be taken at [survey.monkey.com/r/997N2FY](http://survey.monkey.com/r/997N2FY)

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Pointer enjoys flying through life

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

When she was 16, Grosse Pointe native Amy (Grinvalsky) Padesky was on an over-booked flight.

"I was on a flight from the Virgin Islands to Puerto Rico," Padesky said. "There were too many people for the aircraft. They put me in the co-pilot seat."

That arrangement sparked Padesky's interest in aviation. She obtained her pilot's license and started flying while she attended Grosse Pointe North High School. Padesky sought out Western Michigan University for its aviation program.

When Padesky went to Western for school at age 18, she also enlisted in the military. An F-16 pilot she met at a recruiting event inspired her to do so, saying the military was interested in hiring



Amy Padesky flying a KC-135.

Squadron. There, she was encouraged to apply for a pilot spot. Though it is known as a competitive interview process and rigorous program, Padesky was chosen for the spot.

Padesky now flies the KC-135 for the Michigan Air National Guard with the 171st Air Refueling Squadron. The mission for the KC-135 is to extend the range and endurance of other aircraft in the air by refueling them while airborne.

Her decision to fly KC-135 was simple: She wanted to have a family and continue doing her job at the same time.

"They wanted me to fly A10s, but I wanted to be able to fly while pregnant," Padesky said. "I didn't want to have to take multiple years off."

Pilots are not allowed to fly fighter planes or bomber planes while pregnant due to their ejector seats. The



COURTESY PHOTOS

Amy and Paul Padesky, with their children, James and Kate.

female pilots.

After graduating from Western in 2008, with a Bachelor of Science

degree in aviation flight science, Padesky was deployed to Turkey with the 171st Air Refueling

KC-135, being a refueling plane, enabled Padesky to fly right up until she was ready for a family.

"I flew the KC-135 until

I was six months pregnant," she said. "I have two kids and flew both

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## DOGS:

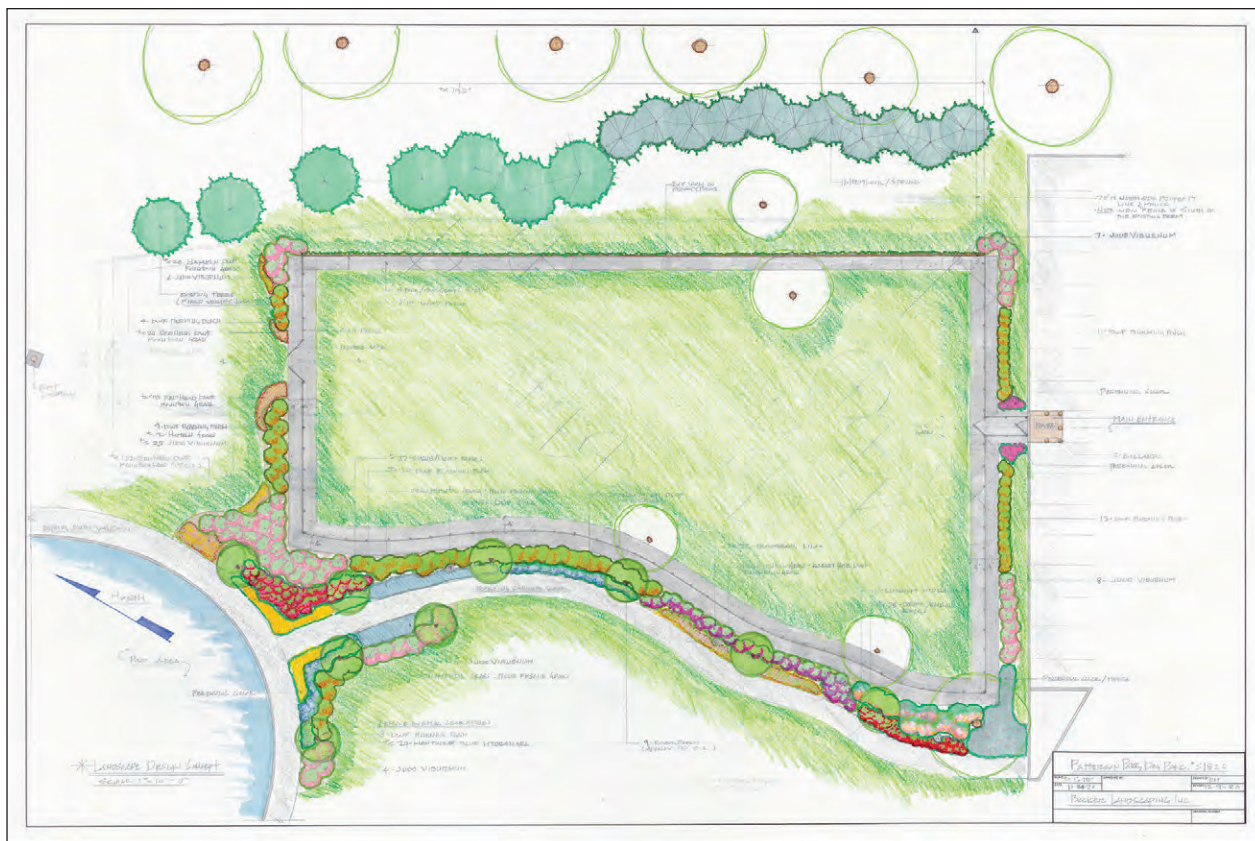
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weeks, you should see stuff going on," Craig said.

Breaking ground on construction has been a long time coming. At a city council meeting in September 2019, council made a motion to direct administration to pursue developing the dog park in Patterson Park. Talk of constructing a dog park had been in the works long before then. The 2019 vote solidified that the park would ultimately be developed in Patterson.

Since the vote was taken, Craig and Sizeland have worked together with the community to get the dog park underway. According to Sizeland, five public workshops were held to walk the different site options in Patterson. The public was encouraged to ask questions and give feedback regarding the sites. Two special recreation commission meetings were held to specifically discuss the dog park.

The site within Patterson chosen for the dog park is believed to have the most potential for long-term success. Parking is easily accessible to the dog park and owners who wish to walk their dogs to the park will have a suggested walking route to promote safety



The proposed layout of the dog park at Patterson Park.

within the park as a whole.

In working to develop the park, Craig interviewed representatives from both Sterling Heights and Clinton Township to discuss the pros and cons they've

seen in their communities with the development of dog parks.

The Park's dog park is one of the last to be built in the Pointes, as dog parks already are developed in the Farms, Shores and Woods.

A feature Craig and Sizeland said they are proud to promote is a live-feed camera that will be installed in the park. Craig hopes to have the feed accessible via the city's website, allowing anyone to view the dog park at

any given time. Sizeland hopes this will encourage owners to view the park before coming so they can know what they are getting into before they arrive at the park.

Construction is anticipated to begin in April, which would put completion of the park in May or

early June.

"There are a lot of dog lovers in this community," Sizeland said.

He believes the dog park will attract younger families to the area and encourage "empty nesters" to stay in the community. This sentiment was echoed in the special meeting March 25, as a younger resident explained a large reason he chose to move to the community recently was reading about a dog park being built.

"It's something people wanted and now it's actually going to happen," Craig said. "It's going to be another great addition to our already wonderful park."

With community input came cooperation, something Sizeland said the donor of the project was willing to engage with.

"Joe Backer, who is the donor of this project, has been very considerate ... listening to us and concerned residents," Sizeland said. "Chad and I have had a great relationship being able to work with him and his company and we sincerely thank him for this donation."



COURTESY IMAGES

Renderings of the proposed park.



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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Gates struck once again

While on routine patrol around 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 16, an officer discovered the Pier Park gates had been struck by a vehicle. White plastic trim and glass from a headlamp assembly were found in the area, but no vehicle was discovered and the gates were able to be closed.

## Prowler in action

Officers were called when an unknown man was seen walking up driveways in the area of Bournemouth Road and Chalfonte Avenue at 3 a.m. Tuesday, March 23.

Although the man ran as officers arrived, he was located hiding in bushes in a nearby yard. The 22-year-old Detroit man is suspected of attempting to commit larceny from vehicles, but was arrested on prowling charges.

## No turning back

When officers attempted to pull over a 47-year-old Detroit man who had been reported as a possible drunken driver on Moross Road around 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, he initially pulled over, but then drove off when an officer got out of the patrol car.

He led officers on a slow-speed chase onto Carmel Lane where he reached a dead end at Christine Drive.

The driver was arrested for fleeing and eluding, resisting and obstructing and operating while intoxicated. One passenger also refused to cooperate with officers and was arrested for resisting and obstructing, as well as open intoxicants.

## Dog attack

A dog in the area of Lewiston and Ridge roads was attacked by two stray dogs around 2:40 p.m. Friday, March 26. Both of the stray dogs were caught.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Permit-only driver

After being pulled over at Lakeshore and Moross roads for a defective driver's side headlight at 10:13 p.m. Friday, March 26, a 20-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving without a license and no insurance.

## Pleading ignorance

Officers ran a plate to find the driver's license suspended and no insurance on a vehicle with tinted windows at Lakeshore and Roslyn roads at 5:23 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

While the 19-year-old Detroit driver said he was unaware his license was suspended, he was arrested for such and for not having insurance.

## Driving under the limit

A 27-year-old Detroit man was pulled over near Lakeshore Road and Moorland Drive when officers observed him driving at 22 mph, weaving in the lane and tapping the brakes multiple times at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, March 27.

With watery, bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and the odor of intoxicants, the man admitted to drinking. A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content was .10 percent, for which he was arrested.

## Fraudulent insurance

When a vehicle near Hawthorne and Lakeshore roads was found to have a canceled plate for fraudulent application of insurance, the 42-year-old Southfield driver was pulled over and arrested at 12:33 a.m. Monday,

March 29, for not having insurance and driving while license suspended.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Stolen license plate

At midnight Tuesday, March 2, a resident of the 1700 block of Huntington found his license plate missing from the back of his car.

When he parked his car at 9 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the driveway of his house on Huntington, the license plate was intact.

The suspect is unknown.

## Stolen Bible

A woman stole a Bible from a church at 7:55 p.m. Wednesday, March 24.

A parishioner saw the woman move to the front of church at the close of service, where she allegedly picked up a Bible and covered it under books already in her hands.

She moved to the back of the church and left.

The woman is believed to have taken other literature from the church over time, as well. The stolen Bible is valued between \$40 and \$60.

## Don't punch the Uber driver

A 53-year-old Roseville man was arrested at Allard and North Harper after assaulting an Uber driver at midnight Thursday, March 25.

The Uber driver had picked up three individuals at a Detroit casino. The passengers were using foul language, which bothered the Uber driver.

The driver attempted to make the passengers get out of his car in Detroit, but they refused.

As he continued to drive, the 53-year-old passenger punched him in the back of the head.

The driver pulled over at Allard and North Harper and was punched in the head three more times before successfully removing the passengers from his car.

## Wrong game

A resident of the 600 block of North Brys became a victim of fraud when they sold a Nintendo C.D. on eBay, which the buyer then claimed was faulty.

The buyer sent back a different disk, putting the seller out \$28.84.

## Stolen crab legs

A business on Mack Avenue fell victim to retail fraud at 11:52 a.m. Saturday, March 27.

A suspect wearing white sneakers, a blue sweatshirt and black pants grabbed a box of uncooked crab legs and headed to the front entrance of the store.

An employee notified a manager, who attempted to stop the suspect by yelling. The suspect continued out the front entrance and entered a gray Dodge Charger, driving away with \$60 worth of crab legs.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Two years of unemployment

A resident of the 700 block of Westchester reported an unknown person filed for unemployment benefits under his name twice.

The first occurrence was May 2020. The second report was made Monday, March 22.

## Estate sale

A man in the 800 block

of Nottingham reported himself a victim of fraud/embezzlement at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 22.

The man hired a company to conduct an estate sale for him, only to get duped out of \$2,500.

## Embezzlement be gone

Park officers assisted the Attorney General's office at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, as they attempted to arrest an embezzlement suspect.

The suspect is a 63-year-old Park man who could not be located at the time of the attempt.

## Assist

Park officers assisted the City in executing a search warrant to find a handgun stolen in February from the 1300 block of Chalmers in Detroit.

The gun, along with a large amount of narcotics and stolen property, was found.

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Stolen along the way

A police officer from a nearby city is missing items from her vehicle, including a gun lock box containing ammunition, after it was totaled in an accident at Mack Avenue and Washington Road, then sent to a tow yard and then an auto auction.

## Unemployment fraud ongoing

A 51-year-old Grosse Pointe man discovered he is the victim of fraud after being approved to receive unemployment

benefits for which he had never applied.

A 62-year-old Grosse Pointe man also received a letter requesting further information to establish his identity in order to receive unemployment benefits for which he hadn't applied.

## Threatening calls

A 29-year-old Grosse Pointe woman reported her ex-boyfriend, a 37-year-old Warren man, has been calling her with threats after she began dating someone else.

## Identity fraud

A 78-year-old Grosse Pointe man discovered he is the victim of identity fraud when approximately \$2,500 in fraudulent transactions was found in his bank account.

## In need of gas

When officers stopped to help a vehicle with its hazard lights on near East Jefferson and Lakeland Street at 1 a.m. Saturday, March 27, the 21-year-old Livonia driver said he had run out of gas and asked multiple officers whether they had any gas on them.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .189 and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

## Attempted larceny from vehicle

Around 10:15 p.m. Saturday, March 27, a vehicle in the 900 block of University was ransacked in an attempted larceny.

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

## POINTER:

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pregnancies until I was very pregnant."

Though Padesky does not have any action-packed fighting stories due to the nature of the KC-135, her job has taken her to places around the world, including Turkey, Japan, Guam, England, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Qatar, Liberia and Cape Verde.

"(One time) we were flying home from Cape

Verde and our entire right-side hydraulic system bled out," Padesky said. "So we didn't have any hydraulic fluid in our right side. We were on our way home and we had to defer

to Puerto Rico."

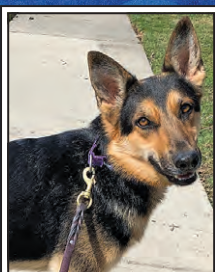
When she is not airborne, Padesky enjoys being a mom to her 4-year-old daughter, Kate, and 2-year-old son, James. Along with her husband,

Paul, the family enjoys traveling and being outside.

Though she has two young children, Padesky still tries to get out and fly once a week.

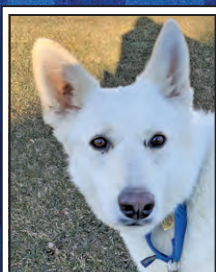
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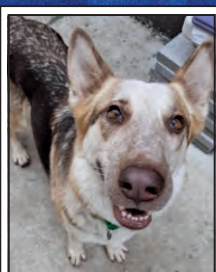
## RIVER

Female, 2 years old. German Shepherd, playful girl.



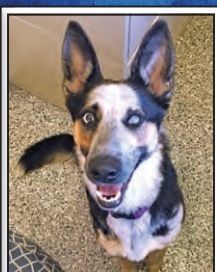
## TIPPY

Female, 4 years old. German Shepherd, shy girl who warms gradually.



## GRETYL

Female, 4 years old. German Shepherd, shy but friendly.



## BENITA

Female, 3 years old. German Shepherd, socialization required.

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FROM THE OWNER

Congratulations on MPA awards

I would like to congratulate John and Terry Minnis and all of the hardworking staff at the Grosse Pointe News for receiving the award of Second Place for Best Newspaper of 2020 in our circulation class. The award was announced last week by the Michigan Press Association. Additionally, I would like to congratulate the following for these awards in our circulation class:



- ◆ Barb Arrigo for First Place for Best Editorial for the article "Leadership Lacking in Shores"
- ◆ Jody McVeigh and John Minnis for First Place for Best Newspaper Design
- ◆ Jody McVeigh for First Place for Feature Story for the article "Love letters and broken hearts"
- ◆ Paul Biondi and Donna Zetterlund for Second Place for Restaurant Promotions for "Red Crown Quality Eats"
- ◆ Julie Sutton, John Pigott and Ken Schop for Third Place for Restaurant Promotions for "Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe"
- ◆ Renee Landuyt for Third Place for Photo Story for "Season's Creepings"
- ◆ Renee Landuyt for Honorable Mention of Feature Photo for "Ice Art."

There were 83 newspapers and individual members of the Michigan Press Association competing in this year's contest. I want to congratulate all members of the Michigan Press Association for continuing to give a platform for journalists to strengthen our communities through the robust use of the first amendment.

OUR VIEW

Congrats II

Let's tap those sticks for the University Liggett girls hockey team, which brought home a Division 1 state championship Saturday by defeating Livonia United.

With their 4-2 victory, the Knights completed a run that saw them besting Cranbrook in the quarter finals and then sitting idle when their semifinal opponent dropped out due to quarantining. As winners of the Catholic League Championship the weekend before, the team had beaten the Mercy Marlins 3-2 in overtime.

That's a commanding performance and a perfect finale to an undefeated season. The team deserves extra shout-outs in a year when COVID-19 cases or exposures, and ensuing quarantines, sidelined squads in multiple winter sports.

The quarantines can even take a toll on opposing teams like Liggett, even as they remain ready to play. Head coach Greg Paddison talked about the Liggett team's nervousness as playoff teams dropped out. "The spike in the team stress level was palpable," he said — so all the more rewarding to push through to victory.

Leading the way against Livonia were Allyson Doppke with two goals, and Morgan Hamilton and Ava Jacob with one apiece. Liggett scored the first three goals and held the lead throughout the game, which turned increasingly physical and led to penalties on both sides.

Team captains were Gabrielle Anusbigian and Kendall Zinn. Ms. Anusbigian commented on how hard the team had to work on keeping up its morale during such a complicated season and thanked her teammates for sticking with it.

"It feels like we've been working for this for a while," Ms. Zinn said, a sentiment Mr. Paddison echoed when he said the state championship had been more than a goal this year, it was an expectation.

And they did it. Congratulations to the new champs on their remarkable, long-to-be-remembered accomplishment!

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The poor condition of the Lakeshore Road seawall is obvious to those who walk along the 3 1/2 miles of county-maintained shoreline.

OUR VIEW

Can feds find funds for seawall?

With trillions of dollars coming out of Washington, could someone please find \$25 million to replace the crumbling seawall along Lakeshore Road in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores?

It doesn't seem like too much to ask, but there are always conditions with federal money, county Commissioner Tim Killeen noted as he recalled a February phone conference for local officials with congressional staffers. Those staffers will be crucial in figuring out how to find federal funding to replace the decrepit, 1930s-era seawall.

Commissioner Killeen said he at first thought money coming to Wayne County under the American Rescue Plan Act, \$339 million, could fund the project, but now believes those projects must be shovel ready.

The next possibility: A huge infrastructure proposal scheduled to come this week from the White House. Although its fate in Congress is hardly certain, it may provide an opportunity for Michigan's

congressional delegation — especially U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, whose district covers the Grosse Pointes — to deal the seawall into the equation.

But the competition for those dollars will be fierce. Roads and bridges, sewers and water pipes, locks and dams, airports, broadband, the electric grid — the backbone of daily living is in sad shape everywhere.

Also due, perhaps as early as this week, is the first budget from the new administration. Depending on how it accommodates the infrastructure plan, it might offer more opportunities.

Michigan is generally tallied as being a donor state — getting less back from the federal government than it sends in taxes — and the Grosse Pointes are almost certainly donor communities within Michigan and within Wayne County. No one here complains, too much, about that.

So it hardly seems out of line to ask that Wayne County — which bears ultimate responsibility to keep Lakeshore from sliding into Lake St. Clair — take priority for an essential Grosse Pointe project.

OUR VIEW

Pointes in COVID/vaccine race

Mix a more easily transmitted variant of COVID-19 with people overcome by cabin fever and you get what's happening across Michigan: rocketing rates of new cases that have pushed the state to the top of the national charts.

The Grosse Pointes are clearly part of the trend, even as vaccinations become more widely available. Data compiled by the school district, probably the most complete tracking of local conditions, show increasing risk in almost all categories. And that's from the Grosse Pointe Public School System dashboard for March 23, with another full week passing in the meantime. By Monday, for example, the weekly case count for the Grosse Pointes had jumped by nearly 50 percent, just like the state's rate.

Plus, it's alarming to note the huge jumps in cases among younger age groups, now that a good proportion of older folks have gotten vaccinated. The Michigan Health and Hospital Association reported that, from March 1 to 23, COVID admissions among 40- to 49-year-olds increased by 800 percent. For 30- to 39-year-olds, the increase was 633 percent. (Meanwhile, the group most in danger of dying — those older than 80 — saw an increase, too, but of just 37 percent.)

So it's no surprise a hospital system like Beaumont, including Beaumont Grosse Pointe, has tightened up visiting rules again.

Another sign of the spread among younger people

is the growing number of school outbreaks, as compiled by the state. Younger people may generally have milder cases, but the disruptions become significant as the case count builds.

Schools in the Grosse Pointes, for example, have had minimal signs of spread within buildings. But students get sent home to quarantine if they've come too close for too long to someone who came down with COVID-19 after exposure outside of school hours. Grosse Pointe South, for example, had 122 students in quarantine as of March 24; North had 83.

Sports teams have had to withdraw from competitions, as well. One of the most recent disruptions was to the North boys basketball team, whose season-end was having to forfeit a district playoff game.

Still, there are signs of hope. The ability to get vaccinated opens up wide Monday, when any Michigander age 16 and older can get an appointment. Plans also are underway for a vaccination clinic in the Grosse Pointes (details at grossepointe news.com as they become available).

As of this writing, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had not tightened any rules regarding restaurants or schools, as she did last November when cases shot up. Perhaps she was hoping to ease past spring break and today's Detroit Tigers opener, among other rituals as the days grow warmer.

But it sure would help if everyone, from grade school on up to the vaccinated seniors, stuck to the rules for just a while longer.

LETTERS

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Parallelism

To the Editor: Regarding "We Can Make Democracy Last," March 18, I appreciated the observation that Americans, despite many differences, are "aston-

ishingly similar." The reminder that "You have the freedom to say almost whatever you want ..." is good to hear in the midst of cancel culture. I agree we don't need hundreds of new

junior dividers or senior dividers either.

One of your sentences lacked parallelism. To be consistent with other words in the sentence, and to avoid division, the following should have been capitalized also: White, Rich, Young, Agnostic and Female.

It was mildly divisive that you referred to President Trump as the Divider in Chief. I won't defend his personal attacks, as I didn't like them either. On the other hand, I will defend his substantive accomplishments in creating a booming economy, reducing illegal immigration, spearheading

development of the COVID vaccine in an unprecedentedly short timeframe, forcing European countries to live up to their promised contributions to NATO, etc.

On the other hand, President Biden ran as a uniter but, on the more substantive matters, from my perspective, he is now the Divider in Chief by: cancelling the Keystone Pipeline thereby eliminating thousands of high paying jobs; pushing through the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill (only 9 percent was COVID related) and

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I SAY By Whitney McDonald

# Hello, Grosse Pointe!



The Grosse Pointe News has given me the opportunity to combine my two greatest passions: entrepreneurship and storytelling.

As the new business

reporter at the Grosse Pointe News, I am eager to share the stories of locals who are starting businesses, celebrating anniversaries, promoting new initiatives and figuring out how to navigate their industries during a global pandemic.

It hasn't taken long to recognize that Grosse Pointers love their hometown, support locally owned businesses and share a passion for community.

I grew up in Northville and am a Michigander through and through.

I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees from Michigan State University where I studied journalism.

With a strong academic foundation, internships and practice, I am ready to dive into my career.

I have covered the automotive industry in Detroit and am familiar with small business ownership.

My goal as a reporter is to create trusting and lasting relationships with my sources and to provide a platform for the small business community to share their offerings.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to writing your stories.

Email Whitney at [wmcDonald@grossepointenews.com](mailto:wmcDonald@grossepointenews.com).

## LETTERS:

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pushing our national debt to \$28 trillion (\$84,800 of debt per every American); eliminating Trump's border policies and saying he wouldn't deport anyone for 100 days — thereby creating a disaster on the southwest border with tens of thousands of illegal immigrants crowded together and then dispersed into our country, at huge taxpayer expense (e.g., \$86 million for six months of hotel rooms), with little regard to COVID, while American citizens have been complying with COVID protocols including the loss of thousands of businesses, etc.

DOUGLAS W. FIEDLER  
Grosse Pointe Farms

*Publisher's note: Your point on parallelism is noted. The Grosse Pointe News generally follows the style guide of the Associated Press, which capitalizes the word "black" when referring to race and does not capitalize the word "white" when used in the same way. Going forward the GPN will not capitalize either word when referring to a person's race.*

### One word: Plastics

To the Editor:

I am very concerned with the ongoing environmental and health damages caused from the overproduction of plastics (350 million tons each year.) All of us should know that 91 percent of all plastics are not recyclable.

Presently, individuals are unknowingly ingesting plastics (5 grams every week) equal to the weight of a credit card. The United States produces the most plastic waste per capita in the world.

As a wife, mother, grandmother and landscape architect, I am writing to urge you to support the legislation of Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act (BFFPPA).

This legislation will be introduced to Congress on March 25. It addresses the devastating impacts of plastic production that releases harmful emissions and greenhouse gases into the atmosphere from fracking, manufacturing or "down-cycling" of plastics. The leakage of plastics into our food chain and environment is well documented and has long-term consequences for ourselves and our fragile environment.

Too often, low-income and indigenous communities are disproportionately affected by the facilities that are located within their communities. These facilities contaminate their air, water and soil. Chemical or "Advanced" recycling is

ineffective and costly, and not solving the problem. Plastic carbon sequestration is not the answer for landfills, nor is the burning of plastics in incinerators as "waste to fuel" or "waste to energy."

The crisis of plastic pollution has devastating impacts on climate change, our communities, the economy, human health, clean water, clean air and the health of our lakes, oceans, wildlife and environment.

The BFFPPA does address comprehensive plastic reduction, waste stream management and the negative impacts on our planet. We can no longer ignore this crisis and hope it will just go away.

I urge you to help support the BFFPPA by calling or writing to your senators and representative in Washington, D.C. The benefits of BFFPPA are addressing ways to create a more innovative and sustainable economy that will help to promote better health for ourselves, our country and this world.

CANDACE L. SWEENEY,  
Registered Landscape Architect  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Letter from Farms mayor

Dear Farms Residents:

I know we were all waiting to welcome 2021 and to put 2020 in our rearview mirror. I just wanted to reach out as we head into spring and mark the one-year anniversary of the pandemic.

As of March 6, the Farms has recorded 501 cases of COVID-19 infections and six deaths. This means about 94 percent of Farms' residents have not tested positive for COVID. This is better than the statewide numbers. Every one of you is responsible for these great numbers that help keep our residents safe. Thank you and keep it up.

Most importantly, vaccines are now becoming more widely available, especially with the approval of the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Presently, more Americans have received BOTH doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines than have actually tested positive for COVID. The more of us who get vaccinated, the better we can achieve the best collective, community protection. Talk to your doctor to make sure you are able to get a COVID vaccine, and also when and how you can get it.

As a result of vaccinations and the reduction of COVID infections, Michigan is reopening more businesses, including bars, restaurants and other entertainment venues. Also, our schools are moving to full, face-to-face learning for those who wish it. And on Monday, March 8, the

CDC issued guidance indicating what those who have gotten a vaccine can do without masks. All of these developments and more should lead everyone to get vaccinated.

While much of the recent news is positive, we must take a moment and remember those who have lost loved ones or who still feel the medical or economic effects of this pandemic. Please keep them in your thoughts and help where you can.

As we move forward, some will stay close to home, while others will venture out. No matter which you choose, continue to choose local businesses. They need us more than ever.

Take care and be safe.  
LOUIS THEROS, MAYOR  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Stop the violence

To the Editor:

When is the killing of our young children and our community members of Detroit going to stop?

I was born and raised in Detroit, went to school in Detroit and I am still employed in Detroit; I'm truly a "Detroit Boy."

I am 80 years old and I am fearful of the violence that our great city and our communities are enduring. We must find a way to stop this senseless killing and violence of each other.

It wasn't too long ago that an organization was started, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), that was shown an outstanding success rate.

Maybe it is time to start another positive organization — mothers, fathers and families, to stop the killing, the violence and the shooting in the great city of Detroit and all of our communities.

ROBERT SHAMMAS  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Facebook

We note with amusement that some on Facebook are accusing us of bad journalism for printing a Facebook post by Aimee Fluitt, a Grosse Pointe Park councilwoman, as a "letter to the editor." That is rich since the post was in reference to an item on our FB page in reference to an item posted by our editor.

— Publisher

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

# 1946

75 years ago this week

### 'TONY' PROTESTS COURT DECISION:

Earnest Koinis, better known hereabouts as "Tony" the Popcorn Man, wants to stay where he is, at Bishop and Jefferson. No small time issue has more plagued the Park officials in recent years than the disposition of this irritating case. Homeowners in the vicinity have objected strenuously for a long time against the maintenance of this popcorn truck.

### BUS WAITING ROOM DENIED:

Lakeshore Coach Lines Inc., has definitely refused to go along with public opinion in the Pointe for the reestablishment of the waiting station at East Jefferson and Barrington. The waiting room, which had been maintained there during the war as a convenience to the public when bus transportation was all important, was removed some time ago. Its discontinuance aroused a protest from Pointers.

# 1971

50 years ago this week

### OPEN SOUTH CAMPUS:

The matter of Open Campus is very much under discussion at South High School these days. Students have been working diligently under the leadership of Student Association President Jeff Montgomery to meet with trustees, selected administrators, some parents and local merchants. Board President Barbara Thompson said the students seem to be working through the proper channels to achieve greater freedom of movement for those students they felt were capable of handling it.

### NORTH CAMPUS PLAIN UNDER STUDY:

Woods residents may be wondering what will become of the property on the northeast section of the North High campus. The property, part of the old Vanderbush estate, remains the topic of discussion among North students and the

Board of Education regarding usage. Plans have been implemented, however, toward the laying of a driveway stretching from the vicinity of the North Theatre Arts building east to Morningside Drive.

Obituaries: Walter W. Fuller, Lovell T. Eley, Elizabeth J. Higgins, Nacola Morrow, John E. Coulter, Edward R. Woodside, John E. Brennan, Beryl Z. Menzies, Julie C. Kent, Ethan C. Prewitt

# 1996

25 years ago this week

### NORTH LIGHTS APPROVED:

What a difference two years makes. The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council unanimously approved variance requests by the Grosse Pointe school system that will allow the installation of permanent lights around North's football field. The 7-0 vote was the opposite of a vote taken by council in July 1994, when members voted unanimously to deny a similar request.

### MIDGET A BULLDOGS EARN STATE CROWN:

Coach Drake Turcotte wasn't surprised when his Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Midget A Bulldogs won the state championship with a 5-1 victory over the Southgate Wings. He could see it in their eyes before the title game in Cheboygan. "I knew they would not be denied," Turcotte said.

Obituaries: Julian B. Thomas, Margaret Mary Carey, Edward Joseph

Staniec, Robert Allen Ayrault, Lee H. Johnston, Marian C. Craft, William Clements Finkenstaedt, Donald P. Durocher, Sophia M. Conkis, Melitta E. Roemer, Linda Arlene Pilley, Gertrude T.H. Nelson

# 2011

10 years ago this week

### READY FOR CONSTRUCTION:

Ground is broken for the Schroeder Field House. The \$130,000 fieldhouse, including furnishings, a security system and more, is a privately funded project of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

### BOARD FACES SHORTFALL, LAYOFFS POSSIBLE:

With uncertainty surrounding the finalization of the state's proposed school budget cuts, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education met to discuss potential preemptive actions. The board is expecting a \$6.3 million to \$6.7 million reduction in revenue; to balance the shortfalls, it has drafted a potential reduction list for the remainder of this year and into next.

Obituaries: Margaret Ann Borden, Robert M. Comfort, Janet E. Daly, Jessie Davies, Shirley Mae Kendall, Marvin H. Krebs, Cheryl Marie Rockwell, Lauren Gillian Myers, William Kimberly Stewart, Shirley Gwendolyn Carr, Margaret Haskins, John C. Kennedy, Derrill Melvin Mannle, Agnes DiCicco Missant

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# An eye for invention

## Liggett senior creates low-cost fundus photography prototype

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

While plans to work during summer of 2020 as a paid intern at the Stanford Clinical Virology Laboratory — researching a potential new way of diagnosing the novel strain of SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 — were disrupted by pandemic restrictions, Trinity Lee didn't let that hold her back from great achievements.

Pivoting to a remote internship with the Bionics and Vision Laboratory at Henry Ford, the University Liggett School senior took home second place in the biomedical engineering category at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in early March, for her Low-Cost, Portable, Fundus Photography project.

"Traditional fundus photography is what ophthalmologists and optometrists often use to diagnose retinal diseases," Lee explained.

"However, some of the drawbacks of this traditional fundus photography are that it's really bulky and really expensive and so not every country has access to this instrument. I saw there was a need for this solution that would be cost



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TRINITY LEE

**Lee took home second place in the biomedical engineering category at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit for her fundus photography prototype.**

effective and also portable."

While learning about different alternatives to traditional fundus photography during her

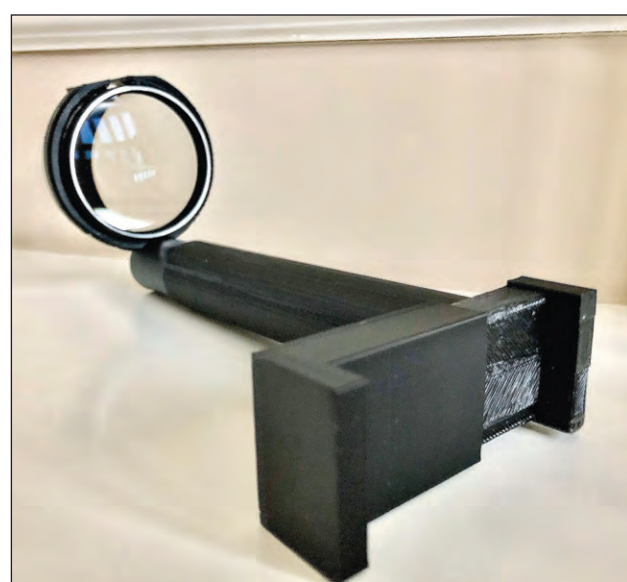
summer internship, Lee found limitations among the alternatives, including that many only accommodate one model of phone and one type of

lens.

Produced for less than \$5 using a 3D printer, her prototype incorporates both a universal clip that adjusts to different sizes and models of phones and a lens holder that is able to accommodate different sizes of lenses, since ophthalmologists use many types.

The design work was done through Liggett's 3D printer and Tinkercad, a free software program she chose because of its user-friendly interface for beginners.

"Also because it's free," she added, "I thought if people want to reproduce



**The lens holder can accommodate many sizes of lenses, for which many fundus photography alternatives do not account.**



**The clip, which attaches the prototype to a phone, is universal and can be adjusted to fit different sizes and models of phones.**

my results in a different country, then they would have access to that and it wouldn't be an extra cost."

Marking her first time working in biomedical engineering, ophthalmology and 3D printing, the prototype also earned her the James T Battle Memorial Scholarship Fund award and another through the ASM Materials Education Foundation when she moved on to the Michigan Science and Engineering Fair and a second round of judging.

"I'm really extremely happy with how everything turned out," Lee said.

Since many patients in

rural settings and developing countries do not have access to traditional fundus photography instruments, Lee intends to make the STL file publicly available so the prototype can be reproduced anywhere in the world with access to a 3D printer.

Once restrictions loosen, she also aims to gain feedback from ophthalmologists on any potential improvements or adjustments that may need to be made.

With her work in SARS-CoV-2 ongoing as her senior academic research project, Lee plans to pursue a career in either science or medicine.

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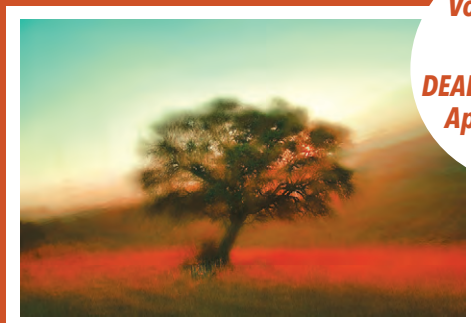
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## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Sydney Eger** of Grosse Pointe Shores recently graduated from Marquette University with a bachelor's degree in biomechanics.



**Ben Bauman** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 fall semester. Bauman is in the mechanical engi-

neering technology program.

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# Moving company's extensive services help local library

By Whitney McDonald  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Teams of organizers, packers and movers at Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage played a significant role in the successful remodel of the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The Detroit-based company, which borders Grosse Pointe Park, was selected to take on the two and a half month job of removing, storing and replacing all of the contents of the library.

Taylor Lydon, who took over as owner of the company in 2020, said he was lucky to take over a business that already had a good reputation locally and was



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Above, boxes of books waiting to be unpacked in the newly remodeled Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Right, the packed boxes of books sat at the loading dock of the Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage facility in Detroit.**

excited to do this project in the community.

The initial move started in September 2020, with the packing and organization of everything in the library.

During the past year, Lydon hired an organi-

zation team that was responsible for putting the books in alphabetical order. The team also implemented a barcode scanning system on the boxes for easy access during storage and to assist in a smooth



unpacking process.

The company's storage facility is a former sanctioned bomb shelter with video surveillance security systems, fire proofing and controlled temperature capabilities.

Lydon worked closely

with the head contractor throughout the project and his team had access to help from the librarians to make sure everything was put in its rightful place upon the return of the stored

items.

The Ewald Branch of the library reopened in February offering "Grab and Go" services. The space has new features including a lounge, updated children's area, study rooms and more. A video of the updates can be watched on the library's website, [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

Lydon has plans to energize the business and is working toward becoming a full-service, white-glove moving and storage operation while maintaining its reputation.

The company does around 60 percent of its business in Grosse Pointe and Lydon said working within the community on this project has been "a great opportunity."

## Legacy lives on at Mumma Maria's House

By Whitney McDonald  
Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — At Mumma Maria's House, every day is Sunday.

That's what owner Carl Giordano said about his authentic Italian restaurant on Kercheval.

"Mr. G" got his inspiration for Mumma Maria's House from his late wife, Maria Giordano, who was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy, or MSA, in August 2017, after six years of being misdiagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

She died June 7, 2018, from MSA.

Carl Giordano's mission has been to continue her legacy by sharing her passion for Italian cooking.

Of the couple's six children, Leah Giordano is the second oldest. She said she can feel her mom all the time, especially at the restaurant. Her parents always had an "open door policy" when it came to feeding friends and family.

Now, Carl Giordano continues that policy at Mumma Maria's House.

The restaurant is located down the street from one of its namesake's favorite places in West Village, Sister Pies. Leah Giordano said she has fond memories of spending time there and it was the right spot to open the restaurant.

Carl Giordano serves pastas, meatballs, deserts, Italian beverages and his late wife's favorite dish to make, her ammoglio sauce.

"I'm so proud of my dad," Leah Giordano said, adding that the business is a family affair and all of her siblings help when they can. She operates the social media accounts and website for the restaurant, but has hopes to take on a managerial role in the future.

The restaurant honors

the family matriarch and showcases her sunset photography work as a reminder of her strong faith. Carl Giordano said as his wife's health declined, her faith and spirituality grew stronger; she had a spiritual connection with Father Solanus Casey of the St. Bonaventure Chapel in Detroit. In one particular photo of the sun setting over Lake St. Clair, he said one can see Casey's face in the image.

Leah Giordano described her mom as "a living saint."

Carl Giordano is interested in growing the business and looking for a joint venture partnership with someone who could help with managerial tasks.

Information about the



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Owner of Mumma Maria's House, Carl Giordano, sits outside of the Kercheval Street restaurant with his rescue dog, Dash.**

Mumma Maria MSA Foundation, a nonprofit organization focused on helping make the world a better place through fundraisers and community-building events, may be found at [mummamariasmsa.org](http://mummamariasmsa.org).

*Mumma Maria's House, 8122 Kercheval, Detroit's West Village, is open Wednesday through Sunday.*

*Homemade dinners may be ordered by calling (586) 222-4754.*

## DRAFT:

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ing composition through defining each floor of a building, facade breaks, roof shape and accents; encouraging green building and site design; and screening rooftop mechanical equipment, trash or loading areas to the greatest extent possible.

Ground floor standards to encourage pedestrian-friendly design would incorporate requirements for building entrances located off the street, building orientation facing Mack and minimum transparency levels, so people can see into the buildings.

"This would be looking at, in a similar way to The Village, codifying, making law that property owners would have to abide by and the planning commission would have to review the standards of when they see a site plan on Mack Avenue," Connochie explained.

Permitted height recommendations include increasing the permitted height from two and half stories to three stories, as well as allowing for the approval of four stories on sites that meet specific parking criteria.

Proposed buffer standards would require at least 20 feet between an adjacent residential use and a building and, within that buffer, a four- to six-foot wall or fence with plantings.

Under the district's parking recommendations, the location of parking spaces would be limited to side or rear yard only, with preferred access from alley or

shared-access drives between properties and screening provided along public streets.

A reduction in required parking spaces for retail, office and other commercial uses also is necessary, Connochie said, because those along the stretch are fairly outdated.

"Parking is a real challenge for property owners on Mack, because many of them have no space to provide parking on-site if they wanted to," Connochie said.

The reductions could take the form of a 10 percent reduction if on-street parking is available, plus an additional 5 percent reduction if public parking is available; a 10 percent reduction if shared parking is demonstrated; and a 5 percent reduction if transit alternatives are demonstrated.

City planners now will take feedback on the recommended zoning changes and work closely with the city to refine them and put together a workable draft to be presented to the planning commission.

When the process reaches this point, a public hearing will be held with the planning commission as an opportunity for additional public feedback.

"If the planning commission decides to make a recommendation to the city council of approval, it moves on to the city council for adoption," Connochie said. "We're hoping to wrap that work up in the coming months, although our timeline in a COVID time always needs to be flexible."

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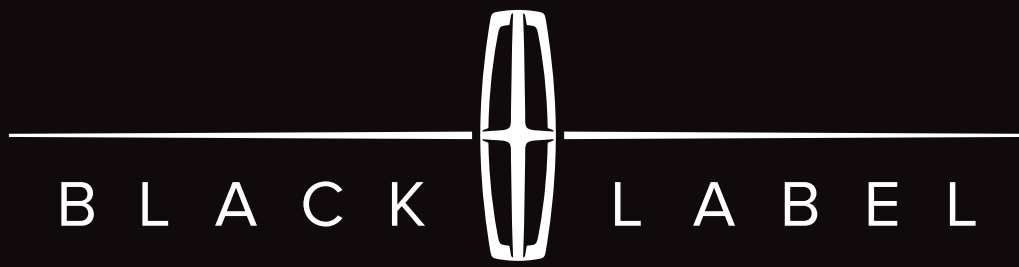
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## happycheeks

### Teen launches charity to benefit homeless

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

An avid volunteer, Michael Tengler had to get creative when COVID-19 hit and he was unable to get out into the community to lend a hand.

Rather than waiting idly for quarantine to end, the 17-year-old Grosse Pointe South student took advantage of his time at home.

“Normally we did a ton of volunteering out and about when we weren’t in quarantine,” he said. “But once we were in quarantine, we decided we could make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the

comfort of our own home.”

The sandwiches were then donated to Operation Love Our Homeless, an organization created by local resident Diane Soulliere to battle the problem of homelessness through initiatives that include food preparation, clothing collection and more.

“Then we wondered what else we could do,” Tengler said.

After talking with Soulliere, he discovered that socks and underwear are the most needed and least donated items collected for the homeless. So he set about organizing a drive for those items.

That’s how Happy Cheeks got its start.

“Obviously, we are so fortunate,” Tengler said, “especially when COVID hit, because it barely affected us. My parents still kept their jobs and I was still going to school. ... But the

homeless are struggling to find their next meal.

“We started in October, November, with winter rapidly approaching,” he added. “There are homeless people with no socks and underwear. How are they going to get through winter if they can’t even put a pair of socks on their bare feet?”

Tengler also noted that at the start of the pandemic, many people were focused on helping small businesses or family and friends who had lost jobs and were facing financial insecurity.

“No one stopped to realize the homeless always face financial insecurity,” he said. “They’re overlooked. We need to refocus our attention.”

Tengler said his first few drives netted around 300 pairs of socks and underwear per month; however, after WDIV-TV Channel 4 aired a story about Happy Cheeks, the teen said he received 800 pairs in one week.

To date, Happy Cheeks has collected and donated nearly 3,000 pairs of socks and under-



Happy Cheeks founder Michael Tengler with an armload of donations.



Happy Cheeks has an Amazon Wish List, from which items are shipped directly to the Tengler household.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL TENGLER

A mountain of donations awaits distribution.

wear. Tengler would like to reach 10,000.

“Ideally I’d like to hit that before I go to college, which is more than reasonable since it’s a year and a half away,” he said. “We’re on track for 12,000 by then.”

Those interested in making a donation have two options: Drop off bundles of socks and underwear to the front porch of the Tengler residence, 1029 Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park, or visit [happycheeks.org](http://happycheeks.org) and order the items from the Amazon Wish List, which ships directly to Tengler.

Donations are divided among several local charities, Operation Love Our Homeless, Second Mile Center and Motor City Mitten Mission among them.

With the influx of donations, Tengler anticipates expanding

the number of charities served.

“At first we did 300 pairs a month with every drive. ... It wasn’t that overwhelming,” he said. “But with 800 donations last week, we’ll need to expand our giving. I think we’ll definitely grow in the next month.”

Tengler has received networking help from his parents, Elizabeth and Steve Tengler, who are supportive of the Happy Cheeks endeavor. He hopes to receive ongoing support from the community as well.

“Hopefully we’ll get a lot of people to donate so we can continue,” he said. “We’ve had a really good response so far. Because of how fortunate we are, hopefully people will be willing to give back; we are so blessed.”

For more information, visit [happycheeks.org](http://happycheeks.org).



“BFF During COVID” by Mary Alice Orito

## GPAA exhibit celebrates home

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association recently launched the exhibition, “Celebrating Home — The art of domesticity,” featuring 40 pieces by 28 artists from six states.

Artists were asked to find inspiration in their homes and daily lives for the exhibit, which was juried by muralist Dennis Orłowski. Orłowski is noted for capturing the spirit of history in com-

munities, from Poletown to Mexicantown to St. Clair Shores. He has done more than 100 murals inside and out-of-doors. In the era of COVID, he has scaled down and looks for inspiration at home.

The exhibit is open for in-person visits from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and

Thursdays, March 25 to April 29, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

An artist forum is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, via Zoom.

For a preview of the exhibit or to schedule an in-person appointment to the show, visit [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).



“Morning at Grandma’s House” by Jackie Rybinski



“Bored Games” by Leslie Getz

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# Noland announces retirement after 37 years with Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Joe Hudson founded the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in the mid-1980s, he helped conduct a nationwide search to find the perfect person to head the organization. He landed on Mariam C. Noland, who at the time was with the St. Paul Foundation in Minnesota.

"I had worked for large community foundations before, but this one was a startup," she said, noting her excitement to join the fledgling organization. "Detroit was the last major metropolitan area to form a community foundation. ... Joe put together an amazing initial board of trustees."

Thirty-six years later, the CFSEM is one of the largest community foundations in the country and Noland, who recently announced she intends to retire from her presidency at year's end, helped bring it to the forefront.

Under Noland's leadership, the foundation has awarded more than \$1.2 billion in grants to nonprofits, as well as spearheaded some of the region's most transformational initiatives and accumulated assets of more than \$1 billion.

"I came here because it was a huge opportunity to make a difference in the community," Noland said.

Her efforts to make a difference led to hun-

dreds of millions of dollars in support being raised for the regional Detroit GreenWays Initiative, Arts and Cultural Participation Fund, HOPE Fund, New Economy Initiative and challenges to help more than 200 charitable organizations build endowments, including several Grosse Pointe organizations.

"I care about having our nonprofit sector being as strong as it can be," Noland said, adding without the generosity of people in the region, "We wouldn't be ranked among the largest in the country, among foundations that have a 100-year start on us."

"It's amazing to live and work in this community," she added. "The nonprofits in Grosse Pointe know us well. We'll be dealing and making grants in Grosse Pointe forever."

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident said she stayed committed to her role with the foundation because, "I know it works and I know it's important."

One of the main reasons Noland feels she's made a difference is through teaching organizations the value of an endowment.

"We've been helping over 200 nonprofits to build endowments," she said. "During the pandemic we've been able to provide flexible dollars to these agencies."

Noland explained the



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Mariam C. Noland

foundation finds balance among short- and long-term projects. Throughout 2020, the foundation listened to the needs of the community and set up funds through which people could donate to give back, she said. In the long term, the foundation is part of a statewide effort to battle the opioid crisis — a unique situation for a regional foundation.

"If there's a need there where we can really do well, we can take it on," Noland said. "We're working with emergency rooms and jails across the state. We want to give

them the tools. We offer a program to hook people up with treatment.

"That's the flexibility of the foundation; we can act fast or take on long-term, complex issues like opioid prevention. And we have a board that's willing to take the risk and a staff with the expertise to pull it off."

Between awarding grants and building endowments, the foundation is invested in strengthening the region. It's a promise Noland has been happy to keep all these years and one that will continue after her retirement.

"I hope people realize we're ... really committed to carrying out donor intent forever," Noland said, noting several Grosse Pointers who have left money to the foundation. "Not only is it our legal responsibility, but our moral responsibility too. ... We will help continue to make the community a better place for the future."

Though she still has nine months before her retirement is official, Noland said it will be a time of transition. The foundation is conducting a nationwide search for a new president.

"Hopefully we'll find the perfect person," she said, noting she hopes their time overlaps so they can work together for a smooth changeover. "I will be as engaged as is appropriate."

The incoming president will have big shoes to fill. In 2020, Noland received the Special Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Philanthropy from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Detroit Chapter. She was named 2015 Michiganian of the Year by The Detroit News and received the Eleanor Josaitis Unsung Hero Award. Noland also was honored with the 2010 Women and Leadership in the Workplace Award and the "Others" Award of the Salvation Army.

In 2009, the Community Foundation Board of

Trustees established the Mariam C. Noland Award for Nonprofit Leadership, which recognizes a nonprofit president or CEO in southeast Michigan whose service exemplifies the importance of leadership in their organization and the broader nonprofit community.

"Mariam Noland's leadership in this community cannot be overstated," said James B. Nicholson, chairman of the CFSEM Board of Trustees. "Her career has been dedicated to building our region's charitable infrastructure. Along the way, she became a hero in the effort to preserve retiree pensions and cultural assets during Detroit's bankruptcy. She has helped the community during crises and provided leadership to improve life for all in our region. We owe her so much gratitude. At the same time, we are happy for Mariam and her spouse, Jim. They deserve to catch their breath and enjoy the next chapter in their lives."

After retirement, Noland plans to stay in Grosse Pointe and find opportunities to keep active.

"I'll become a good volunteer and take a little bit of time for a spouse who's been patiently waiting," she said, noting she plans to travel and visit children and grandchildren when it's safe. "Otherwise, I will be here, looking for exciting things to do."

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**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4**

**7am and 10:30am** Lakeside services on Trinity Terrace (Reservations Requested)

*Please note: Facial masks and social distancing are required. Unregistered guests will be admitted if maximum capacity of 70 has not been met.*

**9am** Online Traditional Easter service with communion, GPMC Virtual Choir, brass, liturgy, hymns and sermon. Available to view any time after 9am

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# GPT's 'Shrek The Musical' livestreamed April 8-11

Grosse Pointe Theatre recently announced it has secured the streaming rights to show its production of "Shrek The Musical" virtually for limited dates, April 8 to 11. The group originally presented this performance two years ago to sold-out auditoriums.

Due to the safety of its members and patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic, Grosse Pointe Theatre has been engaging its members and supporters by offering creative alternative entertainment, since it is currently not safe to provide indoor performances of this magnitude.

"Shrek The Musical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, with music by Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. It is based on the 2001 DreamWorks Animation film "Shrek" and William Steig's 1990 book "Shrek!" The original Broadway production ran 12 months, followed by national and international tours.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of



Jay Callahan is Donkey, Panos Varlamos is Shrek and Alison Grojean is Princess Fiona in the 2019 play.

"Shrek The Musical" was directed by Nick Marinello and successfully brought to life thanks to a talented cast and crew. The story revolves around a green ogre, a head-strong princess, a donkey who thinks he's a steed, a scheming want-to-be king, a flame-throwing dragon and other colorful fairytale characters

who round out the cast. "We believe the message of this story never goes out of style," Marinello said. "This is a family-friendly musical comedy for all ages. The story carries a special message — the importance of listening, opening our hearts and not judging a person because they look different or because of where

they are from."

The Broadway production of the show received a total of 12 Drama Desk Awards and eight Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical and several acting awards.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's livestream production of "Shrek The Musical" will be available for a limited



The cast of "Shrek The Musical" perform a number during the 2019 live show.



The 2019 performance of "Shrek The Musical" will be livestreamed April 8 to 11.

time at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 8 to 10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11. A donation of \$12 or more includes an exclusive streaming code for each performance and can be handled by visiting [gpt.org/shrek](http://gpt.org/shrek).

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

◆ Family Dance Party Pop Up, 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 7.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13.

◆ Smart Money MI Kids Read, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14. Miss Rachel will read "Give It!" by Cinders McLeod.

◆ College Prep — Navigating Testing and Choosing Schools, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14. "Robots of Gotham" by Todd McAulty will be discussed.

◆ Family Yoga, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

Register on [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org) or call (313) 640-4775.

### The Helm

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

◆ PATH, or Personal Action Toward Health, a virtual class, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 to May 19, with facilitator Margaret Cooper and a Detroit Area Agency on Aging staff member.

◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month, with Jessica Malfa.

◆ Medicare Counseling When You Need It, for members and nonmembers, done by appointment via telephone or video conferencing. Call (313) 882-9600 for infor-

mation or to schedule an appointment. Messages will be returned within 48 hours.

◆ Carryout lunches, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Reservations close at 10 a.m. each morning. Register by calling (313) 882-9600 or emailing [mcooper@helmlife.org](mailto:mcooper@helmlife.org).

◆ Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services buses operate Monday through Friday. Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe resident age 60 and older or disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, Ford Field, 2000 Brush, Detroit.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Gilda's Club's Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 9, Our Lady of Hope, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Gilda's Club Lake House

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

◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, Gentle Mat Yoga.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Women's Gathering.

◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Chair Yoga.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Pancreatic Cancer Support Group.

Register at [gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar](http://gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar).

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday,

April 14. Interact Club members Charlotte Parent, Paloma Beacham, Ron Lyke and Lloyd Dennis will discuss their year of service. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos offers the following art classes for children:

◆ Spring Break Pop Up, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, for

students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$48.

◆ Clay & More Workshop, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, April 12 to May 3, for students in third through sixth grade. Cost is \$125.

◆ Tuesday or Thursday Art Club, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. either Tuesdays, April 13 to May 11, or Thursdays, April 15 to May 13, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Cost is \$145.

◆ Painting Club, 10:30

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## Holy Week & Easter 2021 at St. Ambrose Parish

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1 — HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church until midnight

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2 — GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.

Carry Out Lenten Dinner in the ARK - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross for Justice -

Streaming all day Friday and until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3 — HOLY SATURDAY

Drive-thru Blessing of Easter Food - 12:00 noon -12:30 p.m.

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 4 — EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Easter Mass at 11:15 a.m.

We will be live-streaming the principal liturgies of Holy Week. So if you are not able to come to church, please join us electronically on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stambroseparish](http://www.facebook.com/stambroseparish) or on our website.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## David J. Knox

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident David John Knox, 93, passed away Saturday, March 20, 2021, surrounded by his children. Born in Detroit, he moved with his family to Scotland, where he was raised.

Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army directly from Scotland. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he earned the rank of master sergeant and returned to Detroit after he was honorably discharged from military service.

He then met his future wife, Gail Ingram. Dave and Gail started their family soon after they married in 1955. They had been married 49 years when Gail passed away in 2004.

Dave worked in the automotive and tool and die industries at several Detroit-area companies. When he retired in 1989, he transferred his metalworking and manufacturing skills and creativity to jewelry-making and inventing solutions to everyday problems.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing and annual trips to Marco Island, Fla., to visit his brother, John. Family was very important to Dave. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A devout Catholic, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. He worked in the office at St.

Clare many years and directed parking lot traffic Sunday mornings.

Dave was proud to be featured in the Grosse Pointe News as a Pointer of Interest several years ago.

Dave is survived by his children, Michelle Nemeckay (Mark), David Knox (Josie), Beth Knox Ciraulo, Colleen Spencer (Pete), James Knox (Mary Ann) and Maria Domke (Paul); brother, John Knox (Florence); 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Gail; children, Peter Knox (Heather) and Mary Catherine Knox; grandson, David Ciraulo; and siblings, Robert Knox (Pat) and Margaret Smits (Cornelius).

A funeral service was held March 23, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

## Martha G. Benedetti

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Martha "Marti" Grace Benedetti, 66, passed away Monday, March 22, 2021. She was born Nov. 3, 1954, in Detroit, to Dorothy and Donald Benedetti, both now deceased.

Marti earned a degree in journalism from Michigan State University.

She was a reporter at several newspapers, including the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Crain's Detroit Business, and a freelance journalist

with writings published at a number of news outlets, most notably Business Week, CNN Money and Auto Observer. Marti also had multiple roles at Ford Motor Co., serving in customer service, public relations and internal news. In addition, she will be a published author, along with co-author Mary Ann Dempsey, as her first book, "Finding Love After Loss," is scheduled for release in October 2021.

Marti was a longtime supporter of the city of Detroit. She loved walking, cycling and traveling with friends and family. She also loved good movies and books and was a member of three book and movie clubs.

Marti served as a volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Southwest Solutions and her parish, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

Marti was predeceased by her husband, Tom Andrew. She is survived by her children, Molly McCarthy (Connor) and Nick Andrew (Liz Davison); granddaughter, Edith Andrew; sister, Nancy Lusczakoski (John); and sisters-in-law, Chris Dehoff (Don), Paula Burdelski (Jim) and Louise Weithas (Richard).

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.



David J. Knox



Martha G. Benedetti



Bernard L. Kilbride III

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207; or the capuchins.org.

## Bernard L. Kilbride III

Grosse Pointe resident Bernard Lawrence Kilbride III passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021. Born Feb. 5, 1947, to Bernard L. Kilbride Jr. and Letty Hanson Kilbride, he was 74.

Bernard and his wife of 37 years, Margaret "Peggy" Kilbride, together had four children from prior marriages, Brian Mejia, James Kilbride, Daniel Kilbride and Kreg Kilbride, and five grandchildren.

Bernard graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1965. He majored in accounting at St. Joseph's College in Indiana, from which he graduated in 1969.

Bernard worked at the Ford Motor Co. Dealer Development Program more than 35 years.

A volunteer member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Auxiliary Police Force, he was on duty at local events in Grosse Pointe Farms. He delivered meals to the needy through the Meals on

Wheels program and volunteered at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Bernard was the brother of Ronald Kilbride (Catherine), Cathleen Hach (Robert) and Jeffrey Kilbride. He was predeceased by his loving parents and siblings, Thomas Kilbride, Christine Kilbride, Fredrick Kilbride and Cynthia Kilbride.

A memorial service celebrating Bernard's life will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Patricia Z. Kane

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Patricia Zau Kane died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020.

Her family said in a year that presented many challenges, Patricia left this earth to join her mother, father, sister and daughter. Loved and adored by family and friends, she is dearly missed.

Patricia was born Sept. 30, 1940, in Chicago, to the Rev. Dr. Allan Andrew Zau and Helen Wilma McDonald Zau. She came to Grosse Pointe Park as a young child when her father became pastor at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

A student at Trombly Elementary School, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School, she attended the University of Miami in Miami, Fla.

Patricia married David Wallace in 1962, and had two children, Christopher and Jennifer. In 1975, she returned to Grosse Pointe Park, where she spent her remaining years.

Throughout Patricia's many years as a Grosse Pointe resident and life-



Patricia Z. Kane

long member of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, she remained involved and committed to her community. Early in her career, she was a teacher's aide at Poupard Elementary School. She later found her niche in the medical insurance field and ultimately became a claims manager for Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Co.

Patricia was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, dotting on her adorable cats and finding ways to make her home more beautiful. She traveled the world, including Israel, Greece, Turkey, Egypt and countries throughout Europe.

Patricia is survived by her son, Christopher Andrew; grandchildren, Gretchen, Cooper, Tessa and Farrin; nephews, William and Jonathan; and sister, Andrea Balcerski.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Wallace family extends its gratitude to Patricia's caregivers — the staff at A Room at the Inn in Warren — for their attentiveness and loving care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214; or [japc.org](http://japc.org).

## Help the Red Cross refuel the blood supply

When seconds count in the race to save lives, it's the blood already on the shelves that helps most. More donors are needed now to help ensure hospitals are ready to respond to the needs of patients this month.

The American Red Cross is calling for donors of all blood

types, especially those with type O blood, to give blood and help refuel the blood supply.

This spring, the Red Cross is teaming up with INDYCAR to urge people to help keep the blood supply on track by donating blood or platelets. Donation appointments may be scheduled by download-

ing the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), calling (800) 733-2767 or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a special thank-you, those who give blood or platelets April 1 to 15 automatically will be entered to win a VIP trip for four to the

2022 Indianapolis 500. The Red Cross also will automatically enter all who come to give in April for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice. Additional details are available at [redcrossblood.org/indy500](http://redcrossblood.org/indy500).

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## Jack Liang



Anyone who met Jack Liang will remember his charm and easy smile. His welcoming grin signaled an openness, a desire to help others that was rooted in pure selflessness. Even throughout his four-year journey living with pancreatic cancer and GIST, a soft tissue sarcoma (last two years), he always made time to express his gratitude, for the life he led and to the incredible medical team who supported him along the way. He died in hospice at his home on March 18, 2021, at the age of 73, surrounded by his family, having offered his final smiles as reassurances that his love would continue.

Born on June 27, 1947, in Ithaca, NY, Jack learned the value of generosity through his parents and grandmother, a multigenerational household that welcomed international friends, relatives, and other Chinese students into their home. His father, a civil engineer and professor at Cornell, sparked a lifelong interest in traveling, something that Jack vowed to pass on to his own children one day. Jack graduated from Cornell University with his BA and MPA, served in the United States Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War and was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital. He then started his career in New York City, working in hospital administration at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He followed his boss to St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, where he worked for eight years, starting as an associate administrator and rising to vice president.

Jack's move to Michigan changed the trajectory of his life, most significantly when he spied the love of his life standing in the hospital gift shop, on break from her work as a dietitian. Following a short courtship, Jack married Debbie in 1982, starting a new life with the person who would become his best friend, tennis partner, Rummikub competitor, co-traveler, and mother of their three children. They were also business partners, running a successful photography business for ten years and filling many households in metro Detroit with priceless wedding photos and family portraits. Seeking a more predictable work schedule, primarily to spend more time with his children on weekends, Jack returned to corporate life as a senior vice president for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and later finished his career at Huron-Clinton Metroparks as their administrator for development and community relations. His talent at

networking and building relationships extended into his community as well, where he was a leader within the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Leadership Detroit, and numerous other organizations. Jack was an active and enthusiastic member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving on numerous councils and volunteering locally and abroad in Honduras, Malawi, and Cuba.

Jack was always quick to say that his proudest accomplishment was his 38-year marriage and raising his children and seeing them grow up into "loving and caring human beings." He and Debbie lived in the same house for nearly four decades and actively created a home filled with love and laughter: leaving daily notes left on the kitchen counter before work, never missing any of the kids' activities, hosting countless dinner parties, and greeting Debbie with terms of endearment, like "Hi Love" or "Hi Beautiful." Birthdays and special occasions were commemorated with personalized poems, a guaranteed

source of laughter with his generous use of questionable rhymes.

Jack lived up to his earlier promise and took his family on numerous travels, most notably a round-the-world trip for eight weeks in 1999. He also maintained his close friendships with great pride, with people of all ages and from all stages of his life. Golf, breakfast meetings, college sporting events, men's groups at church, and personal phone calls helped turn these relationships into treasured lifelong friendships. He taught his kids that people don't remember what you say but they remember how you made them feel. Jack embodied that motto and had a stadium's worth of fans, supporting him inning after inning of his cancer journey, cheering for the man who made them laugh and feel loved.

Jack is survived by his wife Debbie, his three children, Michael (partner Mark), Amy (husband John), and Anna, and his first grandchild, due in May. He is predeceased by his parents, Ta and Daisy Liang. A celebration of life service will be held later in the year at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Details will be announced at a future date.

Donations in Jack's memory may be made to the Van Elslander Cancer Center - "Care for Needy Patients (VECC Needy Patient Fund)." Please make checks payable to Ascension St. John Foundation, indicate the name of the fund in the memo, and mail to: 19251 Mack Avenue Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2881. Online donations can also be made at: <https://stjohnprovfoundations>.



# 35th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is May 6

In observance of National Day of Prayer, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts the 35th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of praying for city, state and national leaders. This year's keynote speaker is Chris Lambert, the founder and CEO of Life Remodeled, a Detroit-

based nonprofit that exists to bridge people across divides to help transform each other's lives.

Life Remodeled focuses on the intentional and equitable revitalization of Detroit neighborhoods distinguished by their significant need and radical

hope. In the last seven years, Life Remodeled has invested \$35 million and mobilized nearly 70,000 volunteers to set the groundwork for sustainable change in four Detroit communities.

Lambert is the recipient of Building Design + Construction 40 under 40, Crain's

Detroit 40 under 40 and DBusiness 30 in their 30s awards.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is one of the Grosse Pointes' most well-attended and moving events, bringing dignitaries and local citizens together for a meal, prayer and special performance by stu-

dents from the Detroit Youth Choir. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the chamber, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, by calling (313) 881-4722 or visiting [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com).

# Wilson Foundation grants additional \$500,000 to DRC

## Gift designated for future Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation recently announced a gift of \$500,000 from the trusts of Ralph Wilson's late daughters, Edith "Dee Dee" Wilson and Linda Bogdan. The trustees of the foundation have directed this gift to the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy to support the development of the future Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park, including the creation of a garden in recognition of the two women.

The foundation also will recommend an estimated \$150,000 annually from the daughters' endowed donor advised fund at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan to the conservancy to sup-

port the maintenance and seasonal plantings in the future 22-acre park on Detroit's West Riverfront.

"Ralph's daughters held a very special place in his heart and each bonded with him over their shared passions," said Mary Wilson, life trustee and board chair of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. "Dee Dee and Linda both loved to play tennis, spend time outdoors and enjoyed gardening. When identifying how to allocate this generous gift from their estate, we knew it would be most appropriate to honor these passions in a way that will live on through the park, along with sustaining these spaces and invest-

ing in future programming that community members can enjoy."

These gifts add to the \$40 million capital gift and \$10 million endowment made by the foundation to the conservancy for the park in October 2018, when celebrating the 100th anniversary of its namesake and founder Ralph Wilson's birth.

"The tremendous generosity of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation has made our vision for a world-class park along the West Riverfront possible and we are grateful for their continued support," said Mark Wallace, president and CEO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. "We are excited about the oppor-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Movies on the Lawn is a proposed use of the future Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park.



A rendering of a sport house proposed for the park.

tunity to create a colorful and engaging garden in recognition of his beloved daughters, Dee Dee and Linda. These gifts will help us to maintain Ralph Wilson Park into the future."

A virtual meeting is being hosted by the conservancy at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, to update members of the community on the status of the park and other projects.

The foundation also will honor Dee Dee and Linda's shared love for the game of tennis, which also was enjoyed by Wilson throughout his entire life, by recommending an estimated \$125,000 annually from

the donor advised fund to support youth tennis programming, general and capital maintenance of courts throughout the region. Grants from the fund will be announced later this year.

Prior to his death, Wilson set up trusts for his daughters. Edith "Dee Dee" Wilson passed away in January 2020, at age 68, and Linda Bogdan passed away in April 2009, at age 61.

Bogdan was the first female scout in the National Football League, and vice president and assistant director of college and pro scouting for the Buffalo Bills. She spent 22 years

with the team.

Dee Dee Wilson and her father often traveled together and loved to play tennis. He admired her as a caregiver, as she cared for her mother and was comforting to Wilson as he aged, too.

Wilson's third daughter, Christy Hofmann, who at one time served as a consultant in the area of merchandising during Wilson's ownership of the Buffalo Bills, enjoys a private life today on the East Coast.

The Detroit Riverfront attracts 3.5 million visitors annually and has remained open every day during the coronavi-

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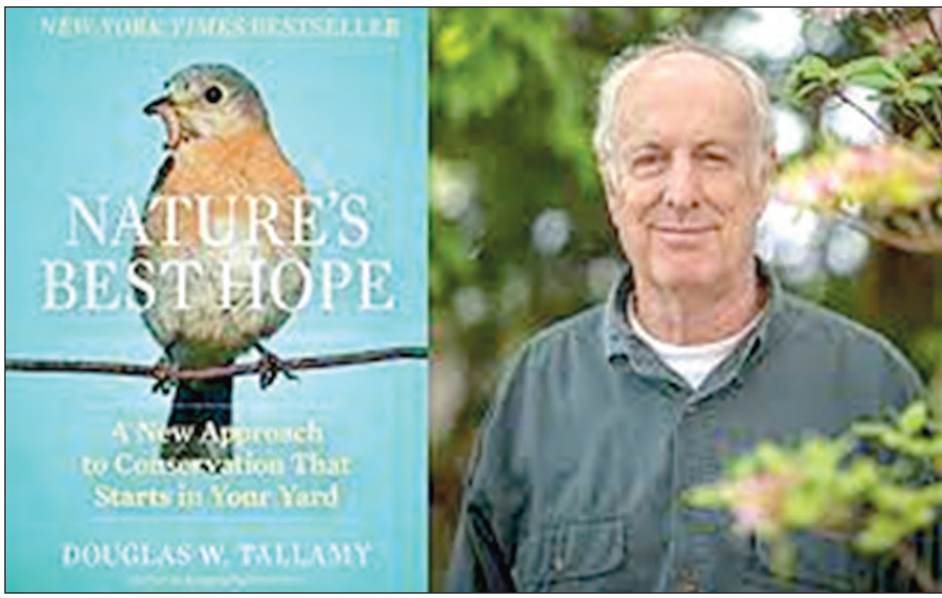
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## Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts Douglas Tallamy lecture

At 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts a Zoom presentation by Douglas Tallamy, lecturer and professor in the Department of Entomology & Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. Tallamy will discuss simple steps to take to reverse declining biodiversity while explaining why humans are nature's best hope to maintaining the variety of life on earth at all its levels.

Tallamy has written several books. His two most recent are "Bringing Nature Home" and "Nature's Best Hope." With his insight and suggestions, others are able to create effective, practical and easy solutions to use in their own gardens.

This Zoom presentation is available to Garden Center members only at no additional cost. Advanced registration is required at [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org).

## Lakeshore Senior Living offers dementia simulator

Has a loved one recently been diagnosed with dementia? Or perhaps they've been living with dementia for years? Have you ever wondered what they are experiencing through their eyes and ears?

Concepts like dementia can be difficult to teach. PowerPoint presentations on brain structure, sundowners, behaviors, redirection and other topics, while intended for good, often don't do justice.

Lakeshore Senior

Living, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, hosts a free event from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, and Thursday, April 15.

The goal of this Augmented Reality Dementia Simulator and Empathy Trainer is for loved ones to take a walk in the shoes of a patient with dementia and feel empathy.

Empathy is the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts and experience

of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts and experience fully communicated in an objective explicit manner.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes to allow time to sanitize. Guests are asked to wear a mask and arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled time to complete a screening at sign-in.

To reserve a time slot, call Rachel or Ann at (586) 218-6228 or email [rnagorsen@pvm.org](mailto:rnagorsen@pvm.org).

## Town hall planned

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a virtual town hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, to educate the public on the redistricting process in Michigan and the concept of Communities of Interest; review gerrymandering; explain how the Michigan

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was selected and other items. The Grosse Pointe town hall will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

Public comments will not be permitted during the town hall.

For information about the Grosse Pointe town hall, email Judy Florian at [jflo@comcast.net](mailto:jflo@comcast.net).



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A Delta Dental Play Garden is one of the areas proposed for the new park.

## GRANT:

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rus pandemic. Since March 2020, use of the Detroit Riverwalk has increased 20 percent

and Dequindre Cut usage has increased by 40 percent. The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy has invested more than \$200 million in the revitalization of the Detroit Riverfront, which in turn

has generated more than \$2 billion in public and private investment. The Detroit Riverwalk recently was named Best Riverwalk in the country by USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## BLOOD:

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### Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Testing also may identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting

the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked

to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Following are upcoming local blood drive events:

◆ Noon to 5:45 p.m. April 7, The Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. April 8, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. April 9, Our Lady of Hope, 28250 Rockwood, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. April 11, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. April 14, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information or to register, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

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a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 17 to May 15, for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Cost is \$150.

◆ Create Your Own Flower Pots, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24. Cost is \$28. Apart from embellishing their own flower pots, students will plant flowers in them as well.

### 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. the first and third Monday of each month. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email [lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com](mailto:lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com).

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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Gawking tall

*I really appreciate the science you laid out showing that men instinctively look at women, even if they really love the woman they're with. Maybe I should stop feeling a tad bad about looking at beautiful women and enjoying beauty? After all, my wife and I have been married 26 years, and I've never even kissed anyone else during that time. Admittedly, I've sometimes wanted to, and I've had opportunities. Thanks for a perspective that brings in science and isn't the usual man-bash-ing that's out there.*

—Male Reader

Your eyes probably go many places without your body robotically following suit -- like at a buffet when you ogle the chocolate cake and baby doughnuts while dutifully piling a plate with raw broccoli and fat-free dip. Fortunately, broccoli rarely retaliates by sobbing, calling you a pig, and making you sleep in your car for three days.

Evolutionary psychologist David Buss tells a story about a married guy who

emailed him after reading his book "The Evolution of Desire," which lays out scientific evidence supporting evolutionary theories about human mating psychology. Buss gets heat for the book from those whose beliefs it upends -- those who cling to the idea that men and women are largely identical in basic sexual psychology -- and he admits, "Some of what I discovered about human mating is not nice."

The man conceded that "maybe some people worry that men's desire for sexual variety will give men an excuse for cheating." But, he said, learning about it helped him stay faithful. Buss said the man had previously interpreted his attraction to various women he encountered "as indications that maybe he didn't love his wife any more. But after reading my book, he realized, 'Oh, that's my evolved desire for sexual variety; it doesn't mean that I don't love my wife.'"

The man's revelation reflects what Buss sees as "two separate evolved systems": one for love and one

for lust. "We become attracted to other people even if we're in a loving mating relationship and fully in love with our partner." In other words, no, you shouldn't feel bad about eyeballing the ladies. Focus on how much you love your wife and how, despite MMO (means, motive, and opportunity) looking has yet to give way to a need, upon arriving home, to sit in your car feverishly working the hand sanitizer in hopes of getting the glitter-flecked spray tanner off your pants.

### Meet Joe Blank Screen

*I'm a woman in my late 20s. The guy I'm seeing is "not a phone person" and hates texting. Our time together is wonderful. However, he rarely texts except to make plans. I am used to frequent contact throughout the day via text with boyfriends. My friends say he should be texting every day, multiple times a day. I'm worried his lack of texts signals a lack of interest.*

—Disturbed

Technology was supposed to set us free, not dial back our personal autonomy to that of my late hamster.

I didn't have control over much when I was 8, but I loved how at any moment, I could go all kiddie Mussolini, pull Squeaky out of his cage, and make him turn tricks (uh...do somersaults on a pencil).

A smartphone makes constant communication possible; "it doesn't mandate it." Your friends' daily texting quotas aside, what might it mean that your boyfriend doesn't spend his entire day texting you? Um...he has a job?

He prefers to communicate in spoken-word form, ideally in person? (See "not a phone person.") Frankly, maybe he's on to something, considering that so many text-versations, beyond the constant attention-hijacking, are basically conversational iceberg lettuce, amounting to: "I'm still alive!" "Yep, still alive here, too. LOL.

LOL. LOL."

Chances are your guy shows he cares in a number of ways. Take stock of those.

repeated dependence comes independence.)

You might ask him to be more cuddly-touchy-affectionate with you, which, Feeney finds, helps insecure partners calm down and enjoy their relationship.

Assuming he cares about you (as "Our time together is wonderful" suggests), it's a relationship "task" he should enjoy. And though you're used to texts from a boyfriend, demanding texts from a man who hates texting is to be avoided.

It makes a girlfriend seem less like a girlfriend and more like Mussolini with boobs and a phone seem less like a phone and more like a cattle prod that delivers dings, cat memes, and throw-up-face emojis.

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Still feel a little underloved? Consider "the dependency paradox." Social psychologist Brooke Feeney, who coined the term, finds that in romantic relationships, the more an insecure partner sees they can count on the other to be responsive to their appeals for love and comforting, the less needy and clingy they end up being. (Ultimately, through

## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



## Career change planning at 40

**Q:** I am married and nearing 40 years old, with one young child and a husband who lives to work. I have an undergraduate degree in accounting, but never went for a master's.

I worked at a large financial firm until recently; the work is no longer interesting or enjoyable. I would like to work again, but absolutely not in accounting. I have the option of returning for a graduate degree; I was always a top student, so I thought it would be best to go back for a graduate degree. I just don't know what in.

Accounting was practical, and I am good with numbers/math, but I am creative

and no longer want to go into a field just because it is practical. My husband will not stand in my way of me pursuing a graduate degree in a new field, but he criticizes all fields that are not practical. We are very different types. I will choose what I want to do, so I am prepared for him not to like whatever it is.

All of our friends have graduate degrees but me, so at least he is pro-education.

Because of my age, I feel a sense of urgency in choosing a field. The degrees I've considered typically take two years, but making this decision has become overwhelming. I don't want to make a mistake and spend

the next 10 to 20 years doing something else I find boring. I may not know what I want, but I do know what I don't want.

**A:** You may be feeling a bit older now, but you are still at a great age for a career change, even if it means reeducating yourself to enter a new field.

As someone in her late 30s, you have what Mina Brown, a 20-year executive career coach and consultant, refers to as a "long runway." She says, "Careers rarely move in a straight line and can be unpredictable." With a solid 20 years remaining in your future of work, you have plenty of

time to make some bold choices and take more risks. Of course, planning a career change will usually net the best long-term results.

Impulsive choices such as choosing numbers for a lottery ticket may work out sometimes, but those decisions are rarely a good idea when it comes to changing fields or industries. That also applies to rushing into a graduate program before you know what you want.

Brown's career path presents a good example for many who want to move up in ability and responsibility.

As founder and president of Dallas-based Positive Coach LLC and Coach Academy International, an accredited coach training firm, Brown works with senior executives, executive teams, managers and high-potential professionals in leadership, influence, conflict, team effectiveness and career management.

As with most growth careers, before launching her own company, she moved up the ladder of responsibility and became chief financial officer of

Aviall and senior vice president and general manager of its aerospace division. She had also held corporate management positions with large companies, beginning with a career in accounting at Price Waterhouse.

When an upward-mobile professional wants to further a career, it often means changing companies as well as jobs to support the desired growth.

In "Be Smart: Sail Past the Hazards of Conventional Career Advice," co-authors Mina Brown and Paula Asinof have determined seven degrees of difficulty to consider before changing a job or a career: location, industry, company size, job function (e.g., accounting, sales), role (e.g., corporate, consultant, small business, solopreneur), compensation, and professional or management level. Each of these variables involved in any career change will add complexity to the process, make it more difficult and take longer to make the move.

For example, if location is not a concern in one's job

search, that will create smooth sailing in that category. If the career changer has decided against working for a small company, being offered a position in a small company may be a deal breaker.

Choosing one's values and priorities in advance will avoid confusion when opportunities present themselves. It may not be wise to accept an interview if a company does not meet one's desires for the new job. Creating a list of "I do want" and "I don't want" will help you identify and stick to your values. Brown reminds job changers: "Your job is what you are paid for; your purpose is what you are made for.

Ultimately, if a job doesn't help you grow, let it go."

*Email career and life coach: Lindsey@LindseyNovak.com with your workplace problems and issues.*

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## New wife can't stop thinking about husband's old girlfriend

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a young wife. I married after three months of dating my military husband. He was previously in an on-again/off-again relationship that lasted about eight years, during which she had a baby with another man, etc.

I believe my husband is still in love with her. After constantly asking him, he says he just wishes her well and he doesn't have any romantic feelings. I'm not sure what to do, and I just keep overthinking it. Any thoughts? -- HATES HUSBAND'S HISTORY

**DEAR H.H.H.:** Stop torturing your husband -- and yourself -- by constantly asking him about his feelings for his unfaithful ex-girlfriend.

Get to work building your self-esteem, and you will have less to worry about. Your husband's history (baggage) is his own. You are making a mistake by dragging it into your marriage. If you concentrate on the positive, you will have a happier marriage, and so will your husband.

**DEAR ABBY:** Shortly after a retired, not-so-close friend moved to another city, he began sending emails about events he had read about in social media, news outlets and magazines.

At first there were only a few a day, but as the days increased, so did his emails. I responded to some of them, but he

never commented on them. He just sent more and more to the point that his daily emails are more than I can -- or want to -- read. I am spending too much time deleting them. What should I do? Should I ask him not to send them anymore, or should I stay quiet so as not to hurt his feelings? -- INBOX FULL IN MISSOURI

**DEAR INBOX FULL:** Your friend may be sending these items because, as a retiree, he has little to do but cruise the internet for entertainment.

It would not be rude to tell this not-so-close friend you don't have time to review all of the emails he has been sending and ask him to send



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

fewer.

It's the truth. However, if he doesn't comply and the barrage continues, feel free to block them or create a filter for these emails that sends them to a folder where they can be easily scanned and deleted.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of 32 years often tells me women compliment him on his looks or the way he dresses.

I compliment him often, but I think it's his way of telling me that he's still "got it" and I should be proud to have a husband who's hot and good-looking.

Am I crazy for not enjoying hearing what other women think?

If anything, it has caused some insecurity on my part. I have asked him to stop sharing these comments and told him I'm tired of hearing them -- especially since I have told him repeatedly what I think of him, his looks and his way of dressing. Am I wrong? -- LOVES HIM INSIDE AND OUT

**DEAR LOVES HIM:** I don't think you're wrong. But has it occurred to you that your husband may do this not out of ego but because HE is insecure? People who

are secure within themselves do not feel the need to continually toot their own horns the way your handsome, stylish husband does.

Try this: The next time he does it, smile, nod in agreement and tell him you agree with his admirer. And repeat as necessary.

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**Dear Ann Landers:** A few years ago, you printed warning signals to determine if a mate is a batterer.

I want to say thank you. You saved my sanity, possibly my life, and gave me the strength to leave my abusive husband and regain my self-esteem.

Please print those warning signals again. With luck, they may save someone else. -- Grateful in Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Dear Grateful:** Obviously, that column made a strong impression on you. Here it is again.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Please print this list of warning signals to help women determine if a mate or date is a potential (or actual) batterer.

Be careful if your mate displays any of the following signs:

1. Jealousy of your time with co-workers, friends and family.

2. Controlling behavior. (Controls your comings and goings and your money and insists on "helping" you make personal decisions.)

3. Isolation. (Cuts you off

## Classic Ann Landers

from supportive resources such as telephone pals and colleagues at work.)

4. Blames others for his problems. (Unemployment, family quarrels -- everything is "your fault.")

5. Hypersensitivity. (Easily upset by annoyances that are a part of daily life, such as being asked to work

overtime, criticism of any kind, being asked to help with chores or child care.)

6. Cruelty to animals or children. (Insensitive to their pain and suffering, may tease and/or hurt children and pets.)

7. "Playful" use of force in sex. (May throw you down and hold you during sex. May start having sex with you when you are sleeping or demand sex when you are ill or tired.)

8. Verbal abuse. (Says cruel and hurtful things, degrades and humiliates you, wakes you up to verbally abuse you or doesn't let you go to sleep.)

9. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality. (Sudden mood swings and unpredictable behavior -- one minute loving, the next minute angry and punitive.)

10. Past history of battering. (Has hit others but has a list of excuses for having been "pushed over the edge.")

11. Threats of violence. (Says, "I'll slap you," "I'll kill you," or "I'll break your neck.")

12. Breaking or striking objects. (Breaks your possessions, throws objects near or at you or your children.)

13. Uses force during an argument. (Holds you down or against a wall, pushes, shoves, slaps or kicks you. This behavior can easily escalate to choking, stabbing or shooting.)

**Dear Ann Landers:** Ann, please tell your readers they don't have to accept

violent behavior from anyone -- mates, dates, parents or friends. Because millions of American women will be battered at some time in their lives, they need to know how to read the warning signs.

Any woman who sees herself in the column today should call the nearest women's crisis line and tell someone what is happening. She will be provided with support and safety options.

There are several ways to break the cycle of violence, and identifying the warning signs is the first step. -- Portland, Oregon

**Dear Oregon:** Some women do not realize they are being abused until it is pointed out to them.

They have been made to believe abusive treatment is what they deserve. I hope women who see themselves in this column will look up the number of the nearest women's shelter and call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) or visit thehotline.org. It could save their lives.

**Dear Ann Landers:** A friend sent me these tips for losing weight, and I want to pass them along to your readers. I thought they were hilarious. -- Faithful Fan in San Diego

**Dear San Diego:** I did, too. In fact, I printed something similar several years ago, but your list is better.

Remember: Stressed Spelled Backward Is Desserts

1. If you eat something, and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.

2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled out by the diet soda fizz.

3. When you eat with someone else, calories

don't count if you do not eat more than he or she does.

4. Foods used for medicinal purposes, such as hot chocolate, brandy, toast and Sara Lee banana cake, NEVER count.

5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, you will look thinner.

6. Movie-related foods do not have additional calories, because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel. Some examples: Milk Duds, buttered popcorn, Junior Mints, Red Hots and Tootsie Rolls.

7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.

8. Things licked off of knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something.

9. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories. Example: spinach and pistachio ice cream.

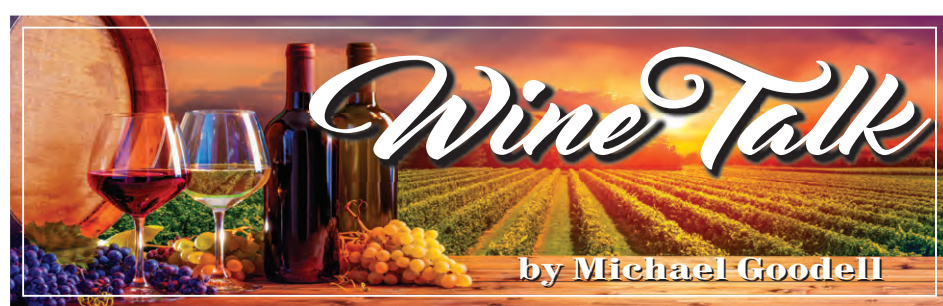
10. Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.

11. Anything consumed while standing has no calories. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.

12. Anything consumed from someone else's plate has no calories because the calories rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to his or her plate. (We all know how calories like to cling.)

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## Joys of drinking wine

Of all the stars in the intoxicative firmament, none shines as brightly as wine.

Sure, there are those who sing the praises of single malt whiskies, the subtle variants of barrel-aged bourbons, the exotic delights of craft cocktails or microbrewed beers, but none of those have the same character, the same history, or even pedigree of wine. Wine was the first fermented beverage, and remains the only one which occurs naturally. Crush a grape and the juice will turn to wine. Automatically, with no human assistance. It may not be the best wine in the world, but it will be wine.

Most of us who enjoy a glass of wine are looking for something more enticing than an ancient miracle. We want something that will compliment the food on our dinner plates, or to accompany that Book Club selection you're reading, or that RomCom you're watching. For some, wine means a glass, or bottle, to share with a companion while strolling down memory lane, or building the framework of a promising friendship.

Or wine can be the sole purpose of the experience, an opportunity to identify and describe the component tastes and aromas that make up a particular varietal. You can show off with wine. You can flaunt your educated palate or march triumphantly through a wine list.

Wine is so many things, but one thing it needn't be is intimidating. Yet it is for so many people. Owning a winery and operating a tasting room, I have had the opportunity to observe the range of emotional and psychological involvement people bring to the tasting experience.

Some only want to impress you with their knowledge, which is always more enjoyable when they aren't actually mistaken in their erudition. Others are sincerely interested in learning about wine, or learning more about it.

For those whose knowledge is limited and humility great, those who say "I don't know anything about wine," I inquire, "Do you know what you like?" They

invariably say they do, to which I reply, "Then you are an expert in the only thing that matters. You know what you want in a wine."

One of the joys of drinking wine is expanding your knowledge. Wine tourism is a great way to achieve that. So is reading books, joining a wine club, or taking a wine appreciation course. One of the best, and most enjoyable ways is to learn through experience, and that involves consuming the product. But where to do it? Where can you go to educate yourself about wine in a non-intimidating environment, where the staff or owner won't stand in judgment over you, where the staff is ready, willing and able to answer your questions?

I've selected two establishments where the novice wine drinker can expand her knowledge, or the wine connoisseur can discover little gems and hidden treasures. They are themselves little gems and treasures, close to home but miles away in terms of the journeys they can offer.

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Cellar 313 is eclectically designed, with a wide range of furnishings, superb lighting, and bare brick walls adorned with oversized, framed antique promotional posters evoking the history, drama and seductive appeal of wine making and consumption. The wine list is as extensive as the menu is small, but on the latter, the flatbreads are tasty and the charcuterie board is second to none. Cellar 313 offers a wide range of wines, certain to meet everyone's palates, from the sophisticated to the novice.

Owner Charlie Brown set out to "create an upscale wine bar." That it is, but "We try to make wines accessible to people. We offer tasting notes on each entry on our wine list, and we are happy to talk to people about what they like, and what they're willing to try." Cellar 313 offers a surprisingly affordable wine club, featuring unique wines from obscure regions, as well as a range of standards.

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Walking into The Royce for the first time feels a bit like walking into a bookstore at the turn of the last century. High shelves, accessed by a rolling ladder, are filled, not with books but with a range of affordable and unique wines.

Owner Ping Ho, one of Detroit's more innovative restaurateurs, (she also owns Marrow, "Detroit's first neighborhood butcher shop and restaurant hybrid," and Mink, a seafood restaurant in the heart of Corktown), curates unique wines, and her staff is well educated and eager to share their knowledge.

As is the case with Cellar 313, their menu is limited, but features fresh food and an excellent charcuterie. The Royce serves wine by the glass or bottle, and also functions as a retail wine shop.

"The Royce was established with the belief that wine is food, a necessity in life, and a reflection of geography, history and culture," Ho says. "Our approach to selling and sharing the wine that we select is to first and foremost make it accessible; we tell a story about where it is from, how it's made and who makes the wine."

Both these establishments are intimate, with limited seating made even more so due to the Public Health Authorities' reaction to the Covid pandemic.

You can visit them both in order to expand your wine knowledge in a congenial, non-threatening environment, and you can make new friends off the shelf or in the pages of a wine list.

Former Grosse Pointer Michael Goodell owns and operates Amoritas Vineyards with his children, Emily and Matthew. It is located in Lake Leelanau.

Learn more at [amoritasvineyards.com](http://amoritasvineyards.com). Goodell is also the author of two novels, "Zenith Rising" and "Rebound," and a memoir, "The World Shifted." They can be found at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

## The perfect Easter side dish Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

### Poppi's Potatoes

Recipe for bunny, not included.

Ham or lamb? Welcome to our annual disagreement when Easter rolls around.

Whatever protein your family has for the meal, these potatoes are always a must and a tradition in our household.

This recipe uses chicken broth instead of a cream sauce. It's so flavorful and light. The leeks and shallots bring it a whole new level.

Use whatever cheese you have. But the swiss and gouda combo give the cheesy factor you crave.

10-12 boiling potatoes, sliced thin

4 cups equal parts sliced leeks, shallots and onions

1 1/2 cups shredded swiss, cheddar and gouda

About 2-3 cups chicken broth

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

2 tbsp butter, plus more to dot the top

Start by sautéing the onions, salt, pepper and butter until they are soft, about 5-7 minutes.

Butter a 9x13 baking dish and layer half of the potatoes down.

Top with half the onions and half the cheese.

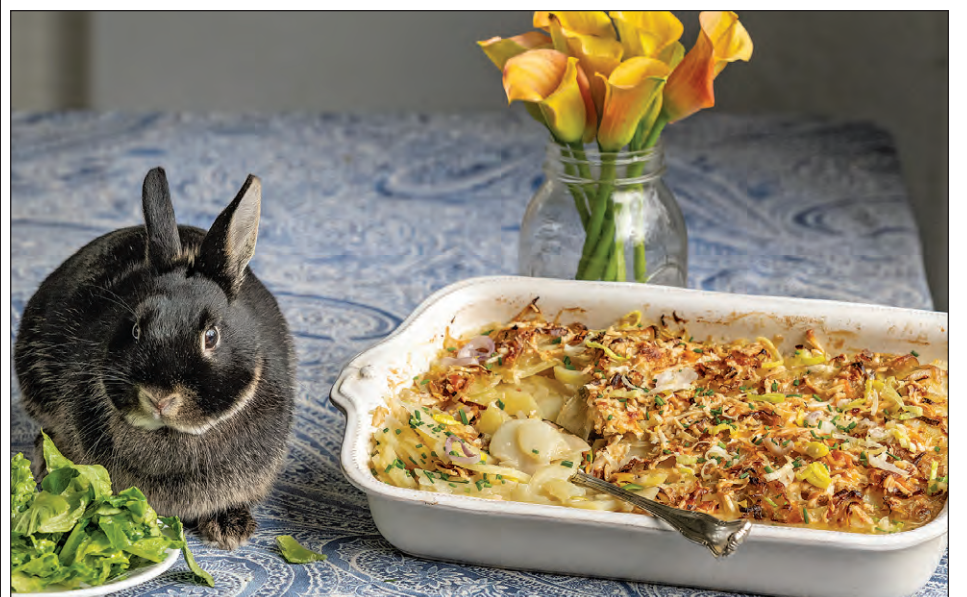
Layer the rest of the potatoes, onions and cheese.

Pour in enough chicken broth to come up about halfway up the side of the pan.

Dot the top of the potatoes with butter.

Bake at 400 for 1 hour.

It should be browned and bubbly.





# FESTIVE AND EASY

Centerpieces beautify your Easter table with splashes of natural color



Garden, kitchen, household items, crafts and even wearables can quickly become the center of attention at your holiday table.



Easter is a springtime holiday that marks a prime opportunity to cast off the remnants of winter weather and dress a home in bright, colorful hues. Come Easter, tulips and daffodils may be sprouting, lilies are on display in churches and many other spring touches are incorporated into home decor. Celebrants who will be hosting their families or more intimate Easter gatherings can extend the eye-catching improvements to the dining table. Easter centerpieces are a prime way to add color and ambiance to interior designs.

Here's a look at various ways to decorate the table for Easter celebrations:

- **Carrot-filled container:** Embrace an Easter bunny theme by hanging a bundle of carrots inside a glass vase or bowl and topping with orange, yellow and other spring-themed flowers and greenery.
- **Pussy willow basket:** Weave pussy willow stems into a basket shape or braid them together to make a ring. Then fill with colored Easter eggs or flower petals.
- **Nested flowers:** Purchase a wooden or wicker basket and weave or glue small twigs onto it. This will give it the look of a natural bird's nest, which is one of the markers of the spring season. The nest can cradle spring blooms, such as tulips, or hold Easter eggs.
- **Easter bunny garden:** Fill a shallow ceramic bowl with floral design moss or another green filler. Place a gold-foil chocolate bunny or a ceramic rabbit in the center and put small tealight candles and a small glass canister of pastel-colored candy eggs to complete the picture.
- **Rainy day decor:** April showers bring May flowers. Put that sentiment on display by purchasing an inexpensive pair of brightly colored rubber rain boots. Place cut fresh flowers into narrow glass vases and then slip the vases inside of the boots for a festive and funny table conversation piece.
- **Floating flowers:** Poke the stem of a flower into a square of bubble wrap. Place into a small fishbowl filled with water and watch the flowers float on top. Tint the water a pastel hue if desired.
- **Painted pinecone bouquet:** Paint pinecones in bright colors for an Easter makeover. Place in the container of your choice and add some faux or real greenery to complete the bouquet picture.

The options are endless when you add your own creativity to what you have on hand. A little ingenuity can become a centerpiece guests will adore.

## North's creative "Egg My Yard" student fundraiser a first-year smash



By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Don't be alarmed this Saturday when flocks of Grosse Pointe North students swarm the community after dark, fortified with armloads of eggs. Yes, they will be "egging" neighborhood houses. No, this isn't the same sort of "egging" from days past; no yolky cleanup necessary.

The houses they'll hit all signed up for the special delivery. And it's all for a good cause.

The North Student Association fundraiser, "Egg My Yard," will put students to work in the evening hours so when families' young children awake Easter morning, there's a ready-made egg hunt on their front lawns. More than 160 families signed up to be "egged," Student Association Adviser Jonathan Byrne said.

"This is our first time offering the egg hunt," he added. "We were overwhelmed with the response. Between the pandemic and the end of winter, we think parents were really looking for something fun for their kids to do. And we have spent the year building the community's trust with other fundraisers. This time, everything clicked."



The idea hatched when one of Byrne's colleagues, Bridget Cooley, saw a flyer for a similar event in another school district. "We thought it was perfect since we have already done a few delivery fundraisers this year and have gotten pretty good at it," Student Association President Caroline Stafford said. From October's Boo Bags to December's Holiday Hugs and February's Boxes of Love, students have gotten inventive in their fundraising efforts. "This crazy year has really tested our creativity and I'm incredibly happy that we've still been able to do fun things for the community," Stafford said.

Approximately 30 student government and National Honors Society students were involved in preparations - buying and stuffing more than 7,000 plastic eggs with candy, including some gluten- and nut-free options. Families placed orders of 20, 50 or 100 eggs. Students will deliver the eggs and create the hunts the evening of April 3, "so that kids will wake up to the egg hunts on Easter morning," Stafford said.

Student Abby Simcox, who helped coordinate the event, said she and Stafford have been working hard to reach out to the community and include them in events at North. "I personally love reaching out beyond our school walls and including the younger members of our community in activities that high schools can interact with them," Simcox said. "It has been great to communicate with parents and bring everyone together, even in these difficult times." Byrne said he's proud of the students for their efforts.

"The kids really took this idea and ran with it," he noted. "(Student Activities Director) Peggy (Bonbrisco) and I offer support and guidance; they did most of the work. Proceeds from the fundraiser will largely be used to fund the Student Association's Charity Week in April - which this year supports the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and culminates in a dog walk at the school May 2 - as well as leadership training opportunities for students, community service projects and staff appreciation efforts.

"The biggest benefit of being involved in this activity is being able to do things for North and for our community," Stafford said. "In a year when so many of our usual events have become impossible to do safely, it has been wonderful to still create enjoyable activities for our school and the rest of the community."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Top, students Connor Troost and Caroline Stafford bag up the surprises. Middle photo; Abby Simcox and Caroline Stafford, co-chairs of the event, do their best to make sure everything runs smoothly. Above, Student Association pictured with Jonathan Byrne, advisor.

## Hot cross buns a sweet holiday tradition



### HOLIDAY RECIPE

These traditional favorites have become must-haves for many Easter celebrants. Hot cross buns are yeast-based sweet buns that are lightly spiced and studded with raisins or currants. The tops are marked with a piped icing cross symbolizing the cross of Jesus to Christians. They were often served on Good Friday.

#### HOT CROSS BUNS

##### Buns

1/4 cup apple juice or rum  
1/2 cup mixed dried fruit  
1/2 cup raisins or dried currants  
1 1/4 cups milk, room temperature  
2 large eggs, plus 1 egg yolk (save the white for the topping)

6 tablespoons butter, room temperature  
2 teaspoons instant yeast  
1/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves or allspice  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 3/4 teaspoons salt  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
4 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

##### Topping

1 large egg white, reserved from above  
1 tablespoon milk

##### Icing

1 cup + 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Pinch of salt  
4 teaspoons milk

Lightly grease a 10" square pan or a 9" x 13" pan.

Mix the rum or juice with the dried fruit and raisins, cover and microwave briefly, until very warm. Set

aside to cool to room temperature.

Mix together all of the dough ingredients. Knead the mixture, using an electric mixer or bread machine, until the dough is soft and elastic. Mix in the fruit and any liquid not absorbed. Let the dough rise for 1 hour, covered. It should become puffy, though may not double in bulk. Divide the dough into billiard ball-sized pieces. Use your greased hands to round them into balls. Arrange them in the prepared pan. Cover the pan, and let the buns rise for 1 hour. Pre-heat the oven to 375 F.

Whisk together the reserved egg white and milk, and brush it over the buns.

Bake the buns for 20 minutes, until golden brown. Remove from the oven, carefully turn the buns out of the pan (they should come out in one large piece), and transfer them to a rack to cool.

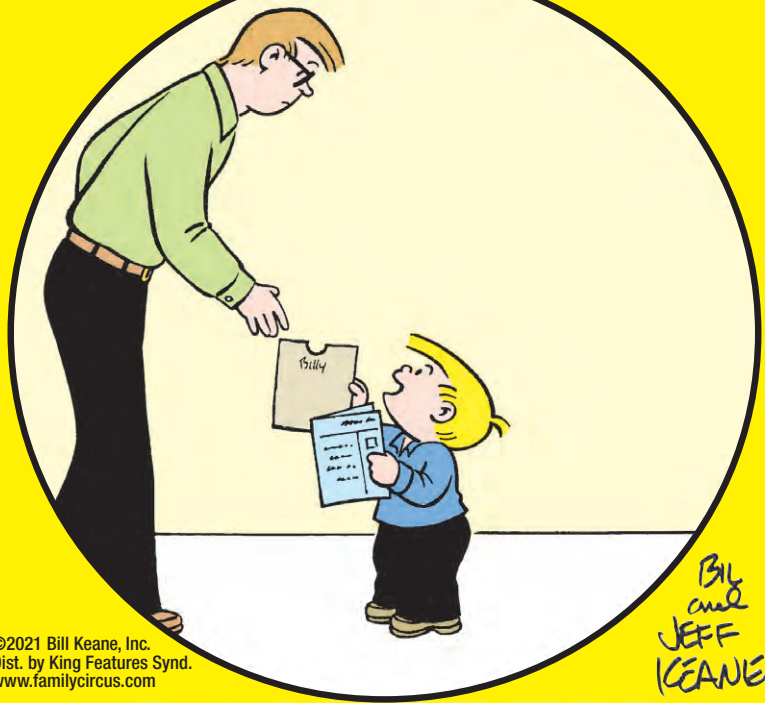
Mix together the icing ingredients, and when the buns are completely cool, pipe it in a cross atop each bun. Yields 12 to 14 buns.



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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"I got all A's. APRIL FOOL!"

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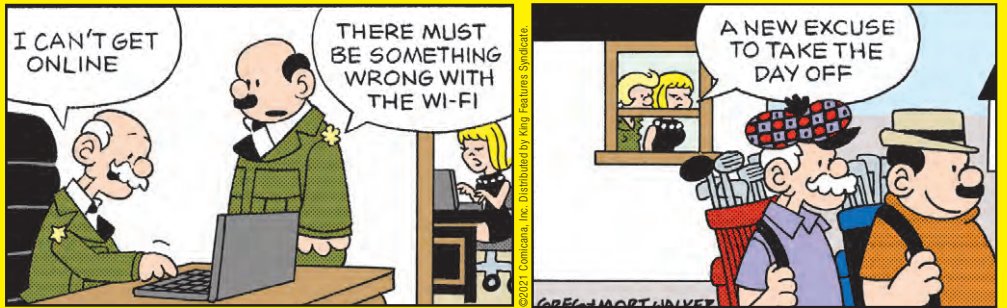
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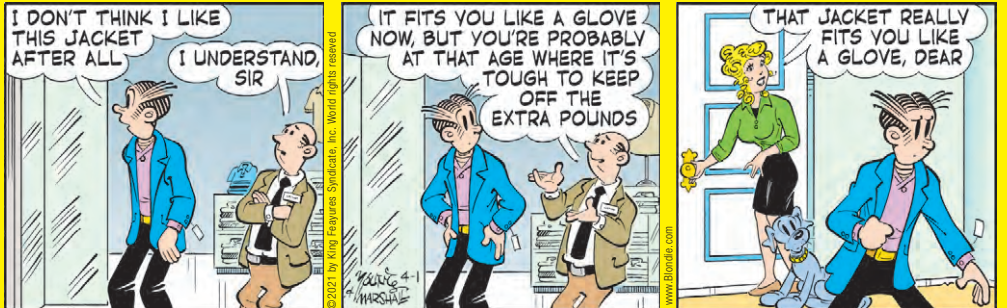
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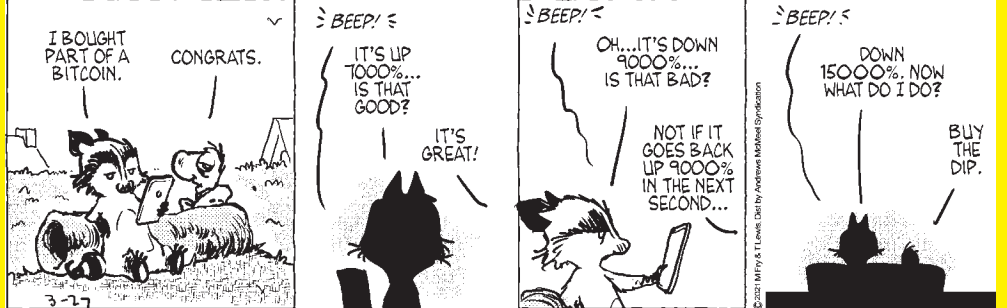
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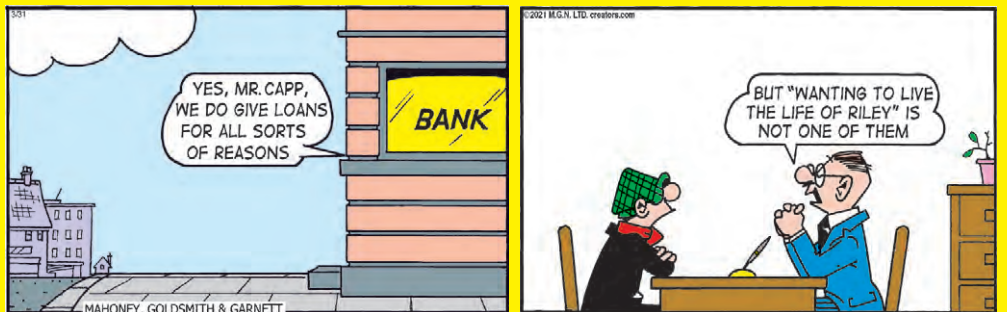
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## Andy Capp

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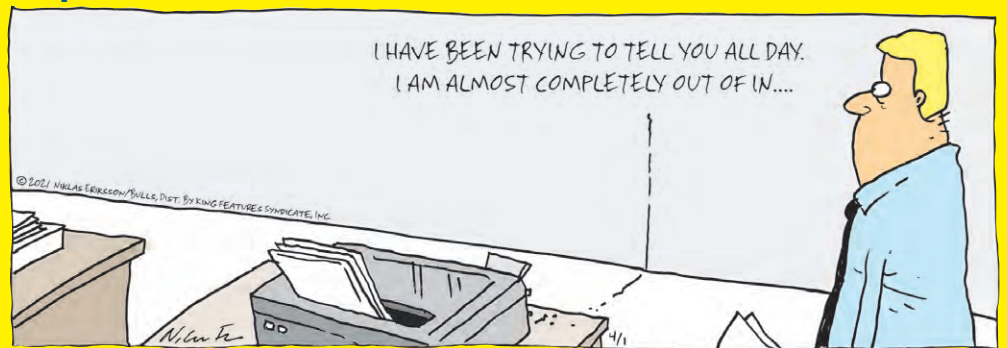
## Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## Carpe Diem

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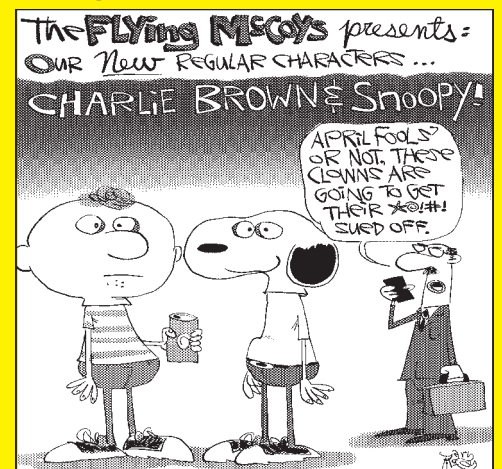


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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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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4/1 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆  
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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg April 1, 2021

### ACROSS

- 1 15-minute pursuit?
- 5 Plucked instrument
- 9 Skater Rippon
- 13 Drinks similar to Slurpees
- 15 Uzbekistan's continent
- 16 One-named soccer great
- 17 "Bronco's" activity (hint: delete letters 8 to 10 in this answer)
- 19 Walk like a hippo
- 20 Catchall abbr.
- 21 \_\_\_ de vie
- 22 Puts on, as makeup
- 24 Like some auto mirrors
- 27 Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
- 28 "Bambi" collectible
- 29 Rescuers of 69-Across
- 33 Sporty Italian auto, briefly
- 36 Heavy-duty lifter
- 37 Word before "roaring" or "current"
- 38 Southeast Asian ethnic group
- 39 "Airport rental" (... 2 to 5)
- 41 Smog watchdog org.
- 42 Blow it
- 43 Glowing reviews
- 44 Pivotal WWII date

- 45 Some marbles
- 47 Get benefit from
- 49 Salt Lake City collegians
- 50 Camp shelter's "door"
- 55 Had for supper
- 58 A-lister, for short
- 59 Eggs, to biologists
- 60 Neighbor of Yemen
- 61 Person who eschews the starred answers' deleted portions
- 64 Furry visitor to Oz
- 65 Sportscaster Andrews
- 66 Far from long-winded
- 67 \_\_\_ out (barely man-ages)
- 68 Perot of the Reform Party
- 69 Microchipped animals, perhaps

### DOWN

- 1 Carpet material
- 2 Less than 90 degrees
- 3 Hajji's destination
- 4 Cartoon shriek
- 5 Dutch court site, with "The"
- 6 Tree that rhymes with a synonym for "money"
- 7 Antipiracy org.
- 8 Running of the bulls site
- 9 Bit of Java programming
- 10 "Monopoly" card (... 3 to 7)
- 11 Moisturizer in tissues
- 12 What docs prescribe
- 14 Holey utensil
- 18 Shingle securer
- 23 "Pied" musician of legend
- 25 Portable DVD player brand
- 26 Most toasty
- 30 Bits of gel
- 31 Kelly on TV
- 32 Fix at the vet's office
- 33 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 34 Dr. Zhivago's beloved
- 35 "Strong suit" (... 4 to 7)
- 36 Yield to pressure
- 39 2015 boxing film
- 40 Takes a break from flying
- 44 Dict. entry
- 46 Transcription takers, briefly
- 47 Watt or tesla
- 48 Mar. 17 honoree
- 51 Makes equal
- 52 Longest river in France
- 53 Sailor's "Stop!"
- 54 Windex surfaces
- 55 Shower love (on)
- 56 Post-accident assurance
- 57 "Fiddling" emperor
- 62 U.S. soldiers
- 63 One curl or press

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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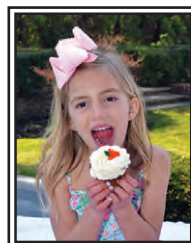
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## Where's the Beef? by Fred Piscop

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# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT



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## The Finer Pointes: Meet Hugh O'Connor

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

This series profiles the finalists of the Grosse Pointe News' "The Finer Pointes" art contest. Due to a tie, 11 finalists have been selected to compete for a \$5,000 prize. Artwork must be submitted by April 30, at which time Grosse Pointe News subscribers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite entry.

St. Clair Shores resident Hugh O'Connor was raised along the shores of Lake St. Clair and from it he draws his greatest inspiration.

From summers swimming, fishing and boating on the lake, to winters ice skating and ice fishing there, O'Connor always

has been fascinated with Lake St. Clair and the freighters that pass by.

As a child, he focused on photography – capturing images from each Great Lake – then later used his talent to create paintings and drawings.

"This in turn led to scratch building models of the various boats, since none were available commercially," he explained on his website. "... As time went by I soon began expanding my artwork to include murals, portraits, posters and silkscreening – really just about anything."

Though O'Connor earned a degree in graphic design, he is a largely self-trained artist. His preferred media are watercolor and acrylics.

"Almost all my work

### The Finer Pointes finalists

In alphabetical order

- Linda Boyle
- Scott Brown
- Callie Lewicki
- Sue Majewski
- Jane McFeely
- Kathleen McNamee
- Hugh O'Connor
- Rachel Quinlan
- Leslie Rabaut
- Sarah Stahl
- Basil Zaviski

tends to have a photo-realistic quality to it," he explained. "My palate of colors are the vibrant colors of real life, not a washed-out postcard look."

Some of O'Connor's work is displayed in U.S. Coast Guard facilities nationwide. He also has done paintings and portraits for the U.S. Marines and Detroit Red Wings hockey team.

"I'm just trying to capture and preserve the history of the Great Lakes," he said. "I'm interested in freighters and the history of them."

For his entry in "The Finer Pointes," O'Connor plans to create an acrylic



PHOTOS COURTESY OF HUGH O'CONNOR

### Examples of Hugh O'Connor's work.

painting featuring the Dodge brothers' yacht, Delphine, passing a Ford Motor Co. boat, as it heads for the dock at Rose Terrace.

The image will be set in the 1930s or early '40s, he said.

"I feel the image would capture a part of the bygone history of Grosse Pointe," he explained.

More of O'Connor's work may be found online at [oconnordesigns.org](http://oconnordesigns.org).



## 'In the shadow of the Acropolis'

By Stella Thomas  
Guest Writer

No matter the amount of times I stand before her, my breath is always taken aback as I stand in contemplation and in reverence of the glorious Temple of Athena, The Parthenon, in Athens Greece. As I stand on her Acropolis, I marvel at the ingenuity of this architectural masterpiece with its 46 outer and 25 inner Doric and Ionic columns, built with no right angles to create a perfect illusion of symmetry and beauty, along with its marble overlays and friezes. This temple was built to honor Athena – the Goddess of Wisdom – to look over and protect Athens. Miraculously, the Parthenon was built in nine short years and completed in 432 B.C.

As I balance my footing on the uneven polished marble slabs, I think of what this Goddess of Wisdom has withstood over the centuries. I think of the German occupation during WWII under Hitler to the 400 years of Ottoman rule. I think of the devastation, the bombings, the wars, the destruction, and even the natural disasters such as the earthquakes. Athena has seen it all.

clouds float by, a perfect hue of blue frames this majestic marble structure while the sun's rays extend their tentacles through the spaces in between, as if God's majesty is fully present. I lay my hands on an ancient slab of marble to absorb the energy of this moment. I listen to the flapping of the blue and white Greek flag as it flaps in the distance, and I listen to the wind as it circles and dances around this perfect structure. This wind, this howling and distinctive melodic sound along with the hugs of the sun's rays, bring tears to my eyes. This is the sound of mankind moving through the ages in pursuit of a better world for humanity. This is the height of ingenuity, where nature coexisted with mankind in perfect form. The Goddess of Athena – the Protector of the City – the Goddess of Wisdom. I am moved to tears. This ancient world has so much to teach us.

My mind is taken back to the ancient philosophers from 42 -332 BC – the great Socrates, Plato and Aristotle – who walked in the shadow of these columns contemplating life and giving us the rules of life. Democracy, free speech, individual rights, constitutional

government, trial by jury, mathematics, biology, astronomy, atomic theory – so much this world of grand thinkers have given to us that the Western world in particular continues to enjoy to this day.

But in my observations, it is the notions of virtue and humanity that are the most important contributions of these philosophers. In "Nicomachean Ethics" (350 BC), Aristotle explained to us that to be a "human in the highest form, we must be able to prosper individually while collectively benefiting the larger whole." In other words, the individual must answer to himself, but also to his family, to his community, and to the betterment of humankind. Happiness, the Greek word "eudaimonia" means to live well – not just in the physical sense but in the spiritual sense of the soul and the spirit – one's conscious and peace of mind. And "arete" is happiness deep within our soul that enriches our lives. It extends beyond our moral comprehension and into our daily physical world of the daily choices we make both in action and in words.

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# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
**"The Kindness of Strangers"**

Let me preface this review by saying I haven't seen a movie this wonderful in ages. That said, how could a movie titled "The Kindness of Strangers" not be charming?

It stars Zoe Kazan, Tahar Rahim, Bill Nighy and a few other lesser-known actors.

It opens with a mom and her two children against the backdrop of a spectacular view of Manhattan. They're there ostensibly on vacation. However, we quickly learn they're escaping an abusive dad, who happens to be a cop.

We then encounter several other characters that are dealing with various personal problems of their own. Serendipity is the underlying theme here, as their lives intersect in mutually beneficial ways.

I enjoyed everything about this film. It's rare when great writing, natural acting, and remarkable cinematography

converge in a movie. I just wish there were more movies like this being made.

It almost seems like something from the Golden Age of movies. The films of Frank Capra come to mind.



Hope you enjoy it as much as I did. And if you happen to know of any other films like this one, please let me know!

★★★★★

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but here, as their lives intersect in mutually beneficial ways.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any

other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

**About this column:**

While I watch a lot of streaming movies, this column will feature those offered by Kanopy.com. If you're not familiar with this great service, it's offered through the Grosse Pointe Public Library system with your library card. Sign up online in less than a minute, then stream six movies a month for free.

These are high-quality movies you'll have a hard time finding elsewhere, and include a ton of indie gems I'd never heard of.

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## ACROPOLIS:

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Plato wrote of four virtues — the cardinal virtues of wisdom, courage, moderation and justice.

1) Wisdom is the capacity to make sensible decisions, meaning leaders taking good advice and then acting prudently.

2) Courage is the ability to confront fear, uncertainly, difficulty and intimidation. Courage was a virtue in ancient Greece, a tradition which endures to this day. Despite military conquests and economic difficulties from physical wars to the recent economic crisis, it is the Greek model of courage and heroism which illuminates one's vision.

As Winston Churchill declared, after Greece's role in limiting Hitler's expansion into Europe, "(W)e will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks." Or the U.S. president, Franklin Roosevelt, "When the entire world had lost all hope, the Greek people dared to question the

invincibility of the German monster raising against it, the proud spirit of freedom."

3) Plato's third virtue was moderation, the quality of practicing self-restraint and self-control.

4) Finally, and most importantly, justice. Plato emphasized the interconnectedness of the three previous virtues. Only when these three prior virtues are present can the human soul be complete and can a society be ordered in a humane and just fashion. In other words, being fair and reasonable in how decisions are made and how people are treated require wisdom, courage and moderation.

As Greece celebrates its 200 years of Independence on March 25, 2021, we must also remember the important contributions of this ancient world who gave us an important roadmap in preserving our democracy; honoring our humanity; and understanding the importance of leading with wisdom, with humility, and with integrity. During these difficult times of global

change and negative vibrations, our world needs to stand still and reflect on the teachings and grand contributions of Greece through all of the ages.

If we are to continue improving mankind through the ages, as had been improved for us, may we continue to always hold love, faith and hope in our hearts and to lead with Greek verve, courage and wisdom!

E F H A R I S T O  
 HELLAS! XRONIA  
 POLLA! ZHTO H  
 ELLADA!\*

Grosse Pointe North High School alumna Stella Thomas, of Grosse Pointe Woods and Thessaloniki, Greece, is the managing director of the Global Water Fund, Zurich, Switzerland.

Her essay, "In the Shadow of the Acropolis," was published in the weekly Greek-American newspaper, *The National Herald*, last week in recognition of the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence Day.

\*Thank you, Greece! Happy Birthday! Long Live Greece!



PHOTO COURTESY OF STELLA THOMAS

Stella Thomas at the Acropolis in Athens.

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Leo until 11:25 p.m., when the Moon enters Virgo.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, April 1, 2021:

Pioneering, hasty and rebellious, go beyond self-imposed limitations. This year, you hit a temporary bump in the road. With your survivor skills you will rise to the occasion whether it entails working with a new team or changing your career path. Friendships are invaluable in steering you in the right direction. If single, visit dating sites but be true to yourself. If attached, make time for weekend getaways. **CANCER** nurtures you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Attend a gathering where you can mingle and learn from other guests. Be social and express yourself, but listen to other points of view. Travel plans may get put on hold. Be patient and reschedule. Tonight: Get tickets to a concert.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Deep, mixed emotions may surface when you least expect it. You may feel elated one moment and sad the next. Keep tissues close by since you may wipe a tear every now and again. Tonight: Resolve differences with loved ones.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Love is in the air. There may be an unexpected gift or invitation to dinner. Small gestures mean more than expensive presents. Do something kind for someone when they least expect it. Tonight: Recall an event that made you smile.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

Start a healthy eat-

ing plan and exercise program that suits your schedule. Choose a fitness routine from an array of videos. Make sure you're at the right level. Give yourself a gold star for taking the first step. Tonight: Friendly chatter.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Follow your creative instincts. This might include meeting someone who wants to introduce you to new techniques. Participate in an activity that is active, healthy and, above all, fun. Dance, Zumba or spinning classes might suit you. Tonight: Read in bed.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Brush up on your mediation skills. Clear the cobwebs of a family disagreement. Agree to disagree and move forward.

Nostalgic memories bring a smile to your face. Contact someone who can reminisce with you. Tonight: Prepare fresh fruits and vegetables.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Put your multitasking skills to the test. Slow down, and you can juggle your activities.

Ask for feedback on an idea for a writing project. Friends and colleagues can make helpful suggestions if you let them. Tonight: Laughing out loud.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Pass on a get-rich-quick scheme that a friend might mention. Find creative ways to improve family finances. Sell items online you no longer need but are in mint condition. This could

lead to a successful side business. Tonight: Play cards.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Confidence is at an all-time high. Look your best to reflect on how you feel. Challenge yourself to do things that you normally would not dare do. You can do anything if you put your mind to it. Tonight: Tax preparation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Take a break from nonstop activity. Unwind and reboot. Listen to your intuition. It has something to tell you.

Donate time or money to your favorite charity. Compassion leads you in the right direction. Tonight: Imagine your dream vacation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Strategize how to approach a friend with whom you had a misunderstanding. Apply your sensitivity and the issue will be cleared up in no time.

Be open to constructive criticism after a group presentation. Tonight: Look up old classmates online.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Get an early start and take charge of the day. Put one foot in front of the other so things will get done in record time.

Look up job opportunities or volunteer positions that speak to your passion. Tonight: Post snapshots.

**BORN TODAY**

Psychologist Abraham Maslow (1908), actress Debbie Reynolds (1932), commentator Rachel Maddow (1973).

## Contract Bridge

**ERROR PREVENTION**

South dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 9 2  
 ♥ K J 7 3 2  
 ♦ K J 8 4  
 ♣ 9 6

**WEST**

♠ 8 6 4 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ A 9 2  
 ♣ Q J 10 7 4

**EAST**

♠ A 5  
 ♥ Q 10 4  
 ♦ Q 10 7 6 3  
 ♣ A 5 2

**SOUTH**

♠ K Q J 10 7  
 ♥ A 9 8 6  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ K 8 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Assume you're East and that partner leads the queen of clubs against South's four-heart contract. You win with the ace, and the question is what to return at trick two.

When the deal occurred, East returned the five of clubs. South won with the king and led a diamond toward dummy at trick three. West

followed low, hoping declarer would misguess and play the jack from dummy. But South went up with the king and wound up making four hearts, losing only a spade, a heart and a club.

East berated his partner for not putting up the ace when the diamond was led. West defended himself by contending that South might have held two diamonds instead of only one, in which case rushing up with the ace could have handed declarer the contract.

In fact, East was at least as much at fault as West. East could see three sure defensive tricks in his hand, and so needed to find West with one trick, most likely to be the king of spades, the ace of hearts or the ace of diamonds.

East should therefore have shifted to a diamond at trick two to head off a possible mistake by West. The diamond return by East could do no harm if South had the ace but could do a great deal of good if West had the ace.

The secret of good defensive play lies not only in avoiding mistakes yourself, but also in attempting to minimize the chance of your partner making a mistake. Good defense is usually a matter of close partnership cooperation, and the diamond return by East at trick two certainly falls under that heading on this deal.

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by Steve Becker



# Comics

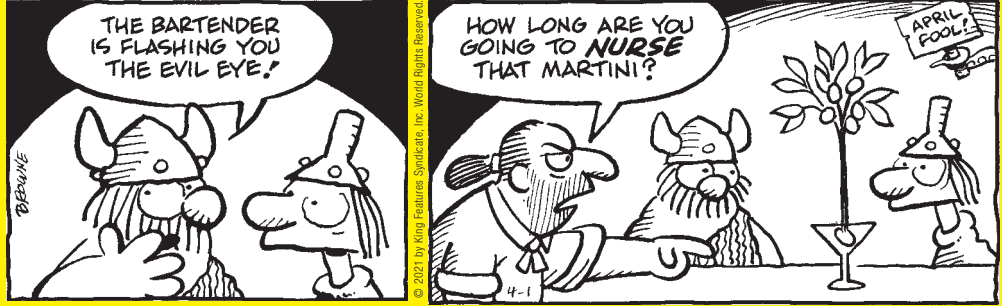
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Charles M. Schulz



## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



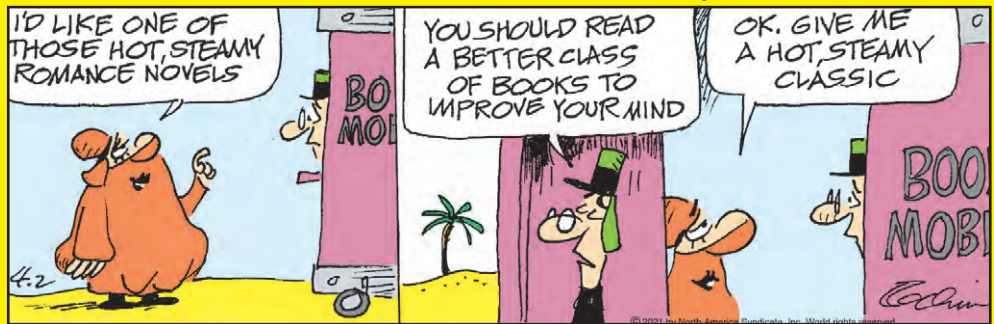
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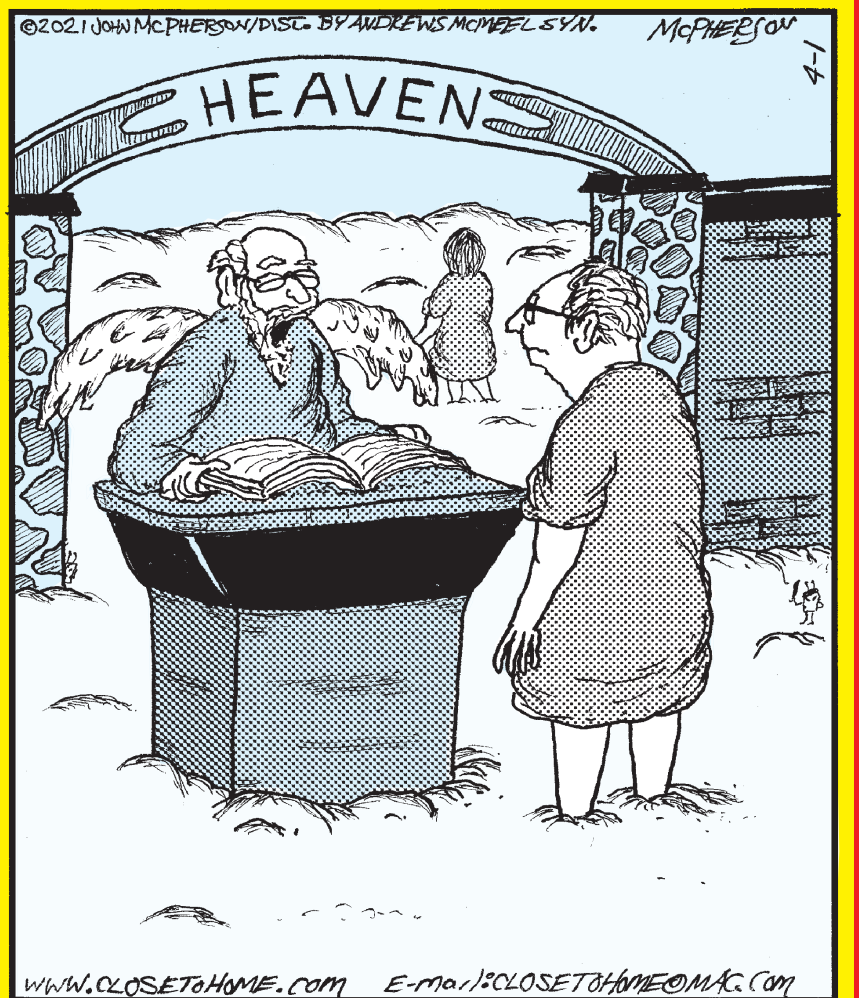
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Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



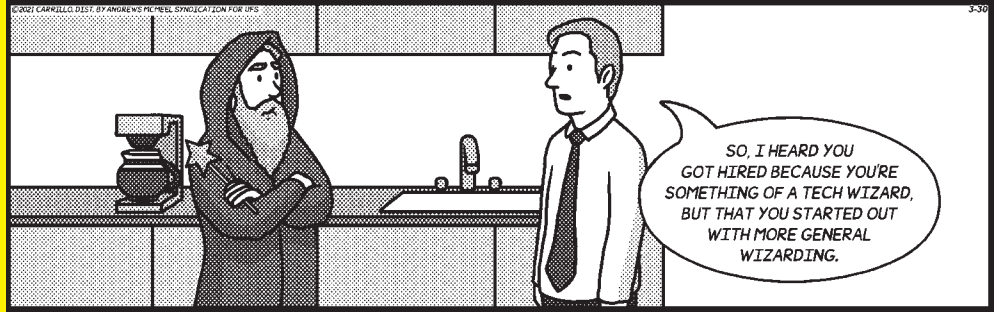
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John McPherson



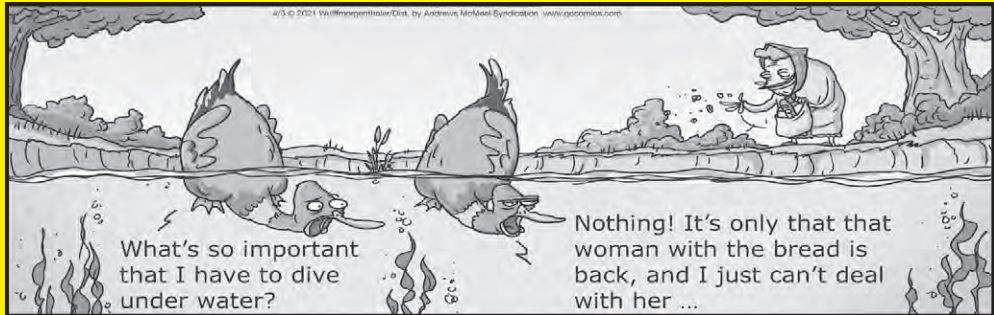
## F Minus

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



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# SPORTS

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**District Champs**  
Knights boys basketball wins District title over Cristo Rey **PAGE 2D**

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## Liggett girls hockey team wins state title

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

It was a battle of the Knights Saturday, March 27, as the University Liggett School Knights took on the Livonia Knights in the Michigan Girls High School Hockey State Championship at Arctic Edge in Canton. Ultimately, Liggett out-muscled Livonia Unified, winning the game 4-2 and making them the 2021 state champions.

After winning the Division 2 title in 2018, the senior class has come full circle, now taking home the Division 1 State Championship for their school and community.

Liggett captains Gabrielle Anusbigian and Kendall Zinn spoke on behalf of their team and expressed their excitement following the big win.

“It feels like we’ve been working for this for a while and it was well deserved,” Zinn said.

Anusbigian said she is proud of everyone’s spirit this season.

“It was hard to keep morale high, but I think everyone did a great job,” she said. “I want to thank the coaches for giving it their all and thank the girls for sticking with it in this very complicated year.”

After receiving a bye in the semi-finals due to an Ann Arbor Pioneer quarantine, the Liggett Knights advanced after an undefeated season and met the Livonia United Knights in what would be a very physical game.

“I think early on both teams were gripping their sticks a bit tight and feeling the nerves,” said University Liggett head coach Greg Paddison, “but we told the girls

after the first period just to take a deep breath.

Once the girls started to relax and have confidence in their game, that’s when I thought we played our best.”

The scoring started early in the first period with a goal from Liggett’s Morgan Hamilton, assisted by Sophie Ancona. Liggett held the 1-0 lead heading into the second period and scored a second goal at 13:09 from Allyson Doppke, assisted by Kendall Zinn and Giuliana Lufty. Two minutes later, Liggett scored what seemed to be a third goal that was disallowed due to goalie interference. Not taking no for an answer, Liggett scored a legitimate goal moments later to extend the score 3-0. This was Doppke’s second goal of the game, assisted by Natalia Dragovic.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LEON HALIP PHOTOGRAPHY

The University Liggett Knights girls hockey team finished a perfect season with a state championship.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY ENGLISH

South’s 200 yard freestyle relay state championship team. From left, Drew Vanderputte, Kieran Rahmann, Ryan English and Tucker Briggs



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN CARLINO

North’s Gianni Carlino, right, took first place in the 500 yard freestyle. Carlino earned All-State honors in the 500 and 200 yard freestyle events.

## South places 2nd at state swim finals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South finally got the chance to compete in the MHSAA Division 2 swimming and diving championship meet this weekend. The Blue Devils came into this season ready to challenge for a state title and ended up earning second place, finishing only behind rivals Birmingham Seaholm.

“I was super happy with how we swam and it was a battle all day,” South coach John Fodell said. “They finished third in the swim well and we swam well. I was really happy with our performance. We haven’t finished second since 2010, and that was our highest finish since 1965.”

South diver Logan Hepner finished second in the state in the diving championships. North’s Gianni Carlino took the state championship in the 500-yard freestyle. The Blue Devils’ team of Keiran Rahmaan, Drew Vandeputte, Ryan English and Tucker Briggs won the state championship in the 200-yard freestyle

relay. “We had a ton of all-states; in almost every single event we had someone in the top eight, which is huge,” Fodell said about his team’s performance. “Our boys showed up to race and they did everything we needed them to do, but Seaholm did a little more than us.”

Other notable performances include South’s team of Rahmaan, Jackson Jogan, Vandeputte and Briggs earning second place in the 200-yard medley relay. Rahmaan finished second in the 100-yard butterfly, Briggs finished third in the 100-yard freestyle and North’s Ian Donahue finished third in the 200-yard IM.

Fodell said he was most proud of the progress his seniors at South made over the years in order to reach a second-place finish in the state.

“Kids grow up a lot from when they’re sophomores to when they’re seniors and to walk home with the trophy of second place in the state, when they’ve never been a top four team ... this is something they can be super proud of,” he said.

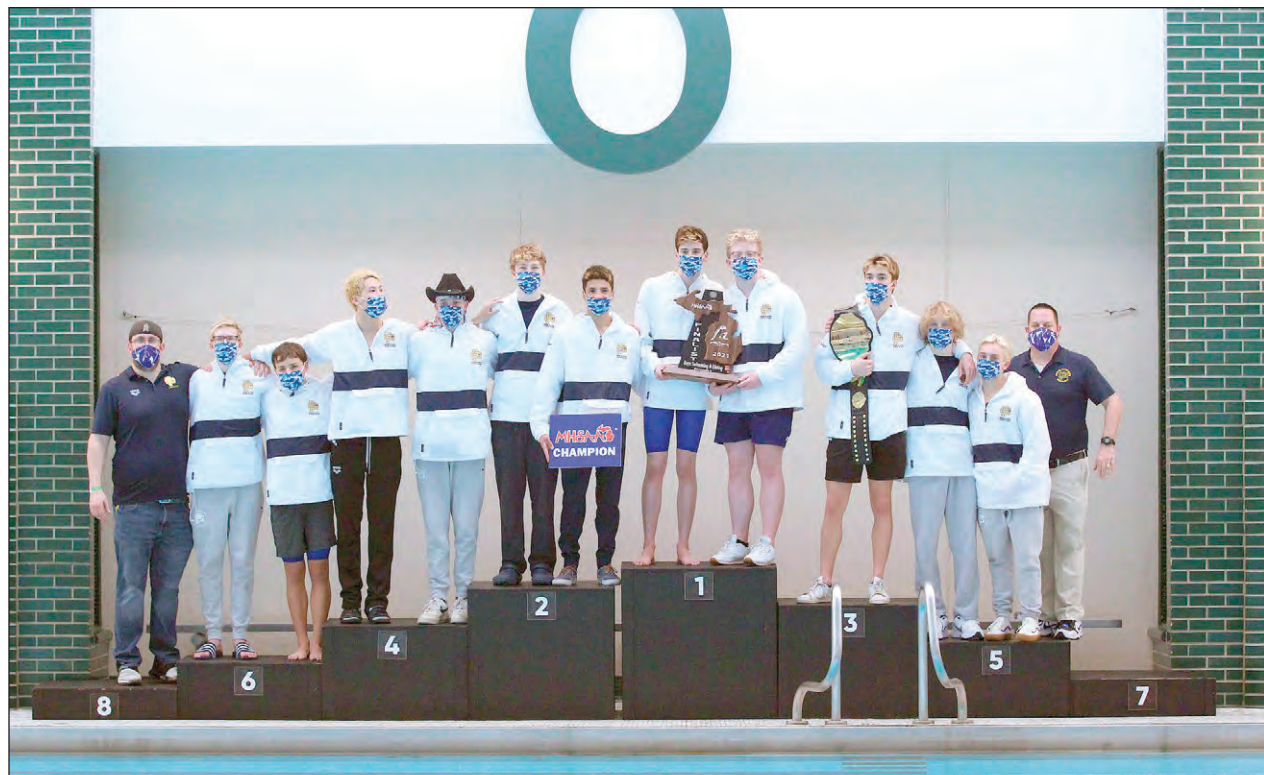


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MHSAA

The Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team won second place at the MHSAA Division 2 state championship meet.



## 2D | SPORTS

# Knights top Cristo Rey, win district title

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After a close win over Detroit Southeastern on Tuesday in the semifinals, the University Liggett School Knights boys basketball team earned a date with familiar foes Detroit Cristo Rey in Thursday's District 89 championship.

The teams split their previous two matchups in 2021, with Liggett victorious in the first and the Wolves getting revenge just a few days later in overtime. It was a close game once again as they battled it out in a must-win playoff game; the Knights came out on top with a 62-51 win to capture the district championship.

"It feels awesome," Liggett coach Solomon Spann said. "There's a lot of work these guys have put in day in and day out practicing and

learning what we do. ... It's something they can really be proud of and say how they turned things around here at University Liggett."

Just like their previous matchups with Cristo Rey, the Knights found themselves in a tightly contested game and even trailed 30-27 going into halftime. Liggett began to really shine in the third quarter and built a nine-point lead heading into the final eight minutes of the game — a lead it would eventually stretch into a win.

"They were getting us out of character; they're speeding us up and not getting us into our sets," Spann said he told his team when trailing at halftime. "When we get into our sets and play like we need to do, then we're a good basketball team, so not getting out of sorts turned it around for us."

The Knights had three

players reach double-digit points in Thursday's win. Cam Strong led the scoring with 22, while Michael Clark finished with 13 and Alex George ended up with 10.

As the Knights move on in the MHSAA playoffs, Spann knows his team has the strength to claim more postseason wins.

"We want to go as far as we can," he said. "Anytime we talk about it, we talk about state championships and if you're not talking about that maybe you shouldn't be in the game of basketball. That's what we try to instill in our kids — to have greatness about them — and you may not always get to the mark, but that growth and the journey is what we're proud of."

The District 89 championship means the Knights advance to MHSAA Division 3 regional playoffs.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The University Liggett Knights boys basketball team defeated Detroit Cristo Rey to be crowned district champions.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 1, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 17, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on January 21, 2021, Election Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 22, 2021, Local Officer's Compensation Commission meeting held on February 24, 2021, and Planning Commission meeting held on February 24, 2021.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1)approve the Accounts Payable/ Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121389 through 121586 in the amount of \$958,950.49 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.(2)approve payment to Great Lakes Water Authority in the amount of \$14,170.52 for the required 2020 Lead and Copper testing.(3)approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of March 202
- 2) to approve the engineering proposal dated February 3, 2021 submitted by AEW to undertake the design and engineering portion of the FY 2022 Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Woodland to Vernier project and further, to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 3) to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods to provide for Public Safety Training with all members of the above named Public Safety Departments, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 4) to accept the proposal dated February 22, 2021 submitted by Plante and Moran for auditing services in the amount of \$44,600 for the 2020 audit
- 5) to approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$62,488.75 for Progress Payment No. 10 (Final) on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202
- 6) to adopt the resolution to Designate the acting City Manager, John Szymanski, as the Street Administrator for the City of Harper Woods

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, April 1, 2021

# Blue Devils eliminated by King in district semifinals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team's playoff run was cut short in Thursday's district semifinals when they took on Martin Luther King Jr. High School. The Blue Devils managed to cut King's lead down to single digits in the fourth quarter, but the Crusaders hung on to a 56-40 victory.

"We, unfortunately, had our two interior players, Tommy Hessburg and Jordan Johnson, out for the game due to contact tracing," South coach Steve Benard said. "We had a good game plan defensively, but we were out of sync offensively due to the new lineup."

South's offensive

struggles showed during the first half, trailing 26-11 going into the halftime locker room. Things picked up for the Blue Devils in the second half, but they could not quite dig themselves out of the hole created by their slow start. Despite the struggles of being down two starters, Benard knows his team worked incredibly hard to prepare for a tough playoff matchup.

"I was proud that our group went and competed against the No. 4 team in the state," he said. "We had our best week of practice in preparation for the game."

The season may have come to an end sooner than they would have liked, but 2021 was still

a successful year for the Blue Devils in many ways. South's 8-1 record in league play earned them a MAC Red title. Sophomore Anthony Benard and junior Will Johnson earned MAC Red all-league honors, with senior Hessburg also earning an honorable mention.

After his second year at the helm of this Blue Devils team, Benard has seen his program take significant strides.

"This was my second year at South and it is a process getting the program to where the staff wants it," he said. "We made great strides this year in our team communication, player leadership, unselfish play and our biggest stride came on the defensive end of the floor."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior Ryan Caldwell attempts a jump shot in the Blue Devils' district playoff contest against MLK.

## HOCKEY:

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Down by three goals, the Livonia Knights realized they had everything to lose and started matching Liggett's physical play.

"I just told them to keep skating, be physical and don't be intimidated by them," said Livonia head coach Janine Martinez. "We needed to get shots, crash the net and keep skating until the whistle blew."

Taking their coach's advice, the second period was full of body checks, rough plays and scuffles that lead to numerous penalties from both teams. At 9:38, Livonia's Kirsten Martinez soared a goal from the point past Liggett goaltender, Brooklyn Peshl, tightening the score to 3-1.

The second period saw numerous penalties and offensive opportunities from both teams; however, it was Liggett that capitalized on a Livonia

penalty, with Ava Jacob scoring a goal with one minute remaining, ending the period 4-1.

Not willing to give up scoring chances in the third, the Liggett Knights continued to play a physical game; however, a Liggett tripping penalty gave Livonia an opportunity to score one final goal from Gina Marzolo, assisted by Martha Blank and Martinez, finishing the game at 4-2.

Paddison said the team felt a sense of both celebration and relief when the score clock finally ticked down.

"Coming into this season, we knew that we had a strong team and we made it clear that a state championship was not our goal, it was our expectation," he said. "This mindset is what drove us throughout most of our season and is what kept us focused through all of the ups and downs."

Paddison said his girls grew nervous when a couple of teams dropped

out of playoffs due to cases of potential exposure.

"The spike in the team stress level was palpable," he said. "Pushing through and finally winning the game on Saturday evening, after everything our girls had been through, was possibly the most rewarding moment of my hockey career."

Following a very physically and mentally challenging season, Paddison is encouraging his team to rest and recover and enjoy their accomplishments.

"Looking to the future, while the loss of our three seniors will be a huge blow to our program, we're very excited about the squad we're bringing back in 2021-2022," he said. "As one of our junior captains said in response to being told that we have to return the championship trophy next season, 'We'll keep it safe, but if they want it back, they'll have to come and take it.'"

## City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the City Charter and the Michigan Election Law of 1964, as amended, Tuesday, April 20, 2021 is the last day for filing Nominating Petitions for the following City Offices:

One (1) MAYOR  
Three (3) COUNCILMEMBERS  
One (1) MUNICIPAL JUDGE (Includes Grosse Pointe Shores Division of Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court)

Petitions will be received by the City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

DERRICK KOZICKI  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK

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# Sports shout-outs



PHOTO COURTESY OF DREW MCSKIMMING

The third annual APCOR/Lorenz Paddle Tournament took place Saturday at Lake Front Park. The event was made possible by Andy Pflaum and his company, APCOR Construction and Development, who made a generous donation to save the park's paddle courts. Pictured in front, from left, are Chris Liarge, Jeff Frogget and Drew McSkimming; and in back, from left, Andrew Tomassi, Sonny Vorhees, Andy Pflaum, Andy Backman, Steve Lorenz, Bryon Ftizgibbon and Scott McSkimming.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURIE BUNN

The 10U Lady Bulldogs hockey club won the MAHA Tier 3 state championship. Team members were Gianna Ball, Sofia Brennan, Giuliana Bufalino, Nicolina Bufalino, Morgan Bunn, Lorelei De Armas, Sophia Husek, Kandry Kolito, Brooklyn Ricci, Emily Roth, Leah Savona, Francesca Swikosk and Wells Webber; coaches were James Bufalino, Laurie Bunn, Ron Kolito, AJ Savona and Andrew Ricci.

# Gymnasts compete at state championships

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Three gymnasts from the Grosse Pointe Varsity Gymnastics team competed at the MHSAA state championships over the weekend.

Grosse Pointe North senior Cate Gagnier earned all-state honors for the fourth year in a row. She placed seventh overall in the Division 1 state meet, with her

highest finish in an event coming in third place on the balance beam with a score of 9.55.

Two other gymnasts competed in the Division 2 state finals. Grosse Pointe South senior Kate Ennis placed 13th on the floor exercise with a score of 9.0, and South junior Maeve Jamieson earned 18th place by scoring 8.85 on the vault.

"After having the state finals suddenly canceled due to COVID last year, it felt even more special to have the opportunity to compete in the finals this season," Grosse Pointe gymnastics coach Courtney Hamidi said. "All three of our gymnasts hit the best routines that they could and it was such a satisfying end to the season for our team and especially for our senior gymnasts."



PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY SCHAFER

Three Grosse Pointe gymnasts competed at the MHSAA state championships. From left, Cate Gagnier, Maeve Jamieson and Kate Ennis



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball defeated Grosse Pointe North on Friday to claim the district championship.

# South eliminated from regionals after district championship win

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After capturing a district championship Friday with a win over Grosse Pointe North, the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team was in action Monday in the MHSAA regional semifinals. On a night with a short bench and some key players missing, the Blue Devils' playoff run came to an end against the Renaissance Phoenix in a 59-43 loss.

"We knew that we were going to be pressed and knew that they were going to try to take away Alexa (Downey)," South coach Kevin Richards said. "We had to run a different press offense.

... Not too many teams pressed us because we had good guards and some other shooters."

Renaissance senior Mikyah Finley led all scorers with 23 points. The Blue Devils had only seven players available for Monday's playoff game, including a couple of JV call-ups in sisters Elsa and Olivia Bachert. The Bacherts each finished with five points, while senior Alexa Downey capped off her monumental senior season with a 19-point performance.

"We needed to find a way to get her the ball in the middle of the floor against their press and I thought we did quite a few times tonight," Richards said about his

star senior's role in Monday's adjusted game plan.

South's season comes to an end after the loss, but there still is plenty for this year's Blue Devils team to be proud of. The Blue Devils finished second in the MAC Red Division and won an MHSAA district championship. In a season unlike any other, Richards is pleased with how much his team was still able to accomplish.

"I'm proud of our kids, but we won a district title and in a crazy year, they'll remember that," he said. "I give the kids credit because it was always like the next man up. ... I thought they competed even though it was a tall task for them."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Carly Brown shoots a three-pointer from the corner in the regional semifinals against Renaissance.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 15, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.  
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 1, 2021.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:08.m.

### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: approve the Accounts Payable/ Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121587 through 121686 in the amount of \$551,233.90 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.(2)approve payment to LandUse/ USA, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the first of three payments for the Target Market Analysis.(3)approve payment to Master Maintenance National in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Brierstone as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.(4)approve payment to SAFEBuilt, LLC in the amount of \$32,326.36 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February 2021(5)approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$5,505.23 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of March and for IT support services for all departments.(6)approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$7,169.75 for the repair of one of our scout cars.
- 2) to approve payment in the amount of \$867,052.73 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain principal and interest payments on the SRF Program.
- 3) to approve the payment to MERS in the amount of \$70,991.17 to fulfill the city's obligation in providing post-retirement healthcare savings plans for those union and union exempt employees and further to continue to make monthly contributions to the individual accounts
- 4) to accept the \$20,000 allocation from Wayne County for Community Development Block Grant funds to be provided to The Helm and PAATS, and further to approve the submission of a proposal to Wayne County requesting additional funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for proposed sidewalk repairs, ADA funding and for the purchase and installation of benches for the new basketball courts and that the Mayor be authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the City.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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