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Jarrell named Park PS director

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The new public safety director knows what it's like to be inspected, detected and selected.

“I want to make sure everyone feels confident we've really done our due diligence regarding hiring,” said Nick Sizeland, Grosse Pointe Park city manager for just over 18 months. “This is probably the most important decision I've made in my short

career as city manager. I want to make sure we go through a good procedure.”

A roughly three-month search for a new director concluded this week with the hiring of Bryan Jarrell, 61, most recently chief of police

in Prescott Valley, Ariz., in the high desert of Arizona roughly equidistant from Phoenix and Flagstaff and bordered by Prescott National Forest.

“I'm not going to be the kind of chief who sits in the office all day

and waits for things to happen,” Jarrell said. “I'm going to be out in the community, meeting people and holding town hall events. I want to hear what the people have to say. It's impor-



See **DIRECTOR**, page 9A **Bryan Jarrell**

Farquhar not seeking re-election

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Councilman James Farquhar has spent a third of his life on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council. Come November, he will not run for election for the first time in two decades.



See **FARQUHAR**, page 3A **James Farquhar**



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Kucyk resigns Off to the races

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After serving on the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council since November 2015, Doug Kucyk has announced his intention to resign as he and his wife, Mercedes, prepare to move to South Carolina



See **KUCYK**, page 3A **Doug Kucyk**

Randall Davey's “Steward in Blue — La Mesa Park” reminds us the Kentucky Derby is just days away. There are few American sporting events with the history and popularity of the Kentucky Derby, which is rich with tradition, from sipping mint juleps to donning beautiful hats. The Kentucky Derby is the longest running sporting event in the United States, dating back to 1875. This year, Oaks 147 Undercard live coverage begins at noon Friday, April 30, followed by live derby coverage beginning at noon Saturday, May 1. Visit kentuckyderby.com for a wealth of information about the event and ways to celebrate.

Anchor away

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In response to residents' complaints

of boater noise disturbance and safety concerns for swimmers, Shores officials began pursuing a temporary no-anchor zone along the

Lake St. Clair shoreline in July 2020.

Though the application process through the

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DTE work blusters on in the Park

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — DTE has been making its way through the Grosse Pointes on a project to update gas mains, meters and lines. Its work in the Park is going on three years, leaving many residents seemingly fed

up with its daily presence, most recently taking to social media to complain about a lack of communication and great inconvenience to their daily lives.

DTE was scheduled to finish maintenance in fall 2020. Due to COVID-19, the progress was set back.

The Park is undergoing updates to gas mains, meters and lines that go under residents' houses. According to City Manager Nick Sizeland, with some areas in the Park close to 100 years old, DTE is performing updates to more effi-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

DTE work in Grosse Pointe Park has been ongoing nearly three years.

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G.P. public safety directors emphasize empathy

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — John Alcorn held every rank on his way to becoming public safety director three months ago. He knows the importance of treating people right.

“If you stop somebody, treat them poorly and, on top of it, write them a ticket, they’re not going home saying Officer Alcorn from the City of Grosse Pointe is a huge jerk,” he said. “No, they’ll go home and say the cops are jerks. We’re representing not just our organization, but everybody wearing a badge.”

The overarching aim of law enforcement was part of the procedures and training regimens of Grosse Pointe public safety departments long before last week’s verdict against a Minneapolis officer for the in-custody death of George Floyd.

“That being said, we can always do better,”

Alcorn said. “We can always learn and grow. There’s always more training to do.”

“No sound police officer of any rank in any police department could look at the George Floyd video and say it was a good thing,” said Dan Jensen, public safety director in the Farms. “It was wrong.”

“That reinforces the need for continual training in not just the area of physical altercations, but in conduct with diversity,” said Steve Poloni, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores and former chief of the Shores, City and Park. “We want to show the empathy side. We’ve always done those things, as far as providing customer service to our residents and visitors alike.”

About a year ago, Pointe public safety and municipal representatives began exchanging views and ideas during monthly meetings with the NAACP Grosse

Pointes-Harper Woods Branch.

“Things like the incident with George Floyd have not happened here, but who’s to say it wouldn’t?” said Cynthia Douglas, branch president. “We are not saying all police are bad, that Grosse Pointe police are bad. When they’re called, they’re not seeing people at their best. They have to take steps to resolve the matter. We support them as long as they’re not putting their biases on the situation or individual. We want equal treatment for everybody.”

“All the chiefs recognize we have a diverse community,” said Ken Werenski, Shores public safety director.

He recently tried to hire an officer who happened to be a minority. The candidate chose the City instead.

“We are hiring diversity,” Werenski said. “That’s not because we’re trying to be diverse. It’s

because we’re hiring the best.”

“I’m proud of the fact during my tenure in all three communities I have not had any issues or complaints about the way we treated minorities or diversity,” Poloni said. “That doesn’t mean we sit idly by and don’t continually try to get better at everything we do.”

“We want change within the police department,” Douglas said. “We’d like to have a person of color in a higher-ranking position within public safety. More importantly, we want somebody to be qualified. Just because it is a person of color, does that mean they’ll not bring any biases in? No. However, if it is a person of color, at least we believe they will be able to identify with people who do not identify as white and be more sensitive so understanding treatment is not always fair across the board.”

Mental health police training becoming routine

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — While the core mission of law enforcement remains to protect and serve, officer training is being expanded to increase awareness of mental illness and crisis intervention.

“The biggest push for training seems to come in mental health,” said Ken Werenski, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores. “A lot of times officers respond to a scene and misinterpret a mental health issue as a criminal issue, therefore arresting somebody and putting them in the judicial system when ultimately, they needed alternate care addressed on the social worker or psychology level.”

“We don’t expect (officers) to be psychologists,” said Cynthia Douglas, president of the NAACP Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods Branch. “However, we would like them to either have a psychologist to do ride-alongs or to contact if they know of a situation where they have a mental health case. We have resources to be provided to them. We expect them to use all resources in order for them to do their job, which is to protect and serve.”

“We trained (last) week on mental health first aid, de-escalation and implicit bias,” said John Alcorn, City chief.

His department contracted an online training company, Virtual Academy, to comply with

COVID-induced social distancing safeguards.

“We offer a variety of topics and more than 250 hours of course content,” said Clametta Butler, Virtual’s regional partner engagement manager and a retired Detroit police sergeant. “We have partnerships with Grosse Pointe public safety departments.”

Mental health and de-escalation courses are timely, according to Butler.

“The country is dealing with that now in general,” she said.

“In addition, we now have training days built into officers’ contracts,” Alcorn said. “Three times per year, we schedule full days of training. We’re doing what we can to maximize training and still control the budget. It can be very costly.”

“The Pointe chiefs are already on board with mental health, autism and racial bias,” Werenski said. “This is what society wants. This is what our residents want and we cater to our residents.”

It’s not uncommon for Pointe police to aid someone having mental issues.

“There are a lot of people with needs that aren’t criminal in nature but need to be addressed,” Werenski said. “I drove someone home to the area of the Jeffries Freeway and Schoolcraft. We give them rides home. We’ve taken them to psychiatric evaluations. We’ve fed them dinner and let them sleep overnight on couches in our lobby.”

Farms, Shores to hold primary for judge

Farms council races uncontested

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — With the deadline to file for Farms candidacy last week, an Aug. 3 primary has been set for the municipal judge position only. As Judge Matthew Rumora ages out of eligibility for the position, Charles T. Berschback, Dean C. Metry and Kevin M. Smith are running for the seat.

“The city charter

requires a primary if there’s more than twice the number of candidates than there are seats,” Farms Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki explained, adding the primary will make it so just two municipal judge candidates will be on the November ballot.

Uncontested Farms races include the mayoral seat, a two-year term, and all three council seats, four-year terms. Incumbents Mayor Louis Theros

and councilmembers John Gilooly and Beth Konrad-Wilberding are running for re-election. The third council candidate is Sierra Leone Donaven, who was an appointed member of council from July 2018 to November 2019.

Current Councilman James Farquhar, who has served on council or as mayor since 2001, did not file to run for re-election.

Because the two

Pointes share a municipal judge, as the Shores court technically is a division of the Farms municipal court, the Shores also will hold a primary Aug. 3, to separately vote on a municipal judge. The results from the two cities then will be combined on election night.

Residents may visit mi.gov/vote to confirm where they’re registered to vote or what is on their ballot.

Park to hold primary for council seats

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park residents’ opportunity to file for open positions in the upcoming election closed at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. The candidates running for open council seats will result in a pri-

mary election to be held Aug. 3.

City council seats

Three council seats, held by Darci McConnell, Lauri Read and James Robson, are set to expire in November. Out of the three, only McConnell is running for re-election. Read has opted to run for the mayoral seat. Robson, after filing before the deadline Tuesday, withdrew his name Friday, April 23.

Seven candidates are in the race for the three open seats: McConnell, Max Weiner, Tim Kolar, Brian Brenner, Jeff Greer, Christine Gallagher and Thomas Caulfield. The amount of candidates necessitates a primary election, which will be held Aug. 3.

Mayoral seat

With current Mayor Bob Denner’s seat expiring this fall and his decision not to run for

re-election, current councilmembers Read and Michele Hodges will go head-to-head in their pursuit of the mayoral seat. The two released statements of their intentions to run for the seat earlier this year.

Municipal judge

Carl Jarboe’s position as the Park’s municipal judge is set to expire in December. Jarboe will run for re-election and will be opposed by candidate Charissa Potts.



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Man dies in crash fleeing police

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A 22-year-old man died Tuesday, April 20, after crashing a stolen blue Dodge Charger into a semi-truck at East Jefferson and Conner in Detroit. The driver was fleeing a Grosse Pointe Park traffic stop attempt.

According to Park public safety, a stolen blue Dodge Charger from Auburn Hills was equipped with Uconnect, a locating device, and was

“pinging” near 392 Alter Road. A multi-jurisdictional stolen vehicle task force, or ACTION, determined probable cause and prepared a search warrant to search a garage located at 392 Alter.

The surveillance crews onsite noticed a blue Dodge Charger leaving the garage at 392 Alter before it was searched. Identifiable Park public safety cars were called in for assistance by the surveillance crews.

Public safety officers

attempted to conduct a traffic stop, at which point the driver fled the scene at a high rate of speed. Eyewitnesses reported speeds nearing 80 to 100 miles per hour.

The Charger fled down East Jefferson. Patrol cars activated their overhead lights and followed the driver, but he continued west on Jefferson toward Detroit. According to a statement released Wednesday, April 21, Park public safety was never able to follow the driver at less

than a quarter of a mile away.

“Our speed never got over 60 miles per hour,” Interim Chief of Police James Bostock said of Park public safety officers. “There was a good portion of time where he was not even in view of the scout car anymore.”

The deadly crash occurred as the driver approached a red light at Conner and Jefferson. A semi-truck was proceeding through the intersection with a green light down Conner. The

Charger flew through the red light, unsuccessfully attempting to maneuver around the semi-truck in the intersection and ultimately colliding with the semi-truck.

The Charger ended up wedged under the trailer portion of the semi-truck. The driver was pronounced dead on the scene.

At the time of the crash, Park public safety was close to a quarter of a mile behind the driver.

According to a statement by Park public

safety, the vehicle was stolen Sunday, April 11, from Auburn Hills. In an attempt to conceal its identity, the vehicle identification number and door sticker were replaced.

“The ACTION task force, Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit Police investigations into the incident are ongoing,” a statement prepared by Bostock said.

Bostock said further comments would be made on behalf of the Park when its investigation is complete.

Another vehicle crashes through Pier Park gates

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It's an all too familiar tale for Grosse Pointers. Yet another vehicle crashed through the Pier Park iron gates at 11:20 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

A 26-year-old Detroit man was traveling approximately 40 to 45 mph when his 2017 Ford Explorer crashed into the gates off Moross, leaving front-end damage and flat tires and deploying the airbags. The man was unharmed and alone in the vehicle.

After failing all field sobriety tests, showing a blood alcohol content of .14 and telling officers he believed he was traveling down Lahser Road on the west side of Detroit, the man was found to be driv-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The right side of the gate is crooked and the front edge scrapes the ground after a vehicle crashed through it, as well as the shrubbery behind it. There was a padlock on the gate that has yet to be found.

ing while intoxicated.

“We’re as frustrated as anybody,” Public Safety Director Dan Jensen said, adding the man’s insurance likely should pay for gate repairs. “We take great pride in that park, the city does. It’s a beautiful park. That wrought

iron fence just adds to its beauty. Unfortunately, the location’s bad.”

Just a few months ago, the Farms had a traffic engineering firm explore the issue. It recommended more signage and additional light on the area, all of which the city imple-

mented.

Other solutions are being explored, Jensen said, but it’s not a simple problem to fix. Moving the gate would require total reconfiguration of the parking lot, including moving the gatehouse. Adding equipment akin to

polls that pop up out of the ground to stop a vehicle would protect the gates, but could lead to a fatality.

“Obviously, it’s at the bottom of a hill on a major street and drunks just

don’t see it,” Jensen said, “so we continue to explore remedies, although we don’t want to create a barrier that instead of having an accident, we have a fatality.”

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 3

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

- ◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe community input virtual presentation, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Budget Workshop, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission Flower Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission Flower Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Document Shred Day, 9 a.m. at Osius Park, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission Spring Plant Exchange, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park.

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“When I first ran for council,” he said of what’s kept him so heavily involved with council all these years, “my philosophy was that I wanted Grosse Pointe Farms and all the Grosse Pointes to be a place where when my daughter graduates from college (and) gets married, she wants to move here and raise her kids.”

Farquhar’s journey into city service began in the mid-1980s when he helped write bylaws during the formation of the beautification commission, which he later led as its third president. With a great love for Pier Park, he joined the parks and harbor committee in 1985, serving as chairman from 2001 through today.

In a move that took more than a little convincing from friends, customers at his third-generation family business, Grosse Pointe Florists Inc., and fellow committee members, Farquhar joined city council in 2001, receiving the second-most votes among nine other candidates. In 2003, he became the city’s first generally elected mayor in the same election that changed the city charter from the mayoral position being appointed by council.

Fast forward 14 years and Farquhar earned the title of the city’s longest-serving mayor, which he still holds today.

In a succession less than typical

in local government, in 2018, he then went in reverse, from mayor to mayor pro tem to councilman, a seat he currently holds.

Although he initially planned to leave local government four years ago when he left the mayoral post, as most mayors do, the city ran into a bit of a situation when only two people filed for three open council seats. Farquhar gathered the necessary petition signatures in four hours and filed for council one week before the deadline.

“I’m not sure I’ve met anyone more dedicated to and in love with our community,” said Mayor Louis Theros, who met Farquhar when they were both running for council in 2001, via email. “... I was personally grateful that, after 14 years as mayor, he remained on council so the city could benefit from his institutional knowledge. As a valued leader and integral part of so many improvements to the Farms, I know he will be missed. But I won’t let him off too easily as I’m sure I will call on him in the future to help our great city.”

Also having served as a past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and currently as council representative for the pension and retirement system, Farquhar was the single person in 17 years to be awarded by the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association for going above and beyond his position on city council, for his recreation efforts.

Throughout the decades, he has

been heavily involved in the harbor expansion and renovation; the separation of the library board from the school board, serving as the representative of all the cities; efforts for potential sharing of city services between cities, such as the Farms/Shores public safety consolidation; Kerby Field plans; and various park improvement projects including building a new maintenance building, recreation building and concession stand, constructing platform tennis, redoing the play area and currently building a new gazebo.

While on the beautification commission, he also took part in efforts on Mack Avenue, medians on Lakeshore and Joy Bells Park.

“I look back,” Farquhar said, “and I’m just amazed at what’s been accomplished in the 20 years since I was on council.”

As the councilman gets more heavily involved with his church, where he serves as vice president and treasurer of the endowment fund, the time has come to take a break from city council; however, he plans to remain on the parks and harbor committee.

“It’s been an honor,” Farquhar said. “It’s really been an honor. To have people think that you’ll do a good job of running the city, that’s just all very, very humbling.”

He’s not ruling out running again for council in two years, he said, or even running to set the record of first mayor to return to the position a second time.

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in favor of warmer weather.

The councilman plans to continue serving on the council through the May meeting.

“Doug, you’ve been a pretty important member of the council and we’re going to miss you,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski

said.

Kucyk, who has served on the parks committee and as a member of the beautification committee, currently is on the finance committee and planning commission.

Leaving had nothing to do with being on city council, he said, instead having everything to do with getting four additional months of warm weather out of the year.

“I just want to thank the community for their support over the past years,” Kucyk said. “I am humbled and it’s been an honor serving on the Grosse Pointe Shores council. We’re going to miss this town. It’s been a lot of fun and most of all, (we’ll miss) the acquaintances that we’ve made, so our very best to all of you.”

Once the city clerk

receives Kucyk’s official resignation, City Manager Stephen Poloni reported, city council will appoint someone to fill the seat during its following council meeting and until the next regular election.

The Shores now has four open council seats in the upcoming November election. The deadline to file for candidacy is 4 p.m. July 20.

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Pointer's 'Posted Paper' a fun pandemic pastime

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

What started as a way to express creativity and pass the time during lockdown turned into a year-long challenge for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ryan Steiner.

The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate has been drawing for fun most of his life, but when COVID-19 swept the world, he decided to share his work with others.

"I actually started sharing my artwork on my personal Facebook page, which was cool," he said. "Then I decided to do a 30-day challenge of creating artwork. It was a great way to stay creative."

Between the onset of the pandemic and the initial two-week lockdown, as well as the impending birth of his daughter, Steiner said he was looking for something to occupy his time.

Then the stakes were raised.

"My mother-in-law told my wife I should do 365 Days of Michigan," Steiner recalled. "That was on day 29 of the 30-day challenge. I was already tired of doing it. But a couple days later, it was seeming like the lockdown was going to be lasting longer. And by that time my daughter was born. It sounded like a good idea."

Every day for the last year, Steiner has created



COURTESY PHOTOS

Ryan Steiner started 365 Days of Michigan to pass the time during the pandemic.

a Michigan-related piece of art and posted it on his Posted Paper page on Facebook, which he created specifically for this project. He wrapped up the project Sunday, April 25, with his 365th piece — the Michigan Mitten featuring a lighthouse and sunset.

"I've always been a Michigan guru," said Steiner, who co-owns The Campus Shop with his brother, Adam. "I love the state, I love the lakes, I love nature. I had a lot of fun jogging old favorite spots in the Upper Peninsula, learning about new spots. I've been creating and learn-

ing and staying on task, which was the biggest challenge."

During this project, Steiner gave himself an hour or two at the end of each day to create, which was "fine during lockdown ... but as work got busier, the challenge got harder," he said.

Steiner, who also owns and operates Steiner Printing, a custom screen printing and embroidery business in Eastpointe, said some of his ideas came from fans of his Facebook page.

"I polled the audience," he said. "I asked for their influences, places I never would think of doing,

like this light in Saginaw somebody mentioned."

The 50-by-35-foot "beans bunny" sign was built in 1948, and is the largest figural neon sign in the United States. It hasn't glowed since 2009, but it was reported earlier this month the local school district is turning the property into an athletic complex. Though the iconic Saginaw sign will be no more, it will live on through Steiner's project.

"It's cool to see what other people are looking for and what brings them happiness," Steiner said.

Other creations were inspired by the seasons — boats during summer, for instance — while the holidays also were commemorated with artwork.

Though Steiner said he doesn't have a favorite, he most enjoyed the



The War Memorial was Steiner's Day 10 drawing.

drawings inspired by the Upper Peninsula — one of his favorite spots.

The 2009 graduate of Northern Michigan University greatly enjoyed five years in

Marquette while earning a degree in outdoor recreation leadership and management. His time in the U.P. inspired several of his 365 Days of Michigan pieces, from a nostalgic 550 street sign to a favorite lighthouse.

"I did a handful of lakes, too," he said. "Depending on time, some were more involved than others and lakes are simple to do."

Steiner said he's been drawing off and on his whole life and recalled a computer graphics class he took while attending South. Though he took a break from artwork during college, he is now fully immersed in the pastime, though it's not the only way he likes to spend his time.

See STEINER, page 5A



Steiner's "Michigan Everything" piece covers the gamut.

Kerby Road set for construction

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With the first opportunity to use funds from the newly voter-approved road millage, the Farms will be undertaking a significantly larger road work project than in recent years, as plans are put in place for the 2021-22 road resurfacing program.

With construction anticipated to begin in late June after school lets out, Kerby Road from Mack to Kercheval is set for an overlay of 7 inches, while Harbor Court, the last street before Lakeshore on Moross, is slated for

concrete reconstruction. Approximately half of the northern parking lot at Pier Park is scheduled for rehabilitation to start after Labor Day when the pool closes.

"When we looked at the lot, the north lot, or the lot closest to the platform tennis courts, was in the worst shape and that's going to have to be rebuilt," City Manager Shane Reeside explained, "and that's an area where we use as a staging area for leaf collection, so it's going to be built much more substantially with a

deeper base and concrete surface underneath that lot. Then the rest of the lot will just be crack filled and sealed separately, so we

realize some savings there."

To cover the work, bid to Asphalt Specialists Inc., \$2,086,800 will come from

the city's street funds, which includes tax revenue from the millage. Additional funding of \$398,584 will be supplied from the capital projects and harbor funds.

"The bids actually came in quite a little bit lower

than we were expecting," reported Public Service Director Matthew Baka.

City council approved the work 6-0 during the meeting Monday, April 12, with Councilman James Farquhar absent.

— Laurel Kraus

DENIED:

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division was put on hold while waiting for the next boating season, the city went through with submitting the application in late March.

Now, following a field investigation and review of documentation supplied by the city, the DNR has determined the appropriate conditions do not exist to support the need for a temporary local watercraft control ordinance, citing the Marine Safety, Natural Resources and Environmental

Protection Act.

A main determining factor in the decision-making process, the DNR's denial letter reported, is whether there are existing laws that already address the concerns. Since the city based its application on boating/swimmer conflict, several laws are available to address such concerns.

These include that a vessel in Michigan waters cannot be operated at a speed greater than slow, no-wake speed, or the minimum speed necessary to maintain forward movement, while within 100 feet of shoreline where water depth is less than 3 feet; a person can be prohibited from operating a vessel in Michigan waters up to two years if

convicted of reckless operation in regard to caution for the safety of others; and vessels should operate in a counter-clockwise fashion, while those being towed, such as on water skis, should maintain a 100-foot distance from any dock, raft, buoyed or occupied bathing area.

"Any law enforcement officer with jurisdictional authority can enforce these state laws," the DNR letter noted.

As a secondary reason for denial, the DNR found the Shores jurisdictional boundary ends at or near the shoreline of Lake St. Clair. Since a local unit of government cannot set a regulation or ordinance outside of its own jurisdiction, the city does not have the authority to

establish the no-anchor zone.

"It's an international body of water, so in their eyes we were asking a lot and I don't know that they quite had all the authority they needed to make the decision," Public Safety Director Kenneth Werenski said.

"But based on their initial investigation, they did talk about how the water levels are already down and that may add to solving part of our problem."

While the no-anchor zone was denied, the city's concerns were passed along to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Marine Division and the DNR's local district law supervisor, Lt. Todd Szyska, in the case additional support can be provided.

block (taking) away already tight/difficult parking in the patch for a week seems kinda crappy to residents," one resident wrote. "Would have been great if optional/temporary parking could have been allowed at St. Ambrose, meter parking or something. Let the Parking Games begin ... Kinda like the Hunger Games."

Residents complained they were getting parked into or blocked out of their own driveways as well while DTE executed its work. Barriers blocked off many driveways and entrances to

driveways were torn up, some said on Facebook.

A weekly updated schedule regarding the restoration timeline is posted to the Park's website for residents to see when they may be impacted. Sizeland encouraged residents to direct questions and comments to DTE at (313) 270-9240. If DTE cannot be reached, residents are asked to contact the department of public works at (313) 822-5100.

DTE predicts it will be completely done with work in the Park in May or June.

ciently provide service. This is a project many metro Detroit neighborhoods are undergoing.

In the Park, DTE currently is finishing restoration on the west end. The business district on Kercheval is the last remaining area still requiring gas work.

Many residents have taken to Facebook complaining about the inconveniences DTE's work has been for daily life.

"While I'm so excited that DTE is fixing our

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Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen checkbook

An elderly woman's checkbook was reported stolen from her house in the 1100 block of Harvard Tuesday, April 13.

The woman's daughter reported the stolen checkbook and suspects the caregiver is responsible.

No plates

A 22-year-old Detroit man was stopped at Jefferson and Alter for driving a car without a license plate at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20.

The man was arrested for warrants and driving with a suspended license.

Unemployment benefits

A resident in the 900 block of Pemberton reported identity theft at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 21.

The victim reported that unemployment benefits had been applied for in her name.

At-fault driver

Park officers investigating an accident at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Charlevoix and Nottingham found the 32-year-old at-fault driver had a suspended license.

The Detroit woman was issued an appearance ticket and released.

Broken window

A window on the east side of a building in the 16000 block of Mack was broken into at 4:30 a.m. Friday, April 23.

The suspect is unknown, as is what they used to break the window.

2020 home invasion arrest

City of Grosse Pointe police arrested a 64-year-old man at Kercheval and Notre Dame Thursday, April 22.

The Park had a warrant out for the man from a home invasion in August 2020. The City turned him over to the Park.

Big city living

A Park resident was duped into sending money via Zelle Thursday, April 22.

The resident was attempting to secure a New York City rental apartment for the summer and sent money to someone not involved with the location of the apartment.

Garage break-in

A garage in the 600 block of Balfour containing two vehicles was broken into between 2:45 and 3:30 a.m. Friday, April 23.

A window was broken on the garage entry door, through which the suspect entered and proceeded to break the passenger-side windows of both vehicles.

One car was left undisturbed after the window was broken. An Apple MacBook, two credit cards and two handbags were reported missing from the second car.

The suspect is a man wearing a grey/black North Face jacket, black hat, black mask, black pants and black shoes. He was driving a light-

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colored older Chevy Tahoe with black rims, black door handles and tinted windows.

The investigation is ongoing.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Indecent exposure

A resident was walking on Sunningdale Park between Vernier and Lochmoor when a man pulled up next to her in his burnt-orange SUV at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

The man, who was thought to be in his late teens or early 20s, made a sexual comment to the woman, who noticed his groin area was exposed.

She waved him on to encourage him to leave the area.

Missing handgun

A resident in the 500 block of Blairmoor reported a missing handgun at 7:18 p.m. Thursday, April 22.

He last recalls seeing the Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun Thursday, April 8. He had been out of town five days, during which time he had painters in the home.

Public safety is investigating. The name of the company has been provided to the department.

Stolen plate

A woman parked her car in the north parking lot of Ascension St. John Hospital at 7 a.m. Friday, April 23. When she returned at 4 p.m., she found her license bracket and rear camera hanging off the back of the car.

Her license plate was

missing. No further damage was found on the car.

Stolen wheel

Around 6:40 a.m. Saturday, April 24, a woman parked her car in the north parking lot of Ascension St. John Hospital. She found the passenger-side rear window broken out when she returned at 10:30 a.m.

Her steering wheel was missing from the vehicle.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Inappropriate advances

After making lewd comments and inappropriately grabbing a nurse at an area hospital Wednesday, April 21, a 56-year-old Detroit man was advised not to return to the hospital campus for any other medical matters.

Home invasion warrant

After spotting a vehicle with no visible license plate driving eastbound on Waterloo Street at 3:41 p.m. Thursday, April 22, an officer recognized the 64-year-old Park driver as a suspect with an active felony home invasion warrant out of the Park and arrested him.

Unemployment fraud

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe woman received a letter Friday, April 23, in reference to unemployment benefits for which she had never applied.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen tools

After having work done in his basement, a 32-year-old Farms man discovered a nail gun and power drill missing from an adjacent room Tuesday, April 20.

The company told the man they would reimburse him if he repurchased the tools and provided a receipt.

Civilian detective

During the evening Sunday, April 18, a 25-year-old Commerce Township woman's guitar was stolen from her vehicle, which had been parked in a Briarwood

Place driveway as she visited a friend.

After calling a guitar store, the woman was able to get back her guitar and provide officers with footage of the male subject who sold it to the store, as well as a photocopy of his ID.

Detectives are following up on the case.

Student with vape pen

An assistant principal at an area high school was sent an email from a student Tuesday, April 20, which contained a video of another student smoking a vape pen in the cafeteria.

While the student did not admit to it, he consented to a search and the vape pen was found, containing THC.

The student was issued a citation for minor under 18 in possession of marijuana

and paraphernalia, and released to his parents.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Driving while license suspended

After being pulled over for speeding 49 mph at Lakeshore Road and North Edgewood at 7:51 p.m. Sunday, April 25, a 38-year-old Harrison Township woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

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

STEINER:

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"I love to be outside," he said, "boating, skiing, bicycling, running. I love hanging out with my kids; they're a big part of my every day."

Steiner and his wife of nearly six years, Alex, have two children. Their son, Wesley, is 3 and their daughter, Winnie, is 1. The couple both attended high school in Grosse Pointe, but they

didn't meet until after college, "at a friend's house on the same street we live on now."

Though Steiner said he had fun with the 365 Days of Michigan project, he'd like his next challenge to be shorter and "less demanding."

He said he has committed to start May 1 on his next endeavor, 50 States of Posted Paper.

"I'll mainly be drawing each state and inside the drawing will be little details," he explained.

Wisconsin, for example, will be dotted with cheesecakes, while Illinois will include Chicago-style hot dogs.

Steiner has sold several of his pieces, which are available in different sizes and prices. He also does commission work, including home drawings and family and pet portraits.

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ON PROPOSED 2021 CITY PROPERTY
TAXES AND 2021/22 BUDGET**

In accordance with the Wayne County Public Health Order, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold an electronic Zoom Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 on the proposed 2021/22 city budgets, including property tax millage rates, T.I.F.A and DDA budgets along with all proposed fees to support the accompanying budgets will be the subject of this meeting. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection on the Grosse Pointe Park website beginning May 7, 2021 or by request via email on or after that date.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed city budget and need to be 250 words or less. To submit a written public comment please send to smithl@grossepointepark.org by 5pm on Sunday May 9, 2021.

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Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 4/27	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	467,477	328,459
% of residents 16+	54.1	38.0
% 16-64	47.9	30.0
% 65+	77.8	68.5

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OUR VIEW

Pointes lose 14th District

The release this week of state population numbers — Michigan had just a hair under 10.1 million people, as determined by the 2020 Census — makes the start of the reapportionment process very real. That means it's time for people in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to put together a strategy they can deliver to Michigan's new Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The goal: to keep the communities together within the new districts formed for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Michigan House and the Michigan Senate.

Michigan's population growth of 2 percent over the last decade was not enough to prevent the loss of a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives to states in other regions that are growing much faster. The state will now have 13 representatives, losing the designation of the 14th District to which this area belongs.

The census data needed to apportion districts is not expected to be available until August, but the Redistricting Commission already is taking comments. The next step is 10 public hearings around the state beginning in May, which are designed to precede any district mapping efforts.

The five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods currently are divided into two state House districts. They've lost whatever clout they should have been able to exercise together as relatively small cities tucked between the behemoth that is Detroit and the natural boundary that is Lake St. Clair. On its face, that makes an immediate case to keep this part of Wayne County in one state House district under the "community of interest" guideline.

The redistricting commission has other guidelines it must follow first, according to speakers at a recent League of Women Voters forum. First and foremost, all districts must be of similar size and adhere to rules in the federal Voting Rights Act. They must be contiguous. Only then, can the commission consider the needs of diverse populations and communities of interest.

While it's not the first priority, the community of interest guideline certainly gives residents and groups here an opportunity to emphasize how important it is to keep the cities together.

Local residents may also want to make a case for belonging to a community of interest that influences how the bigger districts are drawn for the state Senate and Congress. As discussed at the League forum, factors can cover a wide range: historical or economic interests, ethnicity or culture, municipal or school district boundaries, natural resources or other environmental concerns and so on.

For example, residents of this area might want to argue that the towns and neighborhoods stretched along the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair form a community heavily invested in Great Lakes-related issues. Such a district might encompass stretches of both Wayne and Macomb counties, for example.

That would certainly be a pleasant change from the status quo. The 14th Congressional District, for example, is considered one of the most gerrymandered districts in the entire country, according to the League presentation. As a result, this area — and the part of Detroit that lies along the river — have been represented by someone from Oakland County for the past decade.

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New Superintendent Profile: Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Profile of the New Superintendent

(For review and by the Board of Education)

The new superintendent should be a person who:

- Is an exceptionally strong, inspirational and empathetic leader with proven skills and experience in building trusting relationships and unifying district constituencies.
- Is an effective communicator and spokesperson with demonstrated ability to effectively market the district to potential customers.
- Brings strong experience and a proven track record from a district with similar challenges and needs.
- Is an innovative, energetic and future-focused problem solver.
- Brings deep knowledge, experience and effective solutions in addressing issues of equity and diversity.
- Is a thoughtful but resolute leader who makes well-informed decisions and demonstrates the fortitude to stand by them.
- Is a resourceful, well-educated and informed educational professional who conveys confidence and earns the respect of others.
- Is flexible, open, non-defensive, humble, highly visible and a good listener.
- Has teaching experience or strong knowledge of the teaching/learning process.
- Is an effective developer of others' talents.
- Is passionate about a long-term opportunity to take a strong district to higher levels of excellence and can bring a fresh perspective to district challenges.

SOURCE: GPSCHOOLS.ORG

Based on survey results from 958 respondents in the community; 731 were parents of current or past students.

OUR VIEW

Superintendent pick vital

We would like to thank Joseph Herd, president of the Board of Education, for responding to last week's editorial, "Redo Superintendent Search." (See Letters to the Editor below.)

As Mr. Herd makes clear, the board hired a national firm in its search for a new superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System and continues to support that search as having followed an optimal timeline and casting a wide enough net. Mr. Herd also explains that "exhaustive" efforts failed to yield a female candidate.

That's one of the factors that has opened the search up to criticism, including from this newspaper. Board Vice President Margaret Weertz noted, at Monday's board meeting, that a woman had been on the final slate of candidates, but then withdrew. It's not unreasonable to ask whether that might have been the first clue of a search going awry.

The timeline for the search, as set by the firm School Exec Connect, included a period of community surveys, forums and discussion with the board in order to form a profile of the ideal superintendent candidate. High on the list of qualities the new superintendent should have is "a proven track record from a district with similar challenges and needs."

The list concludes by expressing interest in a candidate who is "passionate about a long-term opportunity to take a strong district to higher levels of excellence."

The online survey garnered the highest response rate the search firm had ever seen, a representative told the school board when the survey results were presented. Survey participants identified high student achievement as the district's top asset; important superintendent skills included the ability to articulate a clear vision.

For focus groups, "strong equivalent experience" rose to the top as a premier skill needed by the new superintendent. Similar to the online survey, student achievement was rated highest among strengths of the

school system, along with student readiness for the next level of education.

A couple of board members, in a group session answering the same questions in the survey, also expressed hope for an experienced candidate — including at least one member who hoped that experience would come from a district similar to Grosse Pointe.

There are difficulties with a superintendent search right now, including the COVID-19 epidemic; some potential candidates may be staying in place to ensure their districts weather the storm. Michigan's school finance system apparently scares away some candidates, particularly those from out of state.

Nonetheless, it seemed hopeful Grosse Pointe might have the kind of strengths that overcome some of those obstacles and lure someone here from a similar district.

Measures of similarity would, almost by necessity, include graduation rates, where GPPSS sets a high standard. The community itself also is highly educated: A Grosse Pointe News survey, done by Epic/MRA last year, found that nearly 80 percent of respondents were college graduates; when those who had some college were included, the number reached 91 percent. That is a demanding set of customers seeking education for their children and grandchildren.

As of this writing, interviews of the four semifinalists had not yet taken place. They were to conclude Wednesday night with board deliberation; community members should be able to find recordings of those sessions at the school website under the School Board "Watch the Board" feature.

Hopefully, one or more of these four men will prove dazzling. In an ideal world, at least two would show up as strong enough to ensure a competitive process with choices for the board.

If not, residents have to trust the school board has the courage — as Mr. Herd mentions in his letter — to send the search firm back to the drawing board.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Thank you for vaccine clinic

WILLIAM CUDLIP
 Grosse Pointe Farms

To the Editor:

I am a bit tardy in expressing my gratitude to the personnel who managed and administered the COVID-19 program on April 6 and 7 at the Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park. All of the personnel, indoors and outside, were most kind, helpful, organized and most efficient in dealing with this issue. They took good care of us! Thanks to all of you!

School board president responds

To the Editor:

A little research on the school district website may have illuminated the writer of "Our View: Redo Superintendent Search" (April 22). This opinion piece makes several faulty assumptions, such as the process was rushed (it wasn't; it followed an opti-

mal timeline) and that the search firm should have cast a wider net — while providing no data to support this assertion.

The Board of Education hired a national executive search firm to assist us in selecting the next leader for our school system. This firm conducted a survey and community forums, crafted a superintendent profile based on community input and made exhaustive efforts to recruit female candidates and candidates of diverse backgrounds.

The interview stage of the process provides the board the opportunity to assess the candidates for the traits our community told us they were seeking — a relationship builder who can unify the district; an exceptional listener, communicator and spokesperson; a culturally competent, resilient leader who can make decisions and stand by them; and a future-

focused problem solver, among others — while hearing directly from the semi-finalists about their backgrounds, qualifications and experience. The interviews are open to the public and community members have an opportunity to provide feedback before we as a board decide which candidates to move forward for further consideration.

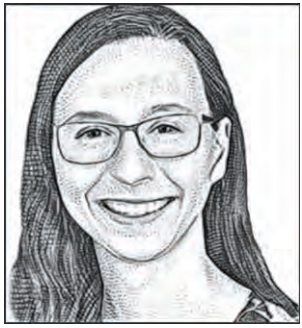
If we terminate this process now, we may lose desirable candidates to other districts. If we continue the process and fail to identify a single candidate who merits further consideration, the search firm has made it clear that board members have the right to ask for as many slates as they wish until the majority has 100 percent confidence in the final candidate.

We have all worked too hard to dispel negative preconceptions about this

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Connecting the dots to self-care



Journaling has long since been associated with self-care — the intentional act of caring for your own physical, mental and emotional health — yet sitting down to write a paragraph of reflection

each day is not something many people are all that interested in or motivated to do.

Even I, who make my living as a writer and have no less than 15 empty journals lying around, have never been able to successfully get in the habit of daily entries, despite countless attempts.

This is where bullet journaling comes into play.

Around since the late '90s, but only far more recently becoming popular, the unique system of journaling was developed by then-college stu-

dent Ryder Carroll, who was searching for a personal organization method to help him move past his attention deficit disorder.

Although technically named for its initial purpose of using bullet points to log information — styles have since expanded into countless additional techniques — a bullet journal is essentially a blank, bound journal with dots, rather than lines, symmetrically laid out in a graph-like manner on each page. The dots make it simple to draw out charts, lists and many other creative

means of journaling.

What makes this journaling system far more enticing than its traditional notebook counterpart is both the creativity and the unlimited ways in which it can be used.

Some of the most common uses include as a monthly calendar; weekly agenda pages; a tracker for sleep schedules, eating habits, migraines, etc.; a finance planner for monthly budgeting or saving toward a goal; and a to-do list, grocery list or any other kind of list you may be in need of.

One particularly fun

template also transforms the traditional use of journals, by having you write a single sentence of the best thing that happened to you each day.

My personal favorite use happens to be a mood chart page titled 'My Year in Pixels' where the user draws a graph, with one square for each day of the year, and fills in a specific color depending on his or her mood that day.

Bullet journals can be purchased at your local craft store for less than \$10.

For those, like me, to whom the idea of start-

ing with a blank page is too overwhelming or time consuming, there are countless ready-to-copy templates freely available at the other end of a simple Google search. Many YouTube videos also are available to help getting started.

Whether to get your life a little more organized, to have a space to get thoughts out of your head and onto paper or to indulge a need for planning and structure, a bullet journal's use is entirely unique to its owner.

If you can imagine it, you can make it.

LETTERS:

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community -- preconceptions the search firm revealed they too worked hard to counter while recruiting qualified candidates -- to allow unsubstantiated messages like this forwarded by a trusted community newspaper, furthered by negative chatter on social media, to damage progress we have collectively made in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The opinion piece concludes by asking whether there are "other roadblocks to finding the best possible leader for the Grosse Pointe schools." I suggest we remove one roadblock by reserving judgment and allowing the process to unfold.

JOSEPH HERD
President, GPPSS Board of Education

Publisher's note: Based upon the results from the community survey, "strong equivalent experience" was stated to be the most desired skill for the candidates. In addition, we would expect academic excellence to have gone unsaid by our community as it has always been our proudest achievement.

Teacher Appreciation Week

To the Editor:

Teacher Appreciation Week starts May 3rd, and

placing an apple on a teacher's desk isn't enough these days. The pandemic has created an unprecedented crisis in education that affects our kids and affects our teachers, administrators and support staff, too.

A recent study found 38 percent of full and part-time public school teachers working during the pandemic are considering changing careers. Teachers I know tell me that the unending cycle of remote and in-person learning has doubled their workload, created tremendous anxiety about their ability to teach students effectively and contributed to an overwhelming feeling of stress in their professional and personal lives. It's a crisis we will be dealing with for years.

This year give that heartfelt note or cupcake for Teacher Appreciation Week. But also, consider a gift that truly tells your teacher you appreciate them. A contribution to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education "In Honor Of" your teacher or school support staff will directly enrich learning in ways educators care about. Each "In Honor Of" recipient will receive a special certificate notifying them of your contribution. Most importantly, an "In Honor Of" gift will fund educator-requested/student-centered grants. Since 2007 community

members have given over \$25,000 "In Honor Of" (tax-deductible) contributions in recognition of teachers, support staff or graduating students in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. More than 2,000 GPFPE partners and community members have given over \$3.5 million to support educational opportunities for our children. Every single one of these educational opportunities was requested or approved by our educators. Examples of teacher-requested grants include the Tattum F.A.S.T. reading program benefitting our elementary readers, special science equipment such as microscopes and tools to measure kinetic energy, musical instruments, Chrome Books and much more.

This year teachers have been on the frontline. They understand fully how this pandemic is causing isolation, stress and anxiety in our youth. That is why they have asked the GPFPE to commit to supporting our children's social-emotional growth and healing. The initiative is called SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development). We will work hard with our community over the next few years to cultivate the SEED campaign and fund such vital programs as The Leader in Me, therapy dogs and TRAILS, a University of Michigan based program that improves youth access to mental health initiatives.

Expressing gratitude has been proven to improve happiness and decrease stress. Thank a teacher this May. And just as your educators continue to focus on your children's academic and social emotional development, let them know you care and appreciate them.

CYNTHIA TENNENT SOHN
Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education - Trustee

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

FARMS DISCHARGES ALL STRIKERS: As the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Works and Pier Department employees' strike carried on into its third week, it was announced that all strikers had been fired by the village trustees. Hence, a strike without any official strikers, and a village without any employees excepting department heads, in these two departments.

NEW LAW PASSED TO KEEP WAGON OFF STREETS: The battle of Grosse Pointe Park to control its streets goes merrily on. The whole issue has been raised by the persistence of Ernest Koinis (Tony, the Popcorn Man), in using the streets for the sale of his corn and candy. When he was finally ejected from his long-held stand on Bishop at Jefferson, at the tail end of a lawsuit and by the enactment of a peddler's ordinance, the village thought its troubles were over so far as Tony was concerned, but they were only the beginning.

1971

50 years ago this week

CAFETERIA PERMIT DENIED: In what may eventually prove to be a landmark decision in the state of Michigan, Grosse Pointe Woods won its case in Circuit Court to prevent a national restaurant company from constructing a cafeteria on Mack Avenue. The company had decided to sue after months of negotiations proved fruitless with Woods residents and the city council for the granting of a building permit.

FUNDS DENIED: The City of Grosse Pointe Council at its most recent meeting reluctantly turned down a request by representatives of the Grosse Pointe Lions Little League Football Inc., to provide financial assistance for their football program. League representatives told council they anticipate a registration of some 200 boys for the 1971 season and their goal is to provide a coaching staff of five men for each of the four squads.

Obituaries: George Haggarty, Ralph Norman Deal, Dr. Frederick A. Lauppe, James Traicoff, Arthur V. Van Becelaere, Robert D. Gould, Phyllis W. Roehrig

1996

25 years ago this week

SHINE HAS A TICKET TO RYE: After more than a decade in Grosse Pointe, public schools superintendent Ed Shine announced he's returning to his East Coast roots. Effective July 1, Shine will become superintendent of schools for the Rye City School District in New York. He came to the Pointes in 1985 to become principal of Grosse Pointe South High School, after leaving a high school principalship in Fairfield, Conn., and a 20-year education career in New England.

Obituaries: John W. Blunt, Elsie Elizabeth Fischer Friedrich, Zora Arkus-Duntov, James E. Brophy, Ruth C. Davis,

Keith Kawa, Virginia K. Ward, Lucy M. Mallat, Michael Christian Van Assche, Mary Louise Roland

2011

10 years ago this week

DISPATCHES MERGING: A three-year agreement for Grosse Pointe Farms to assimilate the Shores' public safety dispatch duties could be signed next month. A draft of the agreement is being reviewed by legal council, according to Farms City Manager Shane Reeside.

A HOTBED FOR HOCKEY: The five Grosse Pointes are home to six hockey players who captured national championships this winter playing for high-profile travel teams. Grosse Pointe North students Mike Sabatini, Kyle Cosens and Luke Schomer; Parcels eighth-grader Zack Werenski; and Grosse Pointe South High School's Cam Gibson and Trevor Hamilton had the honor of being the best of the best in youth hockey — not just in the state, but in the United States.

Obituaries: Edward Eames Donaldson, Alphonse "Al" Susalla, Donald Edward West, Lois Lorraine Schlachter Newell, Joan Harmon, Lauren Ann Hayes, Kathleen Flynn Withers, Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro, the Rev. Nicholas J. Ritter

REDISTRICTING:

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Other common interests may be worth considering — but they're meaningless if residents don't name them and speak up for them. And the process needs to start now.

League members stand ready to help prepare presentations for the Redistricting Commission. They can be reached by email at lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com. Further information is available by watching the recording of the League forum, with a link available at the group's website, lwvgrossepointe.org.

The Citizens Redistricting Commission is already taking comment by email at redistricting@michigan.gov.

Hearings to take testimony are tentatively scheduled June 8 and 10 in Oakland County, June 15 and 17 in Detroit, and June 24 in Warren. (Time and place not yet available on the commission website, michigan.gov/micrc.) The commission also holds weekly meetings on Zoom; recordings also are available.



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Superintendent semifinalists: District comparison				
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No. of schools	14	107	9	12
Mean SAT score	979.2	876.9	960.0	1,118.60
U.S. News rankings (Mich.)	Western 6,281 (218)	Renaissance 1,517 (46)	East Detroit 13,345 (467)	South 869 (25)
	Central 8,321 (227)	Cass Tech 3,168 (108)		North 1,812 (59)
Graduation rate	84%	61%	69%	96%
College bound	61%	47%	27%	83%
College remediation	25%	44%	42%	12%
Superintendent compensation	\$208,546	\$399,010	\$129,371	\$280,590

GPPSS sup't salary ranks 54th in state

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is number 54 on a list of how high superintendent salaries are among Michigan's 587 school districts, according to a 2020 survey by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Some observers have suggested the Grosse Pointe district should perhaps offer more

money to attract a more diverse field of candidates. "If you want talent, you're going to have to pay for them," said board member Ahmed Ismail. "Someone's not going to move here for 20 grand."

Grosse Pointe's current superintendent salary totals \$280,590, according to the Mackinac Center study. That includes \$200,473 in salary, annuities or

other benefits, travel and insurance. Total compensation in East Detroit is \$129,371. In Bay City, it's \$208,546. And in Detroit, it's \$399,010, according to the Mackinac Center study.

The top 10 superintendent salaries and compensation according to the Mackinac Center, including salary, annuities or other benefits, travel and insurance are:

- ◆ Traverse City Area Public Schools — \$486,061
- ◆ Romulus Community Schools — \$452,499
- ◆ Roseville Community Schools — \$409,760
- ◆ Detroit Public Schools Community District — \$399,010
- ◆ West Ottawa Public School District — \$383,929
- ◆ Forest Hills Public Schools — \$382,354
- ◆ River Rouge School District — \$375,455
- ◆ Portage Public Schools — \$363,901
- ◆ Traverse Bay Area ISD — \$361,952
- ◆ Rochester Community School District — \$359,753

To see the Mackinac Center for Public Policy survey, go to mackinac.org.

Key dates: Superintendent search

April 27 first round interviews
Stephen Bigelow
Ryan McLeod
Lawrence Rudolph

April 28 first round interviews
M. Jon Dean

May 11, 6 p.m. - finalist interview
May 12, 6 p.m. - finalist interview
May 13, 6 p.m. - finalist interview
May 14, 6 p.m. - BOE deliberation/decision

All interviews and deliberation take place in the Brownell Multipurpose Room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. There is parking behind the building.

Interviews and deliberation are open to the public, within social distancing parameters, and feedback forms will be available for those in the audience. The interviews will be televised and posted on our website after all are complete, so as to not provide advance notice of questions to the other candidates.

Dates are subject to change based on number of candidates; these will be updated on the website. The board will also provide regular updates at their televised and livestreamed meetings.

Throughout this process, you may provide insight and feedback by emailing Board President Joseph Herd at HERDJ@GPSCHOOLS.ORG and he will forward those emails only to school board members.
— Source: gpschools.org

Board relaxes distancing, quarantining guidelines

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe School Board's meeting Monday was a long and impassioned examination of the district's plan to ease back on quarantining.

The resolution reinforced the idea that in-person learning is the best way for students to learn and scientific data has shown in-person learning has not been substantially responsible for the transmission of COVID-19.

The resolution approved by the board also aimed to address student mental health issues caused by the stress and uncertainty of the pandemic. The resolution pointed to an increase nationwide in student suicide and substance abuse. However, it was not specific how those issues will be addressed.

As a result, the resolution said the district is changing the guidelines for quarantining students by decreasing social distancing to three feet, from six feet. Contact tracing will be reduced to students who have been exposed to three feet, down from six feet.

Quarantines will be reduced to 10 days, from 14 days. Finally, quarantined students may obtain a rapid test on the on the fifth day of quarantining and, if that test is negative, they may return to school the seventh day after the exposure.

The resolution led to almost three hours of discussion, first among parents and employees who attended the meeting to address the resolution and later among board members.

Several local physicians and nurses spoke in favor of the proposal, citing the science and the fact they are working every day in relative safety around COVID-19 patients, after taking the appropriate precautions.

Representatives from the district's various unions, including teachers and administrators among others, were extremely opposed to the proposal.

"It is safety that is at the heart of this debate," said Chris Pratt, president of the Grosse Pointe Education Association. Pratt pointed to the current COVID-19 surge in Michigan.

Some of the most emotional comments came from parents. Some parents were losing patience with the changing ways of delivering education and the large number of students quarantined. Others spoke out of fear for their child's safety.

In the end, the board voted 6-1 to approve the resolution, with David

GPPSS COVID-19 guidelines

- Contact tracing** moving forward will use a distance of **3 feet**; this will not be changed retroactively, but will apply to all close contacts moving forward.
- Students deemed close contact will be able to return after **10 days** (currently 14). Please call your school's attendance line if you do not plan to return until after day 14.
- Test out** - if a student is or has been identified as a "close contact," the student may obtain a rapid test on the **5th day** (or later) **from the date of COVID close contact**. A student who is identified as a close contact may return to school early if the following are true:
 - The student has a negative Covid test result obtained **AT LEAST 5 days** after the start of the close contact quarantine period, is asymptomatic and continues to monitor through 14 days post close contact.
 - The early return day is the 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th day of the quarantine period. (A student is not eligible to return from quarantine during days 1-6 of the quarantine period).
 - The negative test result and student information has been recorded and uploaded by 3 p.m. the day before the student's return.
 - A staff member must verify the testing documentation for the student AND contact your household to confirm the return date before the student can return to school.

Student athletes are included in the above statements with regard to returning to school, however, per the MDHHS, MHSA, and the local county health department, student-athletes will still be required to quarantine for the full 14 days before returning to athletic practices and contests. In addition, per the MHSA, athletes will need to continue to use 6 feet for contact tracing.

GPPSS is working to provide additional testing opportunities at no cost to families. Currently these dates and locations are in place:

Thursday, May 6, Brownell Middle School, 4-7 p.m.
Friday, May 14, Grosse Pointe South, 4-7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25, Brownell Middle School, 4-7 p.m.

Email info@gpschools.org with questions.

Brumbaugh being the lone vote against it.

"The impetus was to safely address what I think is over-quarantining kids out of school," board member Colleen Worden said. She said during the week of April 22, less than 1 percent of students tested positive for COVID-19, but that same week there were hundreds of students in quarantine.

Brumbaugh asked if the board would support several amendments, including using the longer test than the rapid test and whether the board would consider tabling the resolution to leave more time for study. Both suggestions failed to gather support.

He also pointed out the opposition of teachers and administrators, and the additional work and stress the pandemic is causing them.

"Is there more that can be done?" Brumbaugh asked.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus suggested principals could be asked to take a look at the resolution and suggest what else could be done.

"If we're not successful with face to face, we'll go back to hybrid," Niehaus said.

Redlin gender case to proceed in court

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

A gender discrimination lawsuit that's been pending since 2016 is being sent to a settlement conference Aug. 3.

If that fails, the case of Debra Redlin vs. Grosse Pointe Public Schools will head into court for a jury trial Aug. 17.

Redlin alleges she was demoted from her position as an assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South High School to an assistant principal position at Parcels Middle school.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus moved her to Parcels, said Redlin's attorney, Robert Palmer. Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean also is involved, according to the lawsuit.

Niehaus is retiring after this school year. Dean is a semi-finalist for the superintendent position. Dean also is a finalist for superintendent of Anchor Bay Public Schools.

Earlier this year, Redlin's attorney told the Grosse Pointe News that due to the pandemic, he did not expect the case to go to trial until 2022.

"We'd like to have it settled as soon as possible," school board President Joseph Herd said of the lawsuit.

Herd was asked if the Redlin case had any effect on Dean's application for the superintendent position.

"That was considered," Herd said. "But given the entirety of the work that he's done for the district, we felt that it was something that doesn't prohibit us from moving him forward."

The original lawsuit has been reduced to two counts: gender discrimination and retaliation. A sexual harassment and another retaliation claim have been dismissed.

"Ordinarily we don't comment on pending litigation," said Mark McInerney, the school district's attorney. However, he did confirm the basic facts of the case.

Redlin's complaint starts when Moussa Hamka became South's principal. He reassigned duties, Palmer said, and Redlin complained she was being overburdened with work, compared to her male counterpart.

Redlin also alleges she was treated differently than a male assistant

principal over similar actions.

Redlin told an employee the assistant principal said he would give her a harsh review, even though she'd been told not to say anything.

In another incident, the male counterpart told another employee they were going to receive a negative employment consequence, after he was told not to alert that employee, Palmer said.

Redlin also heard a rumor about an inappropriate relationship between two employees, according to court documents. Redlin discussed the allegation with her male counterpart, who told her not to get into it and he would talk to the employee. Redlin didn't take any further action.

Dean gave Redlin a minimally effective evaluation for not reporting the rumors and for telling the employee about the impending bad review, according to Palmer. The bad review was not filed with the

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tant for us to listen to what they expect, have open dialogue and try to come to a mutual understanding.”

“My words to describe him are ‘experienced, honest, trustworthy and a community builder,’” Sizeland said.

And transformative. “One of my priorities is to have the (department) reflect the community it serves,” said Jarrell, a Marine prior to entering law enforcement. “We need to work on diversifying. The most important thing we do, as far as building trust in the community, is the quality of the police officer we put in the community.”

“He’s a forward thinker and wants to work with all segments of the community, including the school system,” Sizeland said. “He’s going to review policies and procedures and grow and bring out the best in each of our officers.”

During Jarrell’s nearly six years in Prescott Valley, the community of more than 45,000 residents was rated the safest in northern Arizona and the 10th safest in the state two years running. Before that, Jarrell was with the Southfield police department 28 years, 10 as deputy chief.

During Jarrell’s time in Arizona, the department expanded from 64 to 78 officers to keep pace with the growing city.

“He created a citizens advisory board repre-

senting all segments of the community and, in four years, increased diversity in the department 62 percent,” Sizeland said.

Park Lt. Jim Bostock, heading public safety operations during the director search, remains with the department in a role to be determined, Sizeland said.

“Jim is excited to work with Jarrell,” Sizeland said. “They are going to be working together side-by-side.”

Jarrell returned to Michigan in 2019 to be near family.

He fits the type of chief Sizeland was looking for at the start of the recruitment process.

“I’m looking for somebody who can come into Grosse Pointe Park and review internal policies and procedures,” Sizeland said before making the hiring decision. “I’m not saying we’ve been doing anything wrong, but maybe there’s a better way to hire the best officers, our review procedures regarding chases and how many officers we need per shift.”

He also took into consideration neighboring communities.

“One of the most important qualities for this person is the ability to work closely and collaboratively with the fellow Grosse Pointes, Detroit and Harper Woods for police and fire protection,” Sizeland said.

Some 14 applicants responded to an advertising campaign ending in February through the Michigan Municipal League, National Organization of Black Law Executives,

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and others.

“We whittled that down to nine candidates,” Sizeland said. “From those, we went through an oral board process with a company called Empco.”

Empco specializes in evaluating candidates for all levels of police, fire and public safety departments.

“That was a whole-day process,” Sizeland said. “Empco had interviewees from northern Michigan, the west side of the state and southeast Michigan; a police chief, a fire chief, a public safety director.”

Kendra Royer, president of Empco, said she can’t speak about specific applicants but, in general, she seeks candidates who are not only right for the right job, but also right for the community.

“We do not make the final hiring decision,” Royer said.

Likely candidates displayed leadership, were good communicators and understood the sensibilities of the jurisdiction in which they sought work, she added.

Four top candidates faced a third-party, independent private investigator.

“They will see if they have any criminal past, everything from whether they’ve been issued a parking ticket to whether there’ve been civil suits against them, their financial records, their relationships with husband, wife, son or daughter, mom and dad,” Sizeland said.

During nearly three weeks, PIs questioned

the candidates’ subordinates at work, obtained their personnel evaluations if permitted and interviewed references.

“I’ve seen (recruitments) where they were pretty much just one set of interviews and they don’t start poking around your background until the job offer, which is kind of silly because if they find something then they have to start all over,” Jarrell said.

Written profiles of each applicant reached nearly 65 pages, Sizeland said.

“On top of that process, I have a review board composed of people with backgrounds in law enforcement and administration who can give me a unique perspective in hiring a good public safety director,” he said.

The board met last Friday.

“I reached out to people who are smarter than me in this profession,” Sizeland said. “One of those is Detroit Police Chief James Craig. He said, ‘Nick, I’d be more than happy to be a mentor. Let’s let our departments work closely together.’”

Craig didn’t respond to interview requests.

“With the process I went through and how much work we’ve all put together, I can hold my head high,” Sizeland said. “Jarrell can plug-and-play, do the job. He’s going to bring out the best in our department. He’s somebody the community’s going to be proud of, highly proud.”

Sizeland said Jarrell begins the director job mid-May.

District seeks volunteers for Safe Routes to School plan

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is looking for paid volunteers to help with its Safe Routes to School plan.

Volunteers would work as corner captains, walking school bus leaders or bike train leaders for four schools, including Defer and Mason elementary, and Parcels and Pierce middle schools. May 5 kicks off safe school route activities, which continue through the rest of the school year. The district also is looking for corner captains for Maire Elementary School May 5 only.

Corner captains help students cross streets at designated corners. Walking school bus leaders and bike train leaders wait for students at des-

ignated drop-off points and, when the group is large enough, walk or bike with the students to corner captains near the school.

Shifts last approximately 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the evening. Volunteers don’t need to work every shift.

Parents, college students, part-time workers or retirees could be interested. Volunteers must submit to background checks and assist with social distancing and mask wearing.

Questions? Email Genevieve Jones at gjones@michiganfitness.org or Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

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state, however, because Dean gave Redlin time to find another job.

When her job search was unsuccessful, Dean filed the minimally effective rating. She later was given an effective rating, when she was evaluated at Parcels.

The male counterpart received a letter in his file for telling the employee about the potential review and was not disciplined over the rumors, Palmer said.

A settlement conference on the case was held in 2018, but did not resolve the dispute. Meanwhile, the proceedings were held up by the pandemic.

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New 'dealer' in town offers message of hope, unity, faith

By Meg Blondin Leonard
Special Writer

A new dealer has moved back to the Motor City, but this guy isn't selling cars — he's dealing in hope.

Karl Messenger, the new area director of Young Life Grosse Pointe, sports a tattoo on his right arm that reads "Hope Dealer." He brings a fitting last name and an enthusiastic spirit wherever he goes, including when he moved himself, his wife and four kids to Grosse Pointe mid-pandemic last July after spending the last seven years as a church pastor in Tampa, Fla.

"There aren't a lot of places like (Grosse Pointe)," said Long Island-born and Dallas-raised Messenger. He credits Grosse Pointe's community feel in helping ease his family's adjustment to the move north. Neighbor Ginny

Jeup has issued an open invite for the Messengers to use her pool. The family also can walk across the street and toss the football on Grosse Pointe South's field, or walk up the block for a smoothie or grab a fresh loaf of bread from the market.

"We love the independence our kids have here, riding their bikes and walking to school," the 36-year-old added.

But for the Messengers, the move to Grosse Pointe actually was a homecoming. His wife, Liz, was born and raised here and is a 2003 Grosse Pointe South graduate ("a three-sport varsity athlete," her husband proudly noted). She grew up attending Grace Community Church in Detroit.

After college, it is also where Liz met her future husband, who was the church's youth pastor from 2007-15. A graduate of Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis, Karl came to work at Grace after a three-year stint as a youth pastor in the Gateway City.

It was clearly a case of love at first sight. They met June 15, 2007, and married the following year on June 14.

"We hit it off instantly," he said.

By 2015, the Messengers welcomed daughters, Evelia, now 11; Josephine, 9; and Luciana, 7. That same year, they felt called to start a new church, which led them to Tampa. While there, son Kayden Samuel, now 5, arrived in the Messenger's lives as a 14-month-old foster child, whom they officially adopted two years later.

But Michigan — specif-

Young Life spring fundraiser set to bloom Wednesday, May 12

Young Life Grosse Pointe will host its annual spring fundraiser at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Live Life in Full Bloom," an outdoor, tented event, includes dinner and a silent auction to raise funds to support Young Life's operations and summer camp. Silent auction items include a Lake St. Clair fishing excursion, a sunset cruise, Cheese-to-Please and Dinner by Liz gift cards, and wine and liquor gift baskets.

Individual tickets are \$75 for adults, which include dinner. Sponsorship level tickets are \$5,000 for a table of 10, \$2,500 for a table of six and \$1,000 for a table of four. All sponsorship levels include dinner and drinks for the table, special sponsor gifts and recognition at the event and in the program. Parking is free. Ages 21 and over are welcome.

For more information or for reservations, call Mary Guevara at (313) 702-7893.

Young Life is a worldwide, nondenominational organization for middle, high school and college students. Young Life staff and volunteers mentor kids and focus on what matters to them — fun, adventure and friendship — while sharing the truth about God and His love. Founded in 1941, Young Life has more than 5,000 staff and 65,000 volunteers. It is active in more than 100 countries, reaching more than two million kids annually. Young Life Grosse Pointe has served area middle school and high school students since 2002.

ically Grosse Pointe — came calling again, in the form of an offer for Messenger to lead Young Life Grosse Pointe, a nondenominational, Christian youth group. Young Life, and its middle school version, Wyldlife, have supported students in Grosse Pointe since 2002, helping them to grow in their faith and create peer support and friendships.

Becky Grossett of Grosse Pointe Park, has watched her three children, all now grown, experience the benefits of Young Life. She continues to volunteer for the Grosse Pointe chapter and works closely with Messenger.

"He has a gift for working with youth and reaching them," she said.

Messenger takes his role as a spiritual leader, especially of young kids, seriously.

"A leader is a dealer in hope," he said, quoting French military and political leader Napoleon Bonaparte. Though Messenger noted Bonaparte's human flaws, he said he draws his personal inspiration to be a leader from sharing with people that "God's kingdom is full of hope and is here among us."

He is well aware his work at Young Life is cut out for him, with the tall task of re-instilling a sense of hope and faith among kids who are already challenged by the perils of growing up. These same kids also have faced unprecedented isolation, countless disappointments and little normalcy amidst the pandemic. He hopes to strengthen the commu-

nity by building deep relationships across the board.

One of Messenger's major goals is to increase unity between students from South, North and Liggett, and to keep growing Wyldlife within the middle schools. He hopes Young Life can help "bridge the North/South divide, which is real," he said. Getting kids together who may not otherwise cross paths in the community is essential in developing more unity.

"In Tampa, many houses are old and have huge front porches," he said. "Back in the day, with no air conditioning, neighbors and families used to gather on front porches to cool off and have conversations. But nowadays, people don't do that."

"I'd like to see more conversations happening. We have to get past our differences and focus on our common ground."

Messenger contends that churches can be an important, safe place where those tough conversations on differences and social challenges can take place. He sees Young Life as "uniquely positioned to be a catalyst for (change) as we support churches in the community."

"We can agree to disagree. But we are all human and we are better together than divided."

As Messenger focuses on the tasks in front of him, his young, busy family is settling in to their new home.

"The kids are loving their schools, friends and cousins. They have prob-

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Karl Messenger, the new area director of Young Life Grosse Pointe, uses his right arm tattoo of "Hope Dealer" as daily inspiration to effectively lead middle and high school students as they navigate their teen years.



Messenger, right, enjoys a recent spring break trip to the Smoky Mountains with his wife, Liz, and their children, Kayden Samuel, Evelia, Josephine and Luciana.



Middle school students from Wyldlife, a non-denominational, Christian youth group, play outdoor team-building games on a fall evening last October. Wyldlife and its high school counterpart, Young Life, are under Messenger's leadership.

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South grad develops Unique Care Connect

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Steve Weideman, a Grosse Pointe South graduate, grew up with a best friend whose twin brother had intellectual disabilities.

Weideman told his college newspaper, the Hillsdale Collegian, he did not know during much of his childhood that the brother, Chris, had these disabilities.

“I didn’t even realize he was autistic until fourth or fifth grade and people started treating him differently,” Weideman said.

“They’ve been pretty much my second family.”

In high school, Weideman volunteered with Peer 2 Peer and the Burger Baylor School for Students with Autism in Inkster, the school Chris attended. Specifically, he helped with the basketball league the school puts on each year.

Being close to a family with an autistic family member, Weideman saw a need for change, particularly in the caregiving realm for people with special needs.

“The biggest issue I saw was that they always

found issues with caregivers,” he said. “Chris isn’t verbal. He gets agitated. He’s not the easiest person to deal with, especially if you’re not used to dealing with autistic kids in general.”

Weideman said Chris’s family was cycling through four to six caregivers a month, unable to find one who would stick.

During the onset of the pandemic, Weideman put his extra time and money to good use by looking more thoroughly at the problem. He found that websites similar to Care.com had poorly devel-

oped sections for clients with special needs. Beyond that, both families and caregivers had to pay to use the sites.

“This is a broken system,” Weideman said. “Mentally challenged people, in general, their care has never been a top priority. ... There needs to be a platform where they are the top priority.”

Insert the inspiration for Unique Care Connect.

Weideman had an idea to develop an app, which he named Unique Care Connect. The app would



COURTESY PHOTO

Steve Weideman and Shihab, a participant in the Peer 2 Peer program.

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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.

◆ “Pacific War Stories,” 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, with author Richard Allison.

◆ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29.

◆ One Seed, One State To-Go Kits, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 3. Drop by one of the GPPL branches for a kit.

◆ Family Dance Party Pop Up, 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following

blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, VFW Post 1146, 28404 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

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

◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, Gentle Mat Yoga.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Women’s

Gathering.

◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Chair Yoga.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie “Jane” is shown 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 30. Cost is \$2 for snacks and the movie for members, \$3 for nonmembers.

◆ A Matter of Balance, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 4 to 27, with Rosa Hunter and a Detroit Area Agency on Aging staff member.

◆ French on the Patio, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 to July 28, with instructor Deborah

DuFour. Cost is \$55 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ Powerful Tools for Caregivers, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 12 to June 16, with Margaret Cooper and Allie Short.

◆ The ABCs of CBD, 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, May 17, with facilitator Kathy Housey.

◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 21. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.

◆ Intergenerational Garden, begins Saturday, May 29. This program is facilitated by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center.

◆ Outdoor lawn games, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Corn hole, croquet and ring toss, among others, are free for members to play.

◆ 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 non-

members, done by appointment via telephone or video conferencing. Call (313) 882-9600 for information 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.

◆ 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.

Men’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at The ARK at St. Ambrose

Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Scotch expert Elliot McFarlane speaks via Zoom.

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts a meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, with Dan Aitken of Aitken & Ormond Insurance. He will discuss changes in no-fault auto insurance.

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.

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Berkshire block hosts music bash

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Neighbors took to the corner of Berkshire and Avondale on a recent afternoon to support local bands as they played in the driveway of the corner home. Little kids danced in the street, moms danced with their babies on the lawn, couples got up out of their lawn chairs and danced on Berkshire together.

Homeowner Beth Kurta recalled wanting to organize some kind of community event in the lull between winter and spring. With the close of spring break and awaiting the start of Little League season, Kurta and friends thought mid-April would be the perfect time for a neighborhood get-together.

"There's this little time where there's not really much going on," Kurta



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Beth Kurta hosted "Berkshire Bu\$king" April 18, on her front lawn in Grosse Pointe Park. Four bands entertained: Motor City Acoustic Band, The New Mayflies, The Paxton/Spangler band and Not 2 Nite. The Delray Barbecue food truck was there to feed the crowd.

said, "and we were like, let's try this out."

They started trying to gather musicians by reaching out to local bands and the event, cleverly named Berkshire

Bu\$king, took off from there.

"It was not even a tough sell, which was great," Kurta said. "I feel bad. The last 13 months, musicians have really suffered

because they haven't been able to perform. They haven't been able to earn money, to earn a living, and I just wanted to give them an opportunity to get out and do something."

Motor City Acoustic Band, The New Mayflies, The Paxton/Spangler Band and Not 2 Nite took to Kurta's driveway from 2 to 8:15 p.m. to perform for the community. Neighbors brought their lawn chairs and staked out a spot on Kurta's front lawn to watch the performers play.

The event was sponsored by Captain's Boat Care, a full-service boat care business started by Kurta's sons, Joseph and Nicholas. The

sponsorship included having a porta potty on the lawn for visitors to use.

R.J. Spangler, of The Paxton/Spangler Band, echoed a sentiment most musicians are feeling throughout the pandemic, when they get to squeeze in a real performance here and there. "It feels great," he sighed.

His band has been playing Zoom performances throughout the pandemic. This was the first outdoor performance of the season for the band.

Along with a tip jar for the bands, Brian Russell, a Park resident and Detroit police officer, created custom-printed glasses to sell at the event. All proceeds from the glasses were donated to the performers.

A Delray Barbecue food truck was onsite as well, to feed residents who gathered.

"It was just really a great opportunity to build community and have a great time," Kurta said. "We live in a great community and I was confident that people would show up and they did. I could not be happier with the results."

Returnables found throughout the event will provide funds for the Grosse Pointe South High School choir.

"That's the community we live in," Kurta said. "People step up and support each other."

ENGAGEMENT

Smith—Ford

Diana and McKelden Smith of New York City have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Donnelley Smith, to Albert Bishop Ford, son of Cynthia and Edsel Ford of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A September 2021 wedding is planned in New York City.

Miss Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in studio art from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. She currently is a senior manager with American Express.

Mr. Ford earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and currently is a Juris Doctor candidate at Fordham University in New York City. He will join the Bronx County District Attorney's Office as an



Albert Ford and Anne Smith

assistant district attorney attending high school at this fall. Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass. The couple met while



TBone Paxton stepped away from the band and into the crowd for a minute.

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OBITUARIES

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Caryl M. Kerber

Caryl M. Kerber passed away peacefully Sunday, April 11, 2021, at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, nine days past her 100th birthday. She was born April 2, 1921, in Chicago.

Known for her energy, good cheer and many talents, Caryl was a beloved former teacher in Grosse Pointe elementary schools and 49-year Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Before Caryl married in November 1943, she was a secretary at a law firm and worked at Ford Motor Co. and the U.S. Navy. She and her husband returned to Dearborn at the end of World War II to raise their family; they moved to Grosse Pointe in 1948. Caryl quickly became a classic "super mom," serving as troop leader for her children's Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops and volunteering at Trombly Elementary School.

Caryl's family said she was a true renaissance woman - a talented writer and artist with a love for all sorts of skilled crafts, including sewing, knitting, rug hooking, needlepoint, building bookcases, making jewelry, cooking, baking and designing spectacular flower gardens. She enjoyed playing the piano, organ and accordion.

She completed undergraduate studies and earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in her late 30s; she began her teaching career in 1961. She went on to earn a master's degree, plus 30 more credit hours, from the University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School.

Caryl taught first- and second-grade students more than 20 years - first at Poupard Elementary School, then Richard Elementary School and Maire Elementary School. She was beloved by her students, especially since they often were rewarded for correct answers with Cheerios and M&Ms. A former student contacted Caryl years after she retired simply to tell her she was the best teacher he, a dentist in Georgia, ever had.

After Caryl retired, she was a Meals on Wheels volunteer and served as a deacon at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church many years. At Henry Ford Village, she taught classes for residents on personal investing, holistic health and mystery books. She endowed a scholarship for teens who worked at HFV, volunteered at HFV chapel services and fundraised for charitable causes.

Caryl was cheerful, upbeat and revered by her caretakers even when her health and energy slowly declined in her late 90s, her family said.

She is survived by her children, Barbara

Darragh and Kenneth (Lisa); granddaughters, Deborah Darragh and Diana Santiago (Solimar); great-grandchildren, Vail and Kirk Santiago; and niece, Cheryl Glath. She was predeceased by her husband, Armand, in 1997.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Henry Ford Village chapel, 15101 Ford Road, Dearborn. Her ashes will be interred at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church columbarium at a later date.

In accordance with Caryl's wishes, memorial donations may be made to a nonprofit educational organization of the donor's choice.

Carol Ann Maleitzke

Carol Ann Maleitzke, 86, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021. She was born in Thompsonville, Mich., to Donald Pelton and Rose Emmons, both now deceased.

Carol Ann was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth; cherished mother of Elizabeth Aldrich of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Evie Price of Detroit, Peter Maleitzke of San Francisco and John Maleitzke of Traverse City; dear grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of one.

A devout member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, she also was a member of United Methodist Women, the largest denominational faith organization for women.

She loved to bake for her family and friends.

Carol Ann will be laid to rest with her late husband at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church memorial garden. A service will be held at a later date.

Judith Caldwell

Grosse Pointe resident Judith "Judy" Caldwell passed away peacefully Thursday, April 22, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer. A caring and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she was 72.

Judy was born in Derry, Pa., to Catherine and Louis Sylvester, and joined her older brother, Jerry.

She met her husband, Jim Caldwell, at Grove City College; the couple started a family shortly thereafter in Cleveland. Together they had two sons, David and Joe, and later moved to Grosse Pointe.

Judy's family, as well as the families eventually started by her sons, was the most cherished aspect of her full and happy life. As her extended family grew, so did her love for it - especially her beloved four grandchildren, two daughters-in-law, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and

their children. Judy's care and warmth reached beyond her family. Her many friends provided her great joy, especially comparing stories about their families and travels.

Judy had a long and rewarding career as a CPA.

A person of deep religious faith, she volunteered at her church in countless ways.

Her interests and activities remained rich and varied late in life, especially travel and cooking and hosting meals for visiting family members or friends from every corner of her life.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 26, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pope Francis Center, popefrancisceneter.org; or St. Paul on the Lake Religious Education, stpaulonthe lake.org/religious-education.

Mary Jane Barthel

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Mary Jane Barthel (nee Baker) passed away peacefully Sunday, April 18, 2021, at her home. She was 85.

Born Jan. 25, 1936, in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, she was raised in St. Marys, Ontario. She later moved with her family to Windsor, and finally Grosse Pointe, where she met her future husband, Edward Barthel. Mary Jane and Edward were married in Windsor and lived in Grosse Pointe beginning in 1964. She became a U.S. citizen in 1966.

Mary Jane was proud of her 50 years of service to Grosse Pointe Surgical Associates, where she worked for Dr. Roger McNeill. She dedicated 20 years to teaching at the Dominican Literacy Center in addition to several other volunteer commitments in the community.

Mary Jane's true passion was figure skating; growing up in St. Marys, she spent much of her youth at the ice rink. She later taught skating to young children starting out in hockey.

She loved to travel. Her favorite memories were trips to Boston, Colorado and Ireland.

Her Irish sense of humor, welcoming smile and smiling Irish eyes carried her through life; she made everyone around her laugh. Her family said she was a friend to everyone she met.

Mary Jane was predeceased by her husband, Edward; parents, Clara and Francis; and siblings, Dawn, Gloria, Desmond and Brian. She is survived by her daughters, Shauna and Erin; nephews and niece, Patrick, Michael



Caryl M. Kerber



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Ronald R. Grimes

Ronald R. Grimes

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ronald Ray Grimes, 86, died Saturday, April 24, 2021. He was born Dec. 14, 1934, in Indianapolis, to Helen and Raymond Grimes.

Ronald was predeceased by his wife, Sandra, in 2018. He leaves behind his son, Randy; grandchildren, Taylor, Kyle, Chelsea and Kaylyn; and great-grandchildren, Atreyu, Corbin and Keira.

He graduated from Wabash College in Indiana, where he earned a degree in psychology. A proud U.S. Army veteran, Ronald had a 32-year career at Uniroyal Tire Co.

His many hobbies and interests included memberships in ham radio, metal working and other clubs.

Visitation takes place from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, with prayers at 8 p.m., at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial takes place at 1 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Mary Anna Sheldon

Mary Anna Sheldon (nee Konarz), 92, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2021.

She was born April 24, 1929, in St. Louis, to Leon and Lottie Konarz. At a young age, Mary Anna's family relocated to Twining, Mich., where she and her four siblings were raised.

After she graduated high school, the local Catholic church raised funds for Mary Anna to pursue her passion of music and the arts. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and art education from Sienna Heights College, which was an all-women's campus at the time and only the beginning of Mary Anna forging a path for young women.

Immediately upon graduation from college, she was offered a teaching position in southeast Michigan, where she taught for several years. During this time, she married her husband, Jack, a longtime St.



Mary Anna Sheldon

Clair Shores firefighter. Together they created a life filled with travel and were well-known for hosting social events and family holidays in their home.

Mary Anna's brief time as an educator was followed by a long career at the Higbie Maxon real estate agency. She often was referred to as the "Queen of Lakeshore Drive" in Grosse Pointe real estate circles. One of her proudest moments was being featured as a top Realtor in "Hour Detroit" magazine.

She was predeceased by her parents, Leon and Lottie Konarz, and siblings, Regina Morgan (Herb), Raymond Konarz, Lawrence Konarz (Gladys) and Joseph Konarz. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Reggie Konarz, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, with rosary to be recited at 7 p.m., at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial

Stanley F. Kramer

A funeral Mass for Stanley F. Kramer will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by interment at the church's columbarium. Stanley's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News April 9, 2020.



Gleaners to host virtual 2021 Women's Power Breakfast

Across southeast Michigan, nearly 250,000 kids — or one in every five children — are at risk of going hungry, according to Feeding America projections released October 2020. With child food insecurity on the rise, some of the area's most powerful and influential corporate, civic and nonprofit female leaders will unite virtually from 7 to 9 a.m. May 4, during Gleaners Community Food Bank's 2021 Women's Power Breakfast in support of

the organization's work to end childhood hunger. Gleaners founded the Women's Power Breakfast in 1994, with the intention of bringing together powerful women from across southeast Michigan in the spirit of philanthropy. The event — which has raised \$3.55 million since its inception — provides the opportunity for hundreds of women from different industries to gather together to network, learn and philanthropically support the

Gleaners programs that are so crucial to the well-being of the children and families the organization supports.

"This year's virtual breakfast may look a little different from our events in the past, but we remain committed to celebrating the power of women, the achievements that raise us up and our dedication to the community," said Stacy Averill, Gleaners' vice president of community giving and public relations. "Philanthropic sup-

port is needed now more than ever as we navigate what has arguably been one of the most difficult chapters in our region's history."

Women's Power Breakfast virtual attendees will learn about Gleaners' work in the community throughout the pandemic — including providing an average of more than one million meals per week to hungry individuals and families in southeast Michigan — and have the opportunity to participate in

interactive breakout and networking sessions.

The event also features a keynote address by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Faye Alexander Nelson, director of Michigan programs for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Nelson oversees strategy, operations and grant-making across the state of Michigan. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable

children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

Ticket and sponsorship information for the Women's Power Breakfast is available at womenspowerbreakfast.org. A patron ticket is \$125. Potential sponsors also may contact Angela Halverson at wpb@gcfb.org. The program begins at 7 a.m., with breakout sessions and virtual table mingling interspersed between speaker presentations. The live stream concludes at 9 a.m.

Members selected for new Wayne County Women's Commission

Nineteen women from diverse backgrounds have been selected as members of the newly created Wayne County Women's Commission.

Members include one representative from each of the 15 Wayne County Commission districts, a representative from the county commission and four members selected by commission Chair Alisha Bell (D-Detroit).

"This will be an impactful commission that will look at issues from employment and earning power to health care and child care and beyond and make recommendations to better the lives of women in Wayne County," Bell said. "We

have assembled a dynamic group of women to serve on this inaugural Women's Commission."

The commission will hold its first meeting next month. Members are volunteers who will serve two-year terms without pay. Commission meetings will be open to the public under provisions of the state's Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Melissa Daub (D-Canton Township) was appointed by Chair Bell to serve as the commission's representative.

Other members appointed by Bell include Sarah Roberts, a former state legislator, who proposed the commission's

creation and helped guide its creation; Soumer Crawford and Carla Tinsley-Smith.

Members appointed from each commission district include:

District 1 — Cynthia Douglas, appointed by Commissioner Tim Killeen (D-Detroit).

District 2 — Rian English-Barnhill, appointed by Commissioner Johnathan C. Kinloch (D-Detroit).

District 3 — Alma Greer, appointed by Commissioner Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park).

District 4 — Cindy Garcia, appointed by Commissioner Ilona Varga (D-Lincoln Park).

District 5 — Yvonne Cash, appointed by Commissioner Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit).

District 6 — Carmen J. Carter, appointed by Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick (D-Detroit).

District 7 — Dr. Regina Randall, appointed by Commissioner Alisha Bell (D-Detroit).

District 8 — Latanya Gater, appointed by Commissioner David M. Knezek (D-Dearborn Heights).

District 9 — Lynda Scheel, appointed by Commissioner Terry Marecki (R-Livonia).

District 10 — Mary Starr, appointed by Commissioner

Melissa Daub (D-Canton Township).

District 11 — Tina Talley, appointed by Commissioner Al Haidous (D-Wayne).

District 12 — Eboney Hughes, appointed by Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson (D-Westland).

District 13 — Maali Luqman, appointed by Commissioner Sam Baydoun (D-Dearborn).

District 14 — Angela Winston, appointed by Commissioner Raymond Basham (D-Taylor).

District 15 — Chelsea Lantto, appointed by Commissioner Joseph Palamara (D-Grosse Ile Township).

PAATS fees waived through July

The Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services Board of Directors has voted to continue to suspend fees for all rides through July 31, including the Friday "Shop the Gratiot Loop" service.

"The PAATS board recognizes the need to continue this service free of charge as so many in our community continue to recover financially from the pandemic," Robert Barrette, Grosse Pointe Shores councilman and current PAATS board chairman said. "The PAATS board is glad it can help our passengers this way."

PAATS riders must be a resident of Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes and at least 60 years of age or a disabled adult. It is a curb-to-curb service. Passengers are picked up at their home, taken to their appointment, picked up and brought back to their home. All buses are sanitized before and after each pickup and at the end of every day. All riders and drivers must wear a mask while in the bus. Physical distancing is maintained within the bus as well.

The PAATS service area is any location bounded by 11 Mile Road, Gratiot Avenue, Alter Road and Jefferson Avenue. Additionally, PAATS will take passengers to appointments at Ascension St. John Hospital Health

Center and the Shores Professional Building on 12 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores, Henry Ford Main Campus, Detroit Medical Center, VA Medical Center, Detroit City County Building and The New Center.

PAATS will continue to operate its "Shop the Gratiot Loop" service every Friday until further notice. Riders are picked up at their home and brought to their choice of five stores in the Gratiot shopping corridor.

The five stops are:

- ◆ Walmart at 12 Mile and Gratiot;
- ◆ Meijer at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Kroger at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Macomb Mall at Masonic and Gratiot;
- ◆ Target on Gratiot north of 14 Mile.

Reservations for all PAATS rides must be made at least 48 hours in advance. To reserve a ride, call (313) 343-2580 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The PAATS mission is to provide safe and reliable transportation, ensuring area residents continue to live their daily lives with independence and dignity. PAATS is funded through the five Grosse Pointe municipalities, as well as the city of Harper Woods. Its office is located in The Helm.

For more information, visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.



Learn to garden with tropical bulbs

Grosse Pointe Garden Center recently announced it will sponsor the Zoom presentation, "Tropical Paradise Garden with Summer Bulbs," given by Brent Heath of Brent & Becky's Bulbs, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11.

Participants will be shown how to incorporate bulbs from the Mediterranean and the veldt of South Africa to create their own personal

relaxing getaway. Illustrative slides will explain integrating summer bulbs with annuals, perennials and shrubs and trees to design patio planters, window boxes or even a living sculpture.

Registration is open to members and non-members. There is no fee to attend.

Guests are asked to register in advance at gpgardencenter.org.

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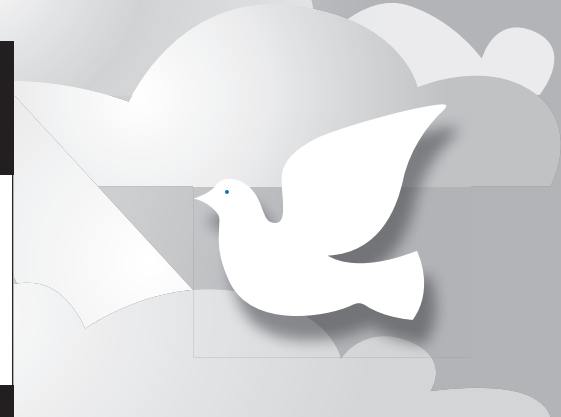
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All the cars in the derby.



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The Best Workmanship Award went to William Hennert and The Blue Bomber Award to Grayden Waterson.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Den leader Randy Juip lines up cars for a race.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Best Use of Imagination Award was given to Robert Hindelang and the Most Decals Award went to Alex Tranchida.

On track

St. Paul on the Lake Cub Scout Pack 61 held its Pinewood Derby Saturday, April 17. Each den came for their race, then left so they could social distance. The event was live streamed on Facebook.



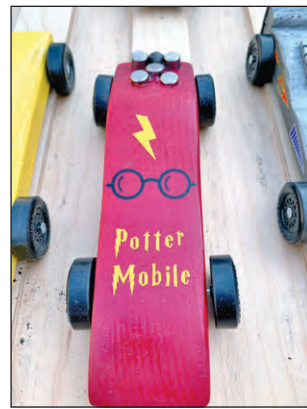
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Mike Hindelang, assistant cub master, filmed the races for Facebook Live.



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The lineup of trophies.



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From left, first-place winner, JR Crandall's The Laser Beam; second-place winner, Nathan Crandall's Potter Mobile; and third-place winner, Forrest Salden's Pixie Red.

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be able to connect individuals with disabilities to their ideal caregivers and not charge either party to use it.

“Our whole goal here is to provide quality resources to people who need them,” Weideman said. He believes sites that charge individuals to use their services are preventing many people who would benefit from using the site.

The app will be available to individuals of all

ages seeking care. The payment between the individual and their found caregiver will be direct, meaning Weideman’s app will not take any profit from the transaction.

Advertisements on the app will be kept only to relevant companies, such as medical professionals in the area and potentially companies like Amazon, selling particular goods to benefit those with special needs.

Weideman hopes to see Unique Care Connect used in every major city within the next three

years. He has a vision of creating a blog feature within the app as well, to allow parents to have conversations with other parents on navigating life with a child with special needs.

“We just want to allocate all these resources to one spot,” Weideman said. “I’d like for this to be the go-to hub.”

To get the app fully up and running, Weideman needs to raise \$30,000. Individuals interested in helping fund the project may reach Weideman at ucc.base@gmail.com or (313) 358-5059.

FAITH:

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ably adjusted better than we have,” he laughed.

One major adjustment has been obvious — the difference in Michigan’s cooler weather.

“We have dodged both of the snow storms we had so far, because we were out of town each time,” he said. “But snow on Christmas Eve? Heck yeah!”

He and Liz attempt to keep weekly date nights and have found some favorite dining spots, whether venturing downtown or staying local at Park Grill or City Kitchen. His kids have come to look forward to dinner with dad at National Coney Island.

As new family traditions develop, Messenger is committed to making his move to the Pointes have an impact. He has a vision for “expanding God’s kingdom and expanding Young Life’s reach.”

“We are all kind of coming out of this hibernation,” post-pandemic, he said. Acknowledging the world might look dif-



COURTESY PHOTO

High school students from Young Life Grosse Pointe gather for an outdoor “club” session last fall. The non-denominational, Christian youth group regularly hosts meetings that include team-building games, music and a biblical lesson and discussion given by youth leaders, including Karl Messenger, Young Life’s new area director.

ferent than before, his outlook remains true to the words written on his arm. Looking down at it, Messenger emphasized, “There’s always hope.”

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The Finer Pointes: Meet Basil Zaviski

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 Basil Zaviski wanted to step out of his comfort zone with his entry into "The Finer Pointes."

"I wanted to do something deserving of this contest," he said. "I love that it's local and I want to give them a good effort."

Zaviski, a crew chief with the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, chose to create a piece in mid-century style, drawing inspiration from Marshall M. Fredericks' "The Lion and Mouse" and "The Spirit of Detroit."

"I wanted to try something original," he explained, "... something that when you look at it, you see something different every time."

His mixed media entry includes birch, maple and



Basil Zaviski's "Sassafras."

aluminum and is "shockingly colorful," he said. "My vision for a piece is one that has no point or political agenda other than displaying something beautiful to spark conversation among all people regardless of beliefs," Zaviski wrote on his contest entry form. "My goal is to cross all

lines and to display something that moves the individual to create themselves and to encourage others to do the same."

Zaviski's love of art started early on and he developed it further while attending College for Creative Studies. While there, he said, he felt a

stronger calling. He joined the Navy Reserves in 1991, serving in the Gulf War. Then, from 2003 to 2005, he joined the Army Reserves and served in Iraq.

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However, he also works in mixed media, oils, acrylics and anything else he can get his hands on. "There's no limit," he said.

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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

Zaviski recently exhibited his work at the Detroit Athletic Club. His work currently may be found at Jamex Brewing Company, 21721 Harper, St. Clair Shores, or online at gunstonstreet.com.



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Zaviski's "Incandescence."

Get ready to cast your votes!

Voting opens May 6 for 'The Finer Pointes'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The time is drawing near for Grosse Pointe News subscribers to vote for their favorite entry in the inaugural "The Finer Pointes" art contest.

In January, residents of the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods were asked to submit samples of their work and a description of what they'd like to enter. The contest – meant to foster the arts locally, as well as showcase the area's established and emerging

artists – drew the remarkable efforts of 30 talented artists.

A panel of 21 voters narrowed the field and a tie in votes allowed 11 artists to be named finalists, each of whom received a \$500 stipend for art supplies and a deadline of Friday, April 30.

Over the last 11 weeks, the finalists have been introduced to readers through profiles in the Grosse Pointe News. Their backgrounds may vary, but all of them are talented individuals who represent just a sample

of the artistry that can be found in Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities.

The next phase of this first-time contest is voting, which is being left in the hands of Grosse Pointe News subscribers.

The finalists' work will be exhibited at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's Promising Artists exhibition, May 3 to June 3. A special artists' reception is planned the afternoon of Thursday, May 13, dur-

ing which in-person voting by subscribers will be offered. Visitors are welcome to browse the work in person during exhibition hours, 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association is helping coordinate the effort.

Posters of the finalists' work also will be displayed in the windows of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Additionally, photos of the finalists' work will appear in next week's



Grosse Pointe News, as well as on its Facebook and Instagram pages.

Voting is open May 6 to 15. Artists' names will not be associated with entries, so it will be a "blind" judging.

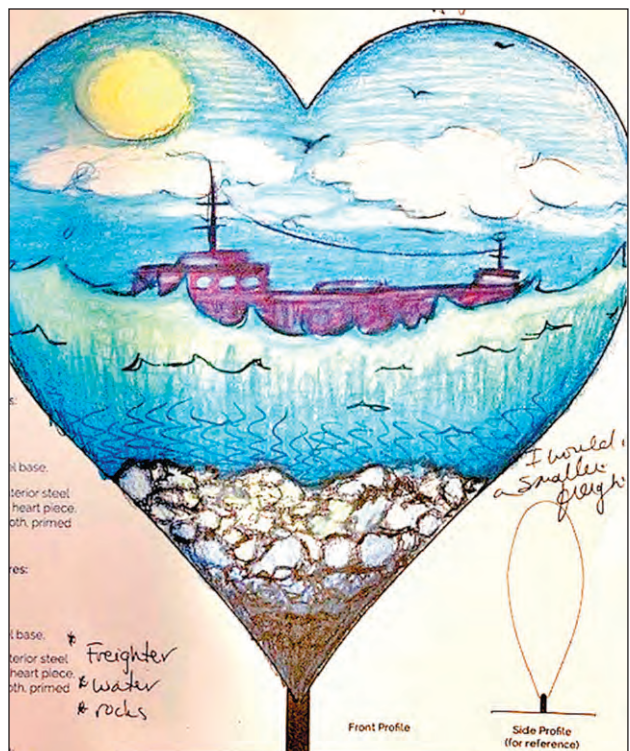
Subscribers may cast their votes online at grossepointenews.com/art/vote. Subscribers also may call in their vote to (313) 882-6900 or write

in their vote to 16980 Kercheval Place, City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Written and telephonic votes must be received by Friday, May 14.

The top vote-getter will be awarded \$5,000 and the winning artwork will be donated to a public institution for display.

For more information, email media@grossepointenews.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

A rendering of the Grosse Pointe News heart, to be created by Jennifer Coleman.

Chamber heart project beats on

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently gave a progress report on its "The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe" community art project. More than 55 hearts will be picked up by local artists April 28, so they can begin painting their sponsored hearts, which will be transplanted throughout the business community the first week in June.

The hearts are currently at Prop Art Studio in Detroit where they were fabricated. Among them is the Grosse Pointe News' heart, waiting to be painted by artist Jennifer Coleman.



Grosse Pointe chamber staff recently visited Prop Art Studio, where hearts were fabricated for its "Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe" community art project.

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Prance charming

My friend is obsessed with dating models. Of course, because he's dating mostly based on looks, these relationships rarely last. He says that he's trying to move up in the business world and that being seen with a beautiful woman makes a difference in how he's perceived. Wouldn't businesspeople be more impressed if he could keep a relationship going, even if it were with a plainer woman?

—Discerning Dude

The problem with dating largely based on looks is that you tend to end up with the sort of woman who's frequently hospitalized for several days: "I was thinking so hard I dislocated my shoulder."

However, your friend isn't wrong; arm candy appears to be the Prada handbag of male competition. Research by social psychologist Bo Winegard and his colleagues suggests that a man's being accompanied by a modelicious woman functions as

a "hard-to-fake" signal of his status, as beautiful women "have the luxury of discriminating among a plethora of suitors."

In the Winegard team's



experiments, men paired with attractive women were consistently rated as higher in status than the very same men when they were paired with unattractive women. In one part of the study, some men were assigned an attractive female partner. The men were told that they'd be conducting a survey out on campus with

her and that they "were to act as if they and their assigned partner were in a happy relationship."

These men were forced to choose between a group of men and a group of women to survey (and thus flaunt their hot female partner to). Interestingly, almost 70 percent of these guys chose to flaunt to other men. This isn't surprising, considering how, as the researchers note, men are "largely" the ones who determine one another's status (within a group of men). Of course, a man's being seen as high-status by other men is ultimately a path to mo' better babes -- so your friend may basically be getting a twofer by showing off to other dudes.

The reality is, once he's more established, his priority may shift from needing a signal to wanting a partner. At that point, he may come to see the beauty in the sort of woman who has something on her mind -- uh,

besides a \$200 double-process blond dye job and \$600 in hair extensions.

The Hand That Rocks The Ladle

7-year-old twice-divorced man. Though I never wanted to get to a point where romance wouldn't be in my big picture, I'm feeling done with it.

I've replaced dating and getting married again with gourmet cooking for one. I'm really enjoying it, but it worries me. Is it okay to be done?

—Single And Culinary

Well, according to some research, married people do live longer. However, that's sometimes just because they were unsuccessful at killing each other.

There's this notion that your life is pretty much a black chasm of nothingness if you're without a "significant other." Psychologist Bella DePaulo blames this thinking on what she calls "the cult of the couple."

DePaulo, who researches the elements of being satiatingly single, marvels at

"the strange implication" (in a paper by noted marriage researchers) "that people without a stable sexual relationship are wandering adrift with open wounds and shivering in their sleep."

Though we humans evolved to be interdependent -- people who need people -- we don't have to be sleeping with those people on the reg for them to count. In fact, having good friends and close acquaintances you can rely on is associated with a whole bunch of physical and mental health benefits, including better cardiovascular health, increased happiness, and decreased stress and depression.

Interestingly, research increasingly suggests that providing social support may be even better for you than getting it psychologically and physically. A study co-authored by psychiatrist Randolph Nesse on elderly people who regularly did generous acts for others in their lives is one of a number that *nd an association between being a "giver" and increased life expectancy. Conversely, Nesse theo-

rizes that the rising tide of depression in our society has roots in how disconnected many of us are,

leading to a de*cit in the level of kindness we evolved to give and receive.

Well, you're set up perfectly to extend yourself for others -- like by handing them a plate of your gourmet chow. Consider using your newfound love of cooking to bring a social circle together around your dining room table.

Invite friends over every Friday or so to dine or even help you make dinner.

The cool thing is, before they arrive, nothing's stopping you from whispering the same seductive thing you would to a woman: "So...what are you wearing?" The turkey: "The same little paper socks you put on me an hour ago, stupid."

Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com. @amyalkon on Twitter. Weekly podcast: blogtalkradio.com/amyalakon.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



When the worker should be the boss

Q: My boss is angry with me, and I did nothing wrong. To set the stage: I do far more than my boss because I have been in the business much longer than he has. In fact, I should have his job, but he was favored for the position because he is a male and I am a female.

He relies on me for nearly everything, and every month I have to teach him another aspect of the job he doesn't know.

I injured my knee on Thursday evening and went to the emergency room; I was given a hard plastic removable cast and told to work at home with my leg raised. I can easily complete all my work at home.

I called my boss at home to tell him about my injury,

and his response was that I must come into work because he is leaving the next day to take a week's vacation.

Had I not called him, I would have found out about his absence the next day when I arrived at work. He literally gave me no notice. Regardless of how crazy this sounds, I could hear his anger in his voice, so I agreed to come in.

Now, I am upset I gave into his demand. He thought nothing of giving me no notice; he assumed I would be there because I always am, and he obviously doesn't care about my knee healing. We are the only two in the department.

I don't know if he doesn't believe I am injured or if he just doesn't care.

He can't fire me because I handle many more procedures than he can, but I have terrible anxiety when anyone becomes angry with me. How do I undo what I agreed to?

A: It sounds like you have a couple of serious issues to resolve. Experiencing anxiety whenever anyone is angry with you is a difficult, if not impossible, character trait to carry through life.

He is certainly not the first person who has ever been angry with you, and he will not be the last. Your anxiety due to others' anger likely began in childhood, but only you can take steps to work on this problem. If you are old enough to hold a responsible job, you are old enough to find a thera-

pist to work with you on it.

Tied into this problem is that you allowed him to bully you into agreeing to an unreasonable demand. Another issue is that kowtowing to him may have sent a mixed message -- one that may cause him to think you were fabricating or exaggerating your injury.

First, you presented information about needing to work from home with your leg up to help it heal. Yet with one forceful and angry demand to come in during his absence, you acquiesced to him.

If your injury is serious enough to require both a cast and working at home with your leg up, why did you immediately agree to coming in? You are either injured or not; your doctor did or did not order you to keep your leg up.

Your knee didn't suddenly heal during the phone conversation with

your boss, so you can see why your sudden agreement after declaring you must work at home may sound like your injury is exaggerated.

You are the one who should question why a boss would announce his vacation the day before his departure.

Go into work the next day and meet with the head of human resources. Show him or her your knee injury and the doctor's order to work at home; explain that you regularly and indepen-

regarding your injury. Then ask how HR would like to handle the simultaneous absence of both of you.

They will likely approve you working from home and hire a temp employee for the week to handle the phones, if necessary.

Keep in mind that you are not reporting this situation with any malice. Just make sure to give the information without emotion. You are reporting a situation management should be made aware of and protecting yourself.

It also sounds like HR needs to know you are responsible for most of the work produced. Whatever you do, don't make excuses or apologize for the accident or for your boss.

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Marriage is not in the future for man with divorce in his past

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mom. I have a man in my life who I have been with for almost four years. He went through a bad divorce during the time we got together, and anytime I try to mention marriage in the future, he gets upset. I'm unsure what to do or how to respond anymore.

I know my kids aren't his, so he owes us nothing, but I need more stability and the assurance that if something were to happen to him, we would be OK.

I'm 35 and have never had the chance to get married, only to find out that he never wants to get married. So what do I do? -- MYSTIFIED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Talk to your significant other. Keep the conversation calm and tell him what you wrote to me. Add to it that after four years, he should know by now what your needs are and that he can trust you -- but you need stability for your kids' sakes and your own.

If he can't bring himself to make another trip to the altar, a trip to a lawyer's office might yield an agreement that meets your needs and his. However, if he refuses to consider it, then what you must do is move on.

DEAR ABBY: I attend a Bible study. The man who teaches it is very gifted, but he spends

more and more time on anecdotal stories about his past in the business world.

Some of us drive long distances to his class. When we broached the subject, he got an attitude. He told us to "suck it up and get used to it," which, needless to say, rudely closed the door on the conversation.

How can we get across to him that we LOVE his Bible teaching, but we don't want to hear all his backstory stuff, especially since many of us have heard these stories over and over? -- LOVES THE GOOD BOOK

DEAR LOVES: What this teacher has told you is that he has no inten-



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

tion of changing his routine.

Because his pattern doesn't entertain you and interferes with your enlightenment, as well as other members of the class, let those who are willing to tolerate his blather continue his Bible study and business course, while the rest of you move forward with another, less egotistical instructor.

DEAR ABBY: I have reached a place in life where I'm getting older and have more money than I need. My husband and I want to give to our nieces, nephews and

some cousins who we know are struggling financially. Do you have any suggestions on how to do this without being insulting?

Some of the nieces are quite well off, while others are a car repair away from not being able to pay their mortgage.

Giving the same amounts seems fair in one way, but their needs are very different.

Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

We are also giving to charities we support, but would like to be able to help family. -- HELPING OUR OWN

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR HELPING: This is something you should discuss with your financial adviser or your attorney.

Your reasoning is sound, but keep in mind that unequal bequests can be problematic for the recipients in the long run.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a column that listed tips to help people give up cigarettes. The tips came from the St. Helena Health Center in Deer Park, California.

I want you to know I did almost everything on the list and have finally given up smoking.

The reason I wanted to quit was because of my health. I have diabetes, and both of my grandparents died of lung cancer.

Since I quit, I can breathe better, and my diabetes is now under control. Thanks for providing some encouragement for those of us who needed it. -- Kimberly in Virginia

Dear Kimberly: Many readers appreciated the encouragement and wrote to say so. Here's more on the subject of smoking:

From Philadelphia: The column with tips for giving up cigarettes was good but not strong enough.

Robin Stoloff, a local South Jersey health reporter, said recently, "Cigarette smoking is responsible for 419,000 deaths per year in the United States.

It causes cancer, heart disease, emphysema, bronchitis, poor circulation, fatigue, smoker's cough,

and smelly hair, breath and clothes. It produces wrinkles and stained yellow teeth and fingers, and reduces your sense of smell and taste. And you don't get all this for free.

It actually costs you money; a pack-a-day habit is more than \$800 per year, two to three packs per day can run into the thousands."

Chicago: After two packs a day for 20 years, I decided to quit. I kept my resolution to myself so my friends wouldn't be asking me about it all the time.

Every time I lit a cigarette, I would put it down and turn on the water, wash, cook, whatever.

I soon realized I didn't crave the smoking -- only the habit of lighting up.

I put the saved money (70 cents a day) in the bank. I bought a new desk for my son's school. I bought a ticket to a ceremony honoring my anti-smoking uncle when he was named Man of the Year.

During a recent rainstorm, I remembered the times I used to go out in bad weather for a cigarette. Not smoking can be the greatest freedom you will ever know.

Lauderdale by the Sea,

Classic Ann Landers

Florida: I quit smoking years ago. I substituted thin-stick pretzels for cigarettes. It worked like a charm, and it feels simply wonderful to be free of that curse.

Chula Vista, California: Let me tell you my story about smoking. I was 62 years old and had smoked two packs a day for 40 years. I tried to quit over and over, but I failed every time.

Then, I had to go to the hospital for major surgery. When I was recuperating in the intensive-care unit, a doctor stood at the end of my bed and said, "This is Mrs. Blank, the EX-smoker." I have not touched a cigarette since, and it's been 18 years.

Tell the surgeons in your reading audience to take heed and give their patients this post-operative suggestion, which could be their greatest gift.

Coos Bay, Oregon: Twenty years ago, my wife and I visited our son in Utah. My wife was a heavy smoker. Our son told her,

"You have always said, 'My house, my rules.' Well, you are now in MY house, and the rule is no smoking, no way, no how. If you need to smoke, you can use this empty can as an ashtray and

go outside on the balcony."

My wife went out on the cold, snowy balcony but returned shortly in a semi-frozen state and didn't smoke the rest of the evening.

Two weeks later, we visited our other son in Nevada, and my wife got the same treatment. She ended up on their front porch with an empty soup can.

She was extremely angry with both of our

sons, but their toughness started her on the road to quitting. Today, she knows they did her a huge favor. She has lived smoke-free for the past 18 years.

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Antipasti Alfresco Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

With the warm weather slowly coming, I wanted to share my two favorite appetizers to make when friends come over. Both are mostly make ahead and both pack a flavor punch.

Roasted Tomato Crostini with Burrata Cheese

I learned the technique for these tomatoes back in college from my friend's Italian grandmother. She would slow cook them overnight. I sped up the process by cooking them at a much higher heat so the cooking time drops down by a lot.

The key is salting the tomatoes first so the moisture is drawn out when they cook. Also, you need to poke them with a fork every 20 mins or so, so the liquid can evaporate. It's never fun to bite into a tomato and have the juice shoot out across the room. Yes, that has happened before.

I make them the day before and let them sit in the marinade overnight. But you can also make them in the morning.

They keep in the fridge for at least a week. If my husband is reading this, yes I want everything in the picture, on loan from Atelier, (ateliergp.com) Mother's Day is right around the corner!

6 roma tomatoes, sliced in half

1 head of garlic, sliced in half

½ cup olive oil (plus 4 tbsps)

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

12 basil leaves

Fresh burrata cheese

12 baguette slices

Salt and Pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 375. Cut the head of garlic in half and put on a small sheet of aluminum foil to cover. Drizzle each half with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Close the foil tightly. Place on a large cookie sheet. On the same sheet, add tomato halves, ¼ cup olive oil and toss around.

Make sure the tomatoes are cut side up and sprinkle generously with salt. Place in the preheated oven for 1.5 hours. Make sure you poke the tomatoes with a fork every 20 minutes. After 45 minutes, take the garlic out and let cool. After another 45 minutes of cooking, take the tomatoes out. Transfer the tomatoes and cooking oil to a bowl with remaining olive oil and balsamic vinegar,

slightly browned. Place a basil leaf over the crostini followed by a tomato and small slice of creamy burrata. These go quick!

Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus

This dish is simple, flavorful and fast. It's always a winner and one of my favorites. It's best served at room temperature.

12 asparagus spears, bottoms trimmed

12 slices prosciutto

½ tsp each of salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 375.

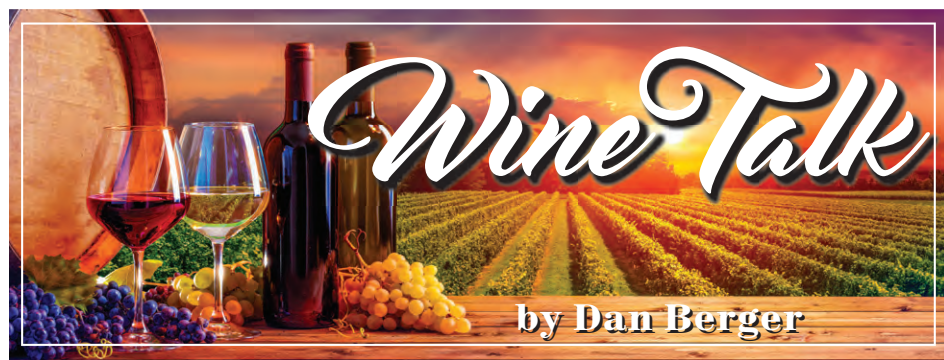


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Take the roasted garlic and squeeze the cloves over the tomatoes. Add a few grinds of pepper, cover and let sit for at least an hour.

When it's time to eat, broil lightly oiled baguette slices for about 30-60 seconds until

Toss the asparagus with the olive oil, salt and pepper. Wrap each spear with one slice of the prosciutto. Depending on the thickness of the asparagus, roast for 10-12 minutes. The asparagus should still be firm and bright green.



Why some wines are pricy

Most people assume that all expensive wines are very good and that the more expensive a wine is, the better it is. But in many cases, quality and price have nothing to do with each other. Price is based on many factors.

Before we purchase a car, we take a test drive. But even that often doesn't tell the whole story of whether the car is worth its price. You only learn that after you've driven it awhile.

People often buy pricy items that deliver less than expected, occasionally because of factors unrelated to quality.

Other factors affecting the price of various goods include styling (think of crystal perfume bottles and watches), image and intangibles such as color, advertising and perceived scarcity. As for color, puce isn't a popular sports car color.

It's true, of course, that some items cost more because the raw materials that went into their manufacture cost a lot more than normal. That certainly is the case with specialty wines from very small regions.

For instance, the famed La Romanee Vineyard in France's Burgundy district is one of the world's tiniest appellations, only 2.1 acres. After it gained fame for producing some of the world's finest red wines, demand for the limited number of bottles outstripped the vineyard's annual yield.

Needless to say, you can't get La Romanee Vineyard-quality fruit in an Iowa cornfield.

The more that buyers demand the real thing, the higher it rises in price. Demand is one of the main reasons that a wine might be expensive. If there are more buyers for a product than can satisfy demand, prices rise, often ludicrously.

Another reason a wine might be expensive is reputation. Say someone who supposedly knows something praises it with superlatives greater than those he attributes to similar wines. A 100-point score for a Napa Valley cabernet instantly pushes that wine's price up. That same gloss can last for years, even if later wines have flaws!

Scarcity works in other ways. If a cargo ship encounters problems, such as getting stuck in a canal, it affects far more than just the goods on board that vessel.

In the early 1980s, a shipment of red Burgundies on a cargo ship was mishandled and ruined. The importer got an insurance settlement and replaced the unsalvageable bottles with additional stocks from the French producer. But the second shipment was more expensive.

Another reason a wine might be expensive is the cost of the grapes producing it.

There's an old rule of thumb in the wine game: A bottle of wine should cost approximately 1% of the cost of the grapes that went into it. So, a cabernet from a prestigious area might be made from grapes selling for \$9,000 per ton.

That equates to a bottle price of \$90.

Since a ton of grapes produces about 750 bottles of wine, the winery is making a small fortune, right?

No, because it's really expensive to make fine wine. Factor in the cost of land, buildings, equipment, salaries for dozens of employees, marketing (at least 50% of the wine's retail price) and many other expenses that are hidden from consumers.

In some cases, \$90 for a bottle is barely enough to cover all of the costs associated with making it -- especially if only 250 cases are produced.

Then again, some producers are happy with mere pennies of profit per bottle on wines that, through economies of scale, can be sold at the rate of millions of cases a year.

Wine of the Week: 2017 Balletto Chardonnay, Russian River Valley (\$28) - Bright, citrusy fruit and a very delicate aroma of oak aging gives this wine the perfect complement of flavors and acids to pair with food or simply serve on a patio with cheeses and dips.

I have always felt that, based solely on quality, this wine would sell for a lot more than its often-discounted price.

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Local female retailers embrace big Mother's Day business boom

By Meg Blondin Leonard
Guest Writer

GROSSE POINTE – What a difference 12 months can make.

Just ask local business owners, many of whom are also moms, as they gear up for the Mother's Day rush. It marks the unofficial kickoff for a spring season of holidays, weddings and graduations that comes second in sales only to Christmas. With last year's Mother's Day landing in the thick of a worldwide shutdown due to COVID-19, retail stores saw sales flatten and owners had to re-invent new ways to reach and creatively serve their customers.

But business is looking up as this year's Mother's Day approaches Sunday, May 9, and retail shops, beauty bars and florists are connecting families to fun ways to gift moms and show their love and appreciation.

"Last Mother's Day was our hardest time as store owners," said Kasey Malley, co-owner of Small Favors, a gift store located in The Village. Entering 2021, the store not only is celebrating its 15th year in business, but also its new location, which Malley described as the store's "dream space."

Now, one year later, Malley said, "It's all about celebration here."

Malley credits the lightened mood for herself, her business partner Betsy Enders and their customers to "a new perspective from people wanting more celebration in their lives." She acknowledged customers are appreciating their ability to shop locally. "There's an 'Amazon culture' we combat, but the community has really shown up for us, especially this last year."

"We feel like the community has re-discovered us," Enders added.

Malley and Enders give their staff the day off to celebrate Mother's Day, while the two owners embrace a fun weekend of work as they get to play a part in helping dads and kids celebrate the moms in their lives.

To that end, Viviano Flower Shop in St. Clair Shores is welcoming the flood of Mother's Day customers. Floral Associate Courtney Duffy said the flower shop sees a

"huge jump" in business for the second Sunday in May.

"Our phones are ringing off the hook when it comes to Mother's Day," she said.

Whether it is through phone orders, kids coming in to buy a single flower for mom or dads with the request for "something big," Duffy said a bouquet of roses ranks as their top seller. She said people know flowers brighten someone's day and say, "I saw this and I thought of you. That's what makes it special."

Owner Katie Taylor of Taylor Reese, a boutique and beauty bar on The Hill, said her store took a huge hit last year for Mother's Day since the state closed all hair, nail and massage businesses until June 15. But this year, as she prepares to imminently deliver her third child — a baby boy due May 5 — she is happy to see her "lifestyle boutique" active with customers.

Gift cards tend to be the biggest seller, Taylor said, mostly because they can be used in both her first-floor retail store and second-floor beauty bar.

"We have kids who bring their friends, families and husbands all coming in. It's about 50-50 if the men know what to buy their wives or not. But we try to go above and beyond to help them pull together something any mom would love to get."



Lanna Young, owner of Savvy Chic in The Village, also is a mom who sees a boost in sales for Mother's Day, accounting for about 30 percent of store sales for the month. She said gift cards and jewelry are the big sellers. She also keeps the store open on the actual holiday so moms can shop or spend their gift cards.

"We get lots of moms and their daughters coming in to shop after a Mother's Day brunch. We love being a part of the day's celebration."

While families seek many traditional gifts for Mom, many are turning to new ideas that help incorporate health and wellness. Rhythm and Blue Juice Company, which opened a new retail location on Mack and Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe on March 31, is just the ticket.



Owner Rachael Frevik, a mother of two boys herself, was fortunate enough to not have to re-invent her business during COVID. The cold-pressed juice company has offered complimentary delivery since it started two years ago. But now with the retail store, patrons can come in to purchase gift cards, gift sets or choose from the nearly 60 varieties of fresh lemonades, almond milks, wellness shots or juices, including tasty mixers for cocktails.

"We have a delicious juice that doubles as a mixer that's made with pineapple, orange and strawberry," Frevik said. Add some champagne or prosecco and, "we call it our Groove Mimosa."

The juice company also sells gift sets with different juices, complete with a matching facial treatment to pamper your skin.

While the uptick in business makes it a challenge for moms running companies to take time off to celebrate, including Frevik, she's not complaining. With Sundays being a huge portion of her weekly 28-hour shift to make the fresh juices, she noted, "I don't really remember Mother's Day last year. It was such a whirlwind."

"But I started this business because I believed in it. I'm sure my sweet boys will do something for me, but right now we are embracing the chaos."

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Local folks share their Mother's Day thoughts about the moms of all kinds that brighten their lives.

"My mom is always willing to lend a hand whether it's at home, at church, or for one of her neighbors. I'm so lucky to have such a loving and caring mom that I get to look up to. I love you!"

- Angela Dusina

"Everything I am, you helped me to be. Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful, loving, fun, beautiful, patient, and inspiring mom! We love you to the moon and back. XOXO."

- Ellie, Frankie, Tommy and Giovanni Thams

"She's not really my mother. More of a something other. A special friend, a confidant, a good morning coffee, sometimes with croissants. She's a late night FaceTime, a morning Zillow check; only when there isn't an estate sale to inspect. A mom I'm not related to, but I love her lots, I promise you!"

- Wade Kogler

"My mother is my sunshine and truth. She provides me with light and love to guide me and keep me safe. Her voice soothes me and always can help shift a cloudy day into sunshine."

- Laura P.

"Thank you so much, Sakina Althahabe: You are the best Mom in the world."

- Love Zayn and Layla

To Patricia Schultz: "Your endless love and support is everything, thank you for always being there for me. Hope your Mother's Day is just ducky!"

- Love you tons, Mary XOXO

"My mom is amazing. She visits my Grammo, her 92 year old mother, every day at her window at The Rivers with our dog Louie. Most of the time she brings treats, magazines, plants or flowers for Grammo and the staff...She is the best daughter and I'm proud to call her my mom."

- Clare Conway Hayner

Brunch for mom



By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

The Jagged Fork invites customers to celebrate Mother's Day with them Sunday, May 9. The local brunch spot in Grosse Pointe Farms will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. serving families on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to seat as many tables as possible throughout the day, while still following the governor's limited capacity orders, the restaurant will operate on a limited menu and will not be taking reservations for the day.

General manager of the restaurant, Rachel Havens, said mothers can expect a special Mother's Day cocktail available all day long for the celebration.

The Jagged Fork is located at 18480 Mack Ave. The Mother's Day menu will be available on the restaurant's website one week before the holiday at thejaggedfork.com.

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Thoughtful Maire Elementary kindergartners (from left) Anna Sczygielski, Christian Fosse and Delaney Cameron with their nice, original "forever bouquet" drawings for their moms, which they will paint in watercolor and put inside a handmade Mother's Day card they've also created.

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MOVIE REVIEW
“Growing Up Smith”
 2015 - 1hr 42min

An offbeat and upbeat coming-of-age story as told by a young Indian American boy.

If you think 10 is an awkward age, imagine what life would be like saddled with a first name like Smith. That’s what the lead character’s parents decided to name him, thinking it was All-American and would help him fit in better.

The movie takes place in small town in Middle America in the late 1970s. Smith tells us right off that there were two great loves in his life—the bride in India he’s been committed to since he was three, and his neighbor Amy.

As the story unfolds, we learn that his older sister also has an arranged marriage in the works. However, as you’d expect, she’s secretly seeing a local boy, under the guise of studying with her girlfriend.

Of course, Smith is picked on mercilessly by the kids at school. But the consistent confrontations never get too serious.

The story is told in a lighthearted manner, and there are several hilarious bits in the movie.

Smith’s dad is quite a

character. He’s moved his family to pursue the American Dream and desperately tries to fit in. It’s especially amusing the way he butchers the language. For example, he calls barbecuing “the metal grilling contest”. I find it fun just hearing the musicality of Indian English.



I wasn’t sure what to expect when I started the movie, but it turned out to be lively and unpredictable.

The actors were perfectly cast and while the story was a bit different, it was just this side of being campy.

One thing I noticed was the attention to details regarding the time period. I grew up in the 1970s and I must say, he sure nailed it! The cars. The home décor. The clothes. You name it, he got it right.

If you’re looking for a film the whole family will enjoy, I highly recommend this one. Streaming on Kanopy.com.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad,

you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ 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.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

Lincoln Aviator Grand Touring among Autotrader’s best electric cars for 2021

DEARBORN, Mich.,— Lincoln Aviator, already heralded for its effortless power and capability, aviation-inspired design and serene cabin, adds a new award to its trophy case today. The Aviator Grand Touring



plug-in hybrid is one of Autotrader’s 10 Best Electric Cars for 2021.

“The Lincoln Aviator is a gold standard when it comes to plug-in hybrids,” said Brian Moody, executive editor for Autotrader. “With an EPA-estimated all-electric range of 21 miles*, it

performs well and accomplishes most daily tasks without ever needing the gasoline engine. “The Aviator Grand Touring also hits the mark when it comes to two things electric vehicle buyers seem to want more and more — luxury and performance,” he added. “The Aviator Grand Touring is an

unbelievably quick SUV and, like all Lincolns, the interior and exterior are crafted to a higher standard than other luxury SUVs.”

Autotrader highlights Aviator Grand Touring’s impressive driving performance and its plug-in hybrid powertrain generating 494 horsepower and 630 lb.-ft. of torque. As a three-row midsize SUV, the Aviator offers a spacious cabin with signature features that offer the entire family a quiet and comfortable sanctuary.



The Lincoln Aviator Grand Touring is a plug-in hybrid midsize luxury SUV. This stylish and upscale 3-row crossover has plenty of room to transport the family in a quiet and comfortable sanctuary. It can also be a blast for the driver thanks to its PHEV powertrain, making 494 horsepower and 630 lb-ft of torque. The trade-off is that it sacrifices efficiency for performance, but it does manage an all-electric range of up to 21 miles.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 29, 2021:

Steady, confident and helpful, you’ve come to realize that making positive changes will open doors. This year, you need to protect yourself from self-doubt and excess humility. A deeper involvement in your community will lift your spirits. If single, an exotic type will catch your eye and win your heart. If attached, make sure you and your partner are on the same page. LEO shows you how to have fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Teach a colleague something that gives you both a sense of mastery. Sharing what you know with someone you respect makes you more confident in your abilities. You’ll feel deeply satisfied after an intellectual conversation. Tonight: Imagine your fantasy vacation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Dig deeper into a conversation, and you’ll get past the superficial level in your relationship. Ask questions that show your need to understand. Friends and lovers appreciate feeling as though you really want to hear them. Tonight: Practice an instrument.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Make a fun experience much more memorable by sharing it with your life partner or your best friend. Try to stay focused on being in the moment with just that one other person. Avoid distractions. Tonight: Share a deep secret.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Keep an eye on your email and news feeds. A message or story that touches your heart will make your day. Get in touch with old neighbors and find out how they’re doing. You’ll make them smile. Tonight: Gathering after dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Buy an item you’ve been ogling for some time. Quality means more to you than anything, so don’t settle for less than the top of the line. Someone who loves you might offer a gift of appreciation. Tonight: Quiet moments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Dig into physical exercise that makes you feel awake and alive. Eating right helps you keep your body running at its best. Treat yourself to healthy habits that improve every facet of your life. Tonight: Crossword puzzle or word game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Don’t even try to contain your high spirits today. Plans for a future party or even a delicious date will fuel your cheerful, generous attitude. Don’t push a friend into a social circle. Tonight: Make your own fun at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Home and family attract your attention now. Call a lonely relative or friend. Your voice will make them light up. Buy a colorful pillow or throw rug to bring warm weather joy into your home. Tonight: Get cozy on the couch.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 A needy friend could reach out for help. Avoid getting dragged into someone else’s drama since it is not the first time. Focus on what you want and treat yourself to it. Make today all about you. Tonight: Get a massage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Retreat from a social obligation that just seems like too much noise. You’ll get much more out of alone time. Meditate and relax. When you rest your mind, inspiring ideas bubble up. Take good notes. Tonight: Listen to soft music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Seek out friends who share your passions. Whether it’s just for fun or in support of a meaningful purpose, gathering with a group makes it even better. Be ready for a lucky break. Tonight: Watch a comedy special.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 It’s definitely time for your moment in the spotlight. Humble to a fault, you don’t always like to take credit for your good deeds. This time it’s definitely different. Let influential individuals see what you can do. Tonight: Update your professional profile.

BORN TODAY
 Comedian Jerry Seinfeld (1954), actress Uma Thurman (1970), football player Jay Cutler (1983).

Contract Bridge

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West dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
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 ♦ 10 9 7 2
 ♣ A 7 6 4
WEST
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 ♣ Q J 9 5 3 2
SOUTH
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 ♥ 9 8 7
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The bidding:
West Pass
North Pass
East 1♥
South Dble
West 2♥
North Dble
East 3♦(!)
South Dble
West Pass
North Pass
East 4♥
South 4♣
 Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Good bidding often finds its reward during the play. Here is an unusual case where East-West cooperated perfectly in both the bidding and play to defeat four spades.

After East opened with one heart, South doubled, West bid two hearts, and North doubled. In the partnership’s style, North’s double in this

sequence was “responsive,” asking his partner to choose a suit.

East thereupon made the key bid of three diamonds. He realized — both from the strong bidding by North-South and from West’s two-heart bid denoting a relatively weak hand — that his opponents had the balance of power. East therefore bid three diamonds in an effort to pave the way to the best defense.

One round later, four spades became the final contract. West led a diamond — the suit his partner had bid secondarily — and this proved to be the only way to score four tricks. East ruffed and, mindful of his partner’s raise in hearts, underled his A-K-Q in order to put West back on lead. West won with the jack and played a second diamond for East to ruff.

East shifted to the queen of clubs, which did declarer no harm, but South still had to lose a diamond to West’s king and so finished down one. It was a bitter pill for North-South to swallow, and it was made all the more so by the knowledge that five diamonds was cold against any defense.

However, what’s bad for one side is usually good for the other, and East-West had every right to congratulate themselves on a first-rate performance.

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by Steve Becker

Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

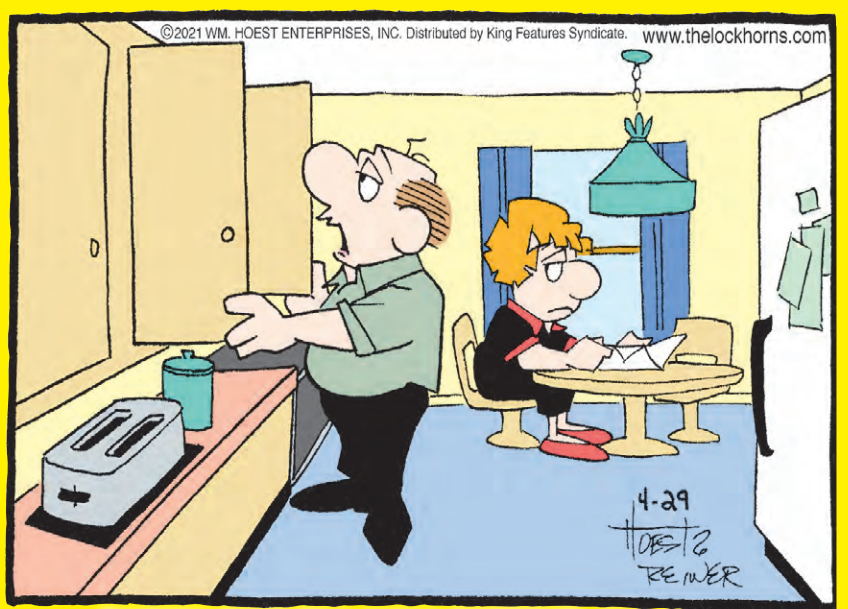


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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

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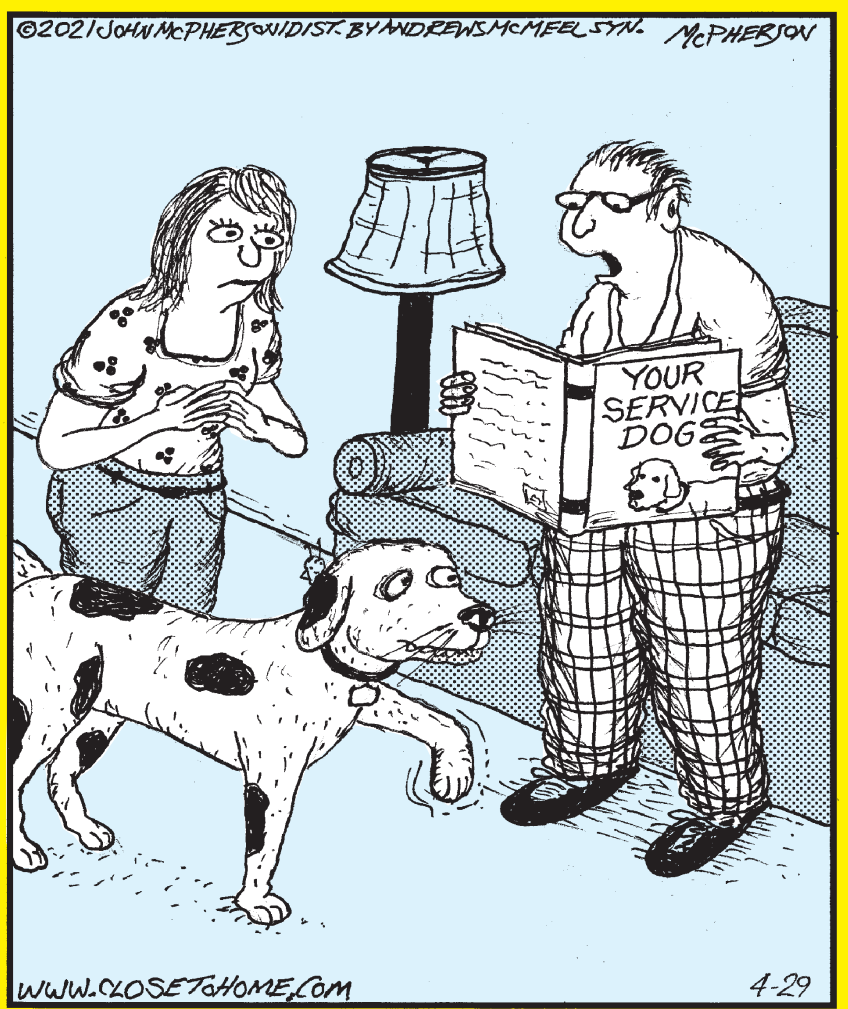
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Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



Close To Home

John McPherson



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



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Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

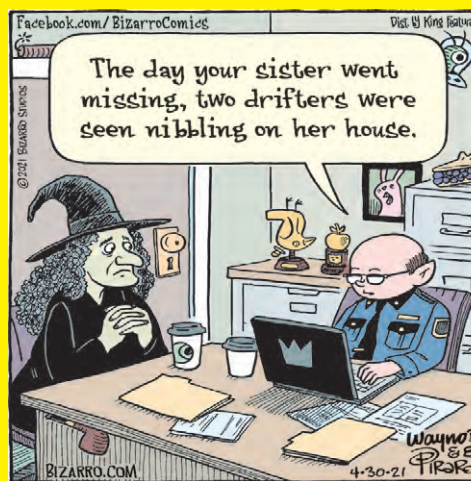


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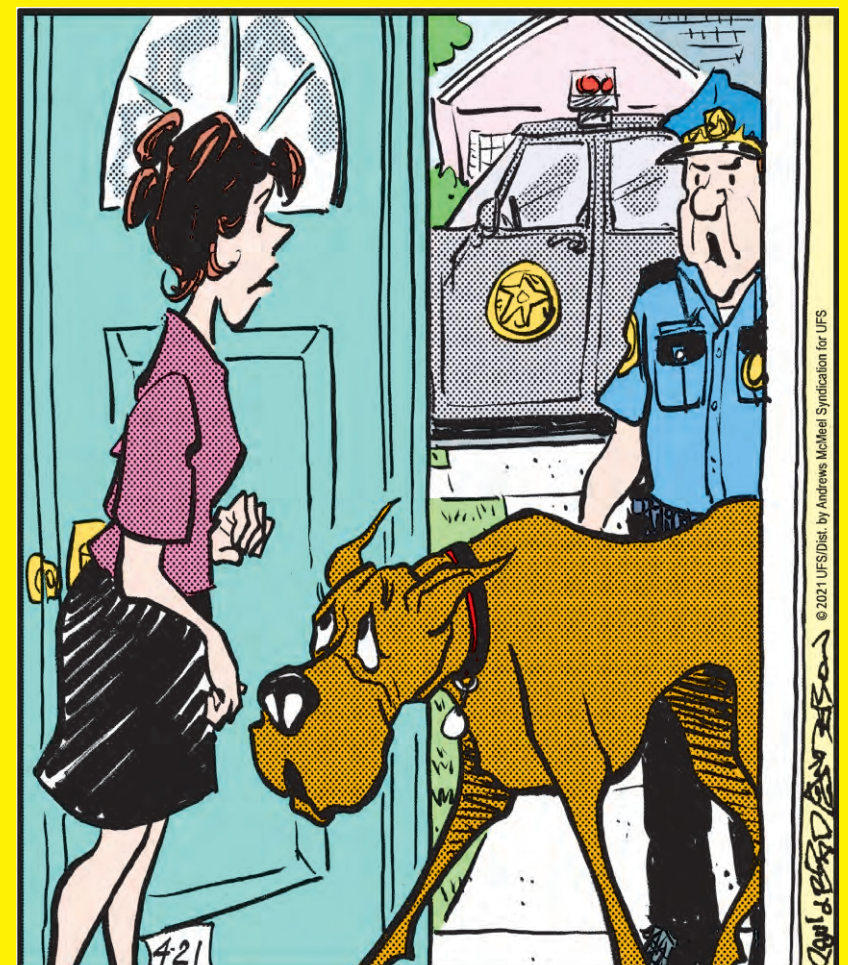
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"He walked into our station and ate all the donuts."

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South baseball resumes season after pause

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils baseball team made its long-awaited return to the diamond last week, playing its first games since opening day April 3. Kicking the season back off with four games over five days, the Blue Devils were able to earn three key victories when jumping straight into MAC league play.

The Blue Devils returned to action Thursday with a MAC league game against Sterling Heights Stevenson. Traveling on the road for its first game in nearly three weeks, South did not look rusty one bit and

earned a huge 12-1 victory over the Titans.

"That's your main concern. Obviously we only had one day to practice and then went right into it, but we did everything like we've been playing for a long time," South coach Dan Griesbaum said. "Pitching was good and hitting was good and we beat a pretty good team."

The bats were hot for the Blue Devils in the big win and the offense was widely spread out. Jacob Harris, Ryker Mazey and Ben Domzalski brought in two RBI each, with Alex Tiggs, Wells Graham and Will White recording an RBI each as well.

"They always say hitting is infectious and it

really is," Griesbaum said. "We had a very good day, especially for not playing for over 14 days."

Quentin Dennis started on the mound, tossing four innings and allowing one run on eight hits. Chase Mazey threw one shutout inning of relief.

South turned right around for a double-header meeting Friday with Henry Ford II. Playing under the lights at Utica's Jimmy John's Field, the Blue Devils split the evening's games, earning an 8-6 win followed by a 12-5 loss.

The offense once again was spread out for the Blue Devils in the game one victory, with six players record-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Chase Mazey on the mound for South during Monday's win against Romeo.

ing at least one RBI, led by Josh Kahn with two. Cameron Braithwaite led South's bats, bringing in two runs with a single in the sixth inning of the second game.

Monday night saw South finally return to its home diamond, this time for another MAC showdown with Romeo. One big inning was all it took for the Blue Devils to take control and end up with a 12-6 win.

That big inning was the third, where South

entered trailing the Bulldogs 3-1, but scratched across 10 runs in the third frame and never looked back. An RBI double by Graham kick-started South's big third inning, followed by a two-run homerun by Ryker Mazey that would put the Blue Devils in front for good.

"It's a confidence booster by all means," Griesbaum said. "... It's definitely a great way to start the league season."

Mazey and Graham finished Monday's game with a combined six RBI, while Liam Kaiser, River Kraus and Nate Stiyer batted in a pair of runs each.

The Blue Devils travel to face Romeo again Wednesday before hosting the Bulldogs for a third meeting Thursday. Later in the week, South hosts Stevenson Friday and then has a meeting with the Lakeshore Lancers under the lights Saturday at Comerica Park.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

JT Ricci finished opening day with two hits and an RBI for the Padres.

Farms-City Little League season begins

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A slightly chilly, but clear spring evening Thursday provided near-perfect conditions for the start of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League baseball season. Players, coaches and families could feel the teams' excitement to get back on the diamond. Even with extra precautions in place, Little League baseball in the spring was a welcome breath of fresh air.

"Everybody seemed to take all the necessary precautions that we required based on the world we live in and

everyone was adhering to those and just happy to be on the field with friends and classmates and parents able to see each other," Farms-City Little League President Jay Ricci said.

"We have games all this week throughout the entire week and if they haven't started yet, they can't wait. ... Just one hundred percent really excited to be playing," he added.

The opening games at Kerby Field consisted of the Dodgers taking on the Padres and the Cubs facing off against the Red Sox.

The Dodgers defeated the Padres 5-3 to open the season with a win.

Drew Hess started on the mound for the Dodgers, pitching three innings and being awarded the win. Padres starter Henry Danielewicz pitched three innings and allowed no runs.

On the offensive side, Charlie McPartlin came up big for the Dodgers with a double. The Padres offense was led by JT Ricci, who finished with two hits and knocked in an RBI.

The other opening day game saw the Cubs victorious over the Red Sox 7-4. Cubs starting pitcher Charlie Michelotti pitched over five innings in the victory.

North boys lacrosse sees improvement, first win

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys varsity lacrosse team saw improvement last week playing three games and earning its first win. The team battled until the end in a home match against the L'Anse Creuse Lancers on April 22. The final score of the game was 10-7 in the Lancers' favor, but the Norsemen saw numerous scoring chances.

The Norsemen made all of their goals in the first half of the game,

heading into intermission 8-7 with the Lancers in the lead.

In the second half it appeared the Lancers stepped up their physicality, putting more defensive pressure on the Norsemen and taking control of the ball. The Lancers scored two more goals on the Norsemen and allowed none, aside from a North goal that was called off due to a man in the crease.

"L'Anse Creuse played a really good game and they have some good shooters that were firing

on all cylinders," Grosse Pointe North head coach Mark Seppala said. "We've got a young team that is still learning the game and our inexperienced guys are playing a lot of time."

Seppala explained that on one hand, the new players are making a lot of mistakes, but these are great learning opportunities for them to build upon.

Grosse Pointe North goals were scored by junior captains Mitchell Mills (5) and Jason Michalski (2). Michalski also earned four assists,

in addition to an assist by Massimo Todesco.

Feeling frustrated after a losing streak, the Norsemen took the field again Saturday, April 24, against Chippewa Valley and earned their first win of the season. The final score of the game was 15-12.

"This was definitely the best example of us playing the game we want to play," Seppala said. "Our defense and offense were doing their jobs. Our clears and rides were a lot better than they have been. This is something we

can build on."

North goals were scored by Mills (7), Chase Reinhard (3), Michalski (2), Evan Heimberger (2) and Todesco (1). Assists were earned by Mills (3), Reinhard (3) and Asher Fuchs (1).

"The guys are excited for a win and the coaches are happy that we are following the game plan," Seppala said. "We are also seeing excellent leadership from our captains, Mills and Michalski. Both being experienced players, a lot of guys in their posi-

tion could get frustrated, but they've been great about being mentors to the younger guys. I'm proud of the way they are approaching the season. They are along for the ride and they are leaders."

Heading into league games, Seppala hopes to improve the team's field awareness, patience and overall conditioning.

"As our skills grow, so does our understanding of the game," Seppala said. "Obviously, the more we control the ball, the more opportunities we will have to score."

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Big performers help Norsemen earn key wins

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After dropping consecutive games to division rival St. Clair early last week, the Grosse Pointe North baseball team knew it had to refocus to make sure to not drop three straight division games. That was when Norsemen head coach David Martin brought his squad together to work through the short slump, leading them to collect a few victories.

"We had a little sit down with the team and redirected some things to get done and the last couple of games we've been playing where I know our ball club should be at," Martin said.

North turned to Nic Good when it needed a crucial win in Thursday's showdown against St. Clair. The senior did not disappoint on the mound. Allowing just one run on

two hits and striking out 16 batters, Good's performance propelled the Norsemen to a 5-1 victory.

"He did a tremendous job," Martin said. "It was the old Nic Good that I know — lots of command of the strike zone and pounding the strike zone. ... (He) just pitched a gem of a game all around."

Next up, the Norsemen hosted Grand Blanc Saturday in a highly anticipated ranked matchup. Big performances on the mound and at the plate helped the Norsemen earn a dominant 15-4 win over one of the top 15 teams in the state, which Martin believes was a testament to his team's toughness facing a tough schedule.

"I think we have the toughest high school baseball schedule of any team in the state," he said. "... We went into

Grand Blanc and we just unleashed with great pitching performances."

Freshman Brennan Hill and sophomore Jordan Arsenau combined for 13 strikeouts on the mound for North in the win. Hill also contributed at the plate by kicking off the Norsemen's big offensive performance with a homerun in the first inning. "He's only 14 years old. The kid is a freshman, but he's a young freshman too," Martin said. "Think about him being 14 and competing at that level in the upper echelon of high school baseball teams in the state; for him to be 2-0 on the year as a 14-year-old pitching at the division one level against ranked teams, he did a tremendous job."

The Norsemen capped off the week of competition with a 5-2 home win over L'Anse Creuse.

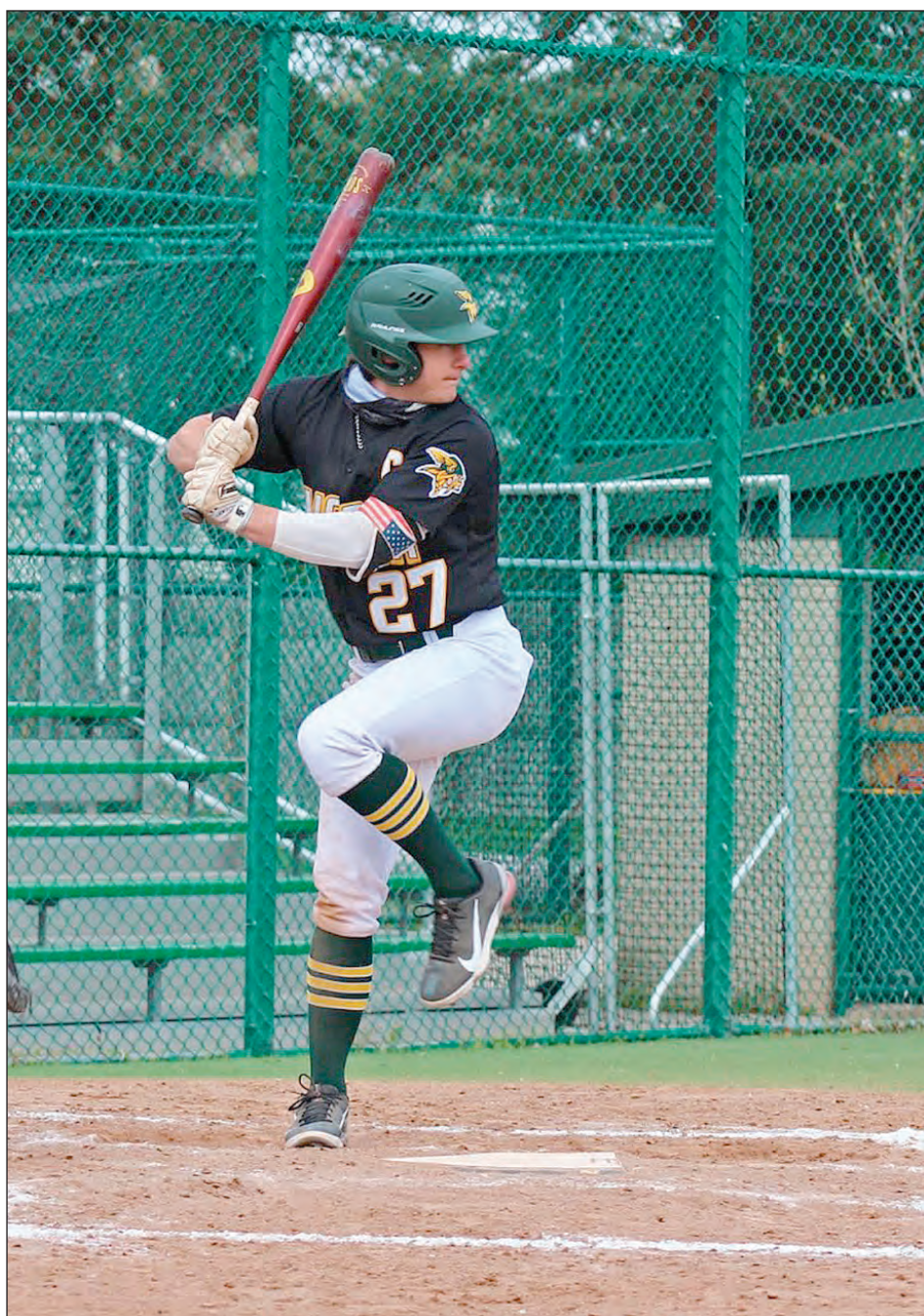


PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Nic Good at the plate for the Norsemen in their Monday afternoon win over L'Anse Creuse.

Red hot Knights keep on winning

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team has been tearing up the competition the last couple of weeks. Moving through its schedule of CHSL league play, Liggett added four more victories to its record, extending the current win streak to 12 games.

"Our pitching has been really, really good," Knights coach Dan Cimini said. "We're not walking guys. We're pounding the strike zone. Especially in a league with 2-3 ball, you've got to throw strikes and we've done a great

job of that. That's the key to it all. We play great defense and throw



Kurt Barr had 15 Ks while tossing a complete game shutout against Lutheran North.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

strikes."

The Knights swept two doubleheaders the past

week to add to the win total. The first wins came against Ann Arbor

Gabriel Richard. Matthew Belcrest pitched a complete game in the first outing, a 3-1 victory, and struck out 12 batters, allowing just one run on two hits.

The second victory over Gabriel Richard was 4-2, with Belcrest coming in to pitch relief after Michael Clark's nine strikeout starting performance. Reggie Sharpe led the offense for the Knights in game two, bringing in two RBI on a double in the fifth inning.

Liggett's pitching and defensive prowess were on full display during its Saturday doubleheader against Lutheran North. Led by the pitching of Kurt Barr in game one, the Knights captured an 8-0 win.

"We knew they were going to come in with their top pitchers, but I think we just pitched super well and I don't care who we were playing, no one was going to hit Kurt that day," Cimini said.

Barr contributed to the Knights' streak of outstanding pitching perfor-

mances by tossing a complete game shutout. Through seven innings, he allowed just three hits and struck out 15 Lutheran North hitters. Oliver Service and Joey Randazzo contributed in a big way to Liggett's offense in the first win with a pair of RBI each.

Saturday's second

death defensively to from Jack Jones. Jones struck out four batters and allowed just three hits through the seven innings.

With his team's winning streak continuing, Cimini is preaching to his squad that consistency is key.

"We drill ourselves to

"Especially in a league with 2-3 ball, you've got to throw strikes and we've done a great job of that. That's the key to it all. We play great defense and throw strikes."

DAN CIMINI
Knights head coach

game was a bit more tightly contested, but another shutout victory for the Knights as they got the 3-0 win. Barr recorded an RBI single in the sixth inning after his impressive mound performance earlier in the day.

Liggett's pitching secured another complete game shutout in the second outing, this time

make sure that we are consistent and are going to make the plays," he said. "Everybody expects to make every single play. It's not going to happen every single time, but that's what our expectations are."

The Knights host Portage Northern in a doubleheader Friday and face Riverview Gabriel Richard next Tuesday.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY MAY 17, 2021, 7:00 PM

Due the current State of Emergency and to minimize the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held electronically via Zoom.

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO: ARTICLE VI. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 7. – C-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; ARTICLE V. PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY; SECTION 90-351. SCHEDULE; AND SECTION 90-3. DEFINITIONS.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider text amendments to CHAPTER 90 – ZONING of the City of Grosse Pointe Ordinances for the sections listed in this notice to update the zoning on Mack Avenue to align with the City's Master Plan and recently completed Phase II Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan. The proposed amendments would alter the provisions of the ordinance to permit a greater mix of uses in the C-1 District, allow for a higher density of uses, add development standards to ensure high-quality, pedestrian-oriented design, and modernize parking standards.

Said hearing will be held virtually. Information regarding the meeting location and how to attend a virtual meeting, can be found on the City's website or by calling 313-885-5800.

The proposed text amendments may be viewed at City Hall located at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, at least 15 days prior to the public hearing date.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on May 17, 2021. Public comments can be submitted to City Hall by mail or by using the City drop box, or sent via email to jarthurs@grossepointecity.org. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk



PHOTO COURTESY OF SORIN KOSZYK

Sorin Koszyk and his team from Penn AC Rowing will compete in a final Olympic qualifier event next month in Switzerland. From left, Sorin Koszyk, Finn Putnam, Justin Keen, Charles Anderson.

Olympic dreams within reach for Park native

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After last year's delay, the 2020 Olympics are now just a few short months away. As summer nears, athletes are making their final pushes to earn the right to compete in Tokyo. Among them is Grosse Pointe South alumnus Sorin Koszyk, whose rowing team is vying to represent the United States at the Games.

Koszyk and his team from the Philadelphia-based Penn AC Rowing Association placed first in the quad category at the U.S. Olympic trials earlier this month in New Jersey. The victory

earned Koszyk's team the right to represent the U.S. at the World Rowing Final Olympic Qualification in May in Lucerne, Switzerland. Making it this far, Koszyk is proud to see all the hard work pay off.

"It was probably one of the best feelings I've ever had," he said. "I've been trying to make a U.S. team for a while at different levels. ... It was really awesome to make a team for the first time. I was super excited and it meant a lot to the people in Philadelphia around the boathouse area."

Koszyk ended up with Penn AC Rowing after

graduating from Cornell University in 2020. He began rowing in high school while attending South, then continued to row in college where he helped Cornell's crew team to a 2017 Ivy League championship and was an IRA national champion in 2017 and 2019.

After a successful college career in Ithaca, N.Y., the Grosse Pointe Park native decided to give a future in rowing a try; Penn AC has been the perfect fit for Koszyk's competitive spirit.

"I want to pursue this seriously after school and if I want to do it, I have to go somewhere

that's all in," Koszyk said.

Penn AC has a long history of rowing success, with former teams and coaches making it to the Olympic stage. The success of Koszyk's team has helped bring some of that nostalgia of success back to Philadelphia's strong rowing community.

The upcoming competition in Switzerland is the last effort for the U.S. to be represented in rowing at the Tokyo Olympics, but Koszyk and his team had to persevere through tough competition to make it this far.

"We were going up against a boat from the

U.S. training center. ... That's usually the best athletes from around the country," Koszyk said. "We ended up beating them and they were definitely a lot bigger and stronger than we were, but it was very cool to be able to overcome that obstacle and show that we're greater than the sum of our parts."

Being able to represent one's country at the Olympics is something countless athletes dream of, but it's now within reach for Koszyk and his team.

"It didn't even seem real," Koszyk said about winning the U.S. Olympic trials. "I came to the club expecting it

to be maybe four years down the line I'd make the top boat and go to a world championship or something. I didn't think I'd be in this position now, so going to the final qualifier and actually securing a spot to Tokyo would be pretty surreal."

Koszyk and his team from Penn AC Rowing currently are training before heading to Switzerland for the World Rowing Final Olympic Qualification Regatta, which takes place May 15 to 17. To help support their journey, visit the Penn AC Go Fund Me page online.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Senior captain Miles Wujek was on fire with five goals for the Blue Devils in a blowout win over St. Mary Catholic Central.

Adams, Wujek lead Blue Devils in dominant win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South's boys lacrosse team took the field Saturday looking for its third win of the season. Taking on St. Mary Catholic Central, the Blue Devils were firmly in control from start to finish, improving to 3-1 on the season with a 20-2 win.

Sophomore Griffin Adams opened the scoring for the Blue Devils with his first of four goals on the afternoon to give South an early lead. Helped by a first

quarter hat trick from senior attack and captain Miles Wujek, the Blue Devils led 7-1 after the first 12 minutes, with Alek Lukacs netting one of the two goals St. Mary Catholic Central was able to manage.

Another goal from Adams, along with goals from Brian Fraser, Thomas Smith and John Hanigan, brought South's lead to 11-1 going into halftime.

The second half saw St. Mary Catholic Central add one more goal courtesy of junior Blake Birkenhies. South,

however, would continue its offensive showcase.

Wujek found the back of the net two more times in the second half, bringing his total to a game-leading five. Fraser, Smith and Hanigan also each added their second tallies of the game in the second half. Seniors Ryan Warezak and Marc Rittner also scored.

The Blue Devils take on Romeo Wednesday before visiting Grosse Pointe North for a cross-town rivalry matchup Thursday night.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 5, 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 15, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held February 18, 2021, the Board of Review meeting held March 8, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held on March 24, 2021.
- 2) To schedule a public hearing on April 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the continuation of a Special Assessment District and further to schedule a second public hearing on May 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the effect of the Special Assessment on the tax roll, and further that the City Clerk publish a notice of these in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) To add to the agenda the termination of City Manager's contract .
- 4) To terminate the City Manager's contract
- 5) To table the termination of the City Managers contract
- 6) To amend the Transformative and Restorative Justice Resolution
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121687 through 121783 in the amount of \$1,244,261.64 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment in the amount of \$7,114.50 to Drive Creative Services, LLC for the production of the April/June Newsletter and for promotional items for the water application giveaway (3)approve the quote submitted by Badger Meter in the amount of \$32,858.08 for the purchase of 156 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters with reimbursement from the Distressed Cities grant. (4)approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of April 2021.(5)approve payment to BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$67,800.01 for the principal and interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond. (6)to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$5,282.00 for the emergency road repair following a water main repair on Vernier Road. (7)to approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$9,376.91 for the purchase of 4,998 gallons of unleaded fuel at a cost of \$1.86 per gallon. (8) approve payment in the amount of \$14,305.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main break repairs and snow plowing services. (9)approve payment in the amount of \$7,287.00 to Pointe Alarm LLC in the amount of \$7,287.00 for the installation of additional security equipment in various areas of City Hall.
- 2) to accept the proposal dated March 16, 2021 submitted by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. for their professional services for the EPA mandates, the Risk and Resilience Assessment in the amount of \$11,425.00 and for the Emergency Response Plan Update in the amount of \$8,500.00, and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 3) to approve the request from applicant Cynthia Ivary of Arkinetics to rezone Parcel #42-012-01-0063-0000, Part of Lots 63 to 74, also part of lots 82 and 83 and vacated alleys of "obenaueur-Barber-Laing Co's Lafayette Subdivision," beginning at the intersection of the North line of Vernier Road and the West line of Beaconsfield Avenue from C-2, Special Business District, to C-1, General Business District.
- 4) to approve the request submitted by Cynthia Ivary on behalf of Hass Charara, franchisee of Tim Hortons, to demolish and construct a new restaurant with two drive through lanes at 19353 Vernier Road pursuant to the Planning Commission's recommendation subject to the conditions as provided.
- 5) to accept the proposal dated March 30, 2021 submitted by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and also provide engineering, administration and inspection services for the improvements to the Basketball Court at Salter Park in the amount of \$41,920.00.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Equestrian rider collecting trophies, titles

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Hollin Sutherland, a Grosse Pointe Farms native and University Liggett School student, has become one of the most successful young equestrian riders in the country after just a few short years of competing.

Sutherland's love for the sport was born out of curiosity. While attending Liggett, she would pass by the Grosse Pointe Hunt

Club, now known as Grosse Pointe Equestrian, and a simple phone call helped kick start her career.

"I would always drive by on my way home and it was always something that I was kind of interested in," Sutherland said. "We just called one day and I started riding and then I really got into it about four years ago"

Sutherland now owns four horses and splits her time between Michigan and Florida,



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY

Sutherland with her horses Bozeman and Red Drum. She won Circuit Championships with both horses at this year's Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Fla.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY

Sutherland jumping on her horse Bozeman.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2021-2022 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.

The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$ 363,600
General Government	1,802,200
Public Safety	5,630,130
Public Works	2,302,400
Parks & Recreation	1,527,520
Other Functions	2,973,500
Contingency	51,500
Transfer - Other Funds	2,497,100
Total	\$ 17,147,950
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 3,233,700
Licenses & Permits	459,850
State Grants	12,000
State-Shared Revenue	909,000
Charges for Service	1,722,800
Fines/Forfeitures	302,500
Interest Income	25,000
Other Revenue	183,100
Fund Balance Appropriation	300,000
Total	\$ 17,147,950

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

DERRICK KOZICKI

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Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

all while attending Liggett through virtual learning. Some might wonder why the need for four horses, but each one serves a different and important purpose.

"I have four horses of my own and I've gotten them over the past five years," Sutherland said. "I have four because there's different heights that you can do the different heights."

Specializing in hunter-jumper riding,

Sutherland has claimed several titles in recent months alone. Winner of the Stewart Warner Cup and the USHJA National and Midwestern championships, Sutherland is collecting trophies and awards regularly.

Currently competing in Florida, Sutherland recently won the Circuit Championship and Capital Challenge. All of these titles, however, would not be possible without dedication and hard work, which Sutherland certainly

offers.

"I ride six days a week and when I'm not riding, I'm still going to see the horses and feed them and just take care of them," she said. "That's the main reason why I like riding. It's so different. Even when you're not practicing, you're still going to take care of the horses."

That bond between the rider and the horse makes equestrian a unique sport. Sutherland takes special pride in building that bond, knowing it is

crucial to success.

"It's just so different because the horses need to trust you," she said. "It takes a lot of going there and you just need to be with them and putting in the hours riding. It's nice to see in the end that they do trust you and can take you around the ring."

Sutherland graduates from Liggett as part of the class of 2022. For the future, she thinks she most likely will continue to ride and compete in college.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Emily Peacock pitched a complete game for the Blue Devils against West Bloomfield.

Blue Devils add two to win column

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South softball team hosted the Blue Devil Invitational Saturday and was able to snatch a couple of victories thanks to big performances at the plate. While hosting Lincoln Park and West Bloomfield, the Blue Devils brought in a total of 28 runs in two blow-out wins.

Saturday's first game saw South take a dominant 15-1 victory over

Lincoln Park. Ellie Budziak led the Blue Devils' explosive offensive, bringing in five RBI on three hits. Liv Livingstone was close behind, driving in four RBI, including an impressive three-run, inside-the-park homerun, while Lily Stidham drove in a pair of runs as well.

Stidham also got the start on the mound in game one, allowing one run and striking out one batter through three innings. Caroline Gallagher came on for one inning of relief and

allowed just one hit and one walk.

The second game of the day was another big win for the Blue Devils, this time 13-4 against West Bloomfield.

Stidham and Ellie Smith brought in three RBI each at the plate in game two. Peyton Grieser and Margaret Kramer both had solo homeruns. Livingstone, Budziak, Shannon Dame and Katie Drew all recorded an RBI as well in a spread out offensive performance for the Blue Devils.

Game two's starter on the hill was Emily Peacock, who managed to stay in for a whole seven innings. In the complete game performance, Peacock allowed four runs on six hits with one strikeout.

The pair of victories brought South's record to 7-4 on the season, pushing the team to second place in the MAC Blue Division. The Blue Devils face off against Dakota Wednesday before a rematch with rivals Grosse Pointe North Monday night.

Home game round up around the Pointes

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (9-4)
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/6	@ University Liggett	7-4 W
4/7	@ Rochester Adams	14-9 W
4/9	@ Brother Rice	9-1 L
4/10	Berkely (@Comerica)	10-0 W
4/13	Detroit Edison	11-7 L
4/15	@ Bloomfield Hills	11-4 W
4/17	Lake Orion (DH)	6-4 W, 6-5 W
4/19	@ St Clair	3-2 L
4/21	St Clair	12-5 L
4/22	@ St Clair	5-1 W
4/24	Grand Blanc	15-4 W
4/26	L'Anse Creuse	5-2 W
4/28	@ L'Anse Creuse	
4/29	L'Anse Creuse	
5/1	Dakota (DH)	
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	
5/5	Anchor Bay	
5/6	@ Anchor Bay	
5/8	Grosse Pointe South (DH)	
5/10	Henry Ford	
5/12	@ Henry Ford	
5/13	Henry Ford	
5/15	Berkely (DH)	
5/17	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
5/18	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary	
5/19	L'Anse Creuse North	
5/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
5/21	@ Grand Blanc	
5/22	De LaSalle (DH)	
5/25	@ Cranbrook	
5/27	Cranbrook	

Grosse Pointe South		Record (3-3)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/3	Detroit Edison (DH)	11-1 L, 13-1 L
4/22	@ Stevenson	12-1 W
4/23	Henry Ford II (DH)	8-6 W, 12-5 L
4/24	@ Stevenson	PPD
4/26	Romeo	12-6 W
4/28	@ Romeo	
4/29	Romeo	
4/30	Stevenson	
5/1	Lake Shore (@Comerica)	
5/3	@ Eisenhower	
5/5	Eisenhower	
5/6	@ Eisenhower	
5/8	@ Grosse Pointe North (DH)	
5/10	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/12	Chippewa Valley	
5/13	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/15	Grosse Pointe South Invitational	
5/17	Dakota	
5/19	@ Dakota	
5/20	Dakota	
5/22	Grosse Pointe South Invitational	
5/25	@ Brother Rice	
5/28	@ University Liggett	
5/29	Grosse Pointe Invitational	

University Liggett		Record (12-2)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/6	Grosse Pointe North	7-4 L
4/9	@ Orchard Lake St Mary	12-6 L
4/10	U of D Jesuit (DH)	4-2 W, 5-0 W
4/12	Oakland Christian (DH)	16-0 W, 4-1 W
4/15	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	17-0 W, 11-0 W
4/17	@ Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	4-1 W, 3-1 W
4/22	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	3-1 W, 4-2 W
4/24	Lutheran Northern (DH)	8-0 W, 3-0 W
4/27	Bishop Foley (DH)	
4/30	Portage Northern (DH)	
5/4	Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	
5/6	@ Country Day	
5/7	Plymouth Christian (DH)	
5/10	@ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	
5/11	@ Lutheran Northern (DH)	
5/15	CHSL Semifinals	
5/17	Brother Rice (DH)	
5/20	CHSL Championship (@Comerica)	
5/24	De LaSalle	
5/28	Grosse Pointe South	
5/29	Orchard Lake St Mary	
5/29	Detroit Western	

Thursday, April 29 Elworthy 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Grosse Pointe South **Grosse Pointe North**

Boys varsity baseball vs. Romeo 4:30 p.m.
 Boys JV "B" baseball vs. Port Huron Northern @ Elworthy 4:30 p.m.
 Girls varsity lacrosse vs. Academy of the Sacred Heart 7:30 p.m.
Grosse Pointe North
 Boys varsity baseball vs. L'Anse Creuse 4:30 p.m.
 Girls JV softball vs. L'Anse Creuse 4:30 p.m.
 Boys varsity lacrosse vs. Grosse Pointe South 6 p.m.
University Liggett School
 Girls varsity tennis vs. Greenhills 4:45 p.m.

Friday, April 30

Grosse Pointe South

Boys JV "B" baseball vs. Dakota 4:30 p.m. @ Elworthy
 Girls JV tennis vs. Cranbrook 4:30 p.m. @ Elworthy
 Boys varsity baseball vs. Stevenson 4:30 p.m.
 Girls varsity lacrosse vs. Mercy 5 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North

Boys JV "B" baseball vs. Henry Ford II 4:30 p.m.
 Boys varsity lacrosse vs. Anchor Bay 6 p.m.
University Liggett School
 Boys varsity baseball vs. Portage Northern 3 and 5 p.m.
 Girls varsity lacrosse vs. Divine Child 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

Grosse Pointe South

Girls varsity tennis tournament vs. multiple opponents 8 a.m. @ Elworthy and ULS
 Boys JV baseball invitational tournament @ South &

MAC Standings as of 4/29					
	Division			Overall	
Red Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Eisenhower	3	0		7	4
Gr Pt South	2	0	0.5	3	3
Dakota	3	1	0.5	10	1
Romeo	1	3	2.5	6	5
Stevenson	0	1	2	5	4
Chippewa Valley	0	4	3.5	1	13
White Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Ford II	4	0		11	2
Anchor Bay	3	1	1	6	3
St. Clair	3	1	1	6	3
Gr Pt North	2	2	2	9	4
L'Anse Creuse	0	4	4	9	8
L'Anse Cr North	0	4	4	2	6

Girls varsity lacrosse vs. Cass Tech 7:30 p.m.
 Girls varsity ball vs. Lakeview 4:30 p.m. @ Ghesquire

Grosse Pointe North
 Boys JV baseball vs. Anchor Bay 4:30 p.m.
 Girls varsity soccer vs. Grosse Pointe South 6p.m.

Boys & Girls varsity track senior night vs. Eisenhower 4 p.m.
 Girls varsity softball vs. Lake Shore 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

Grosse Pointe South

Boys varsity baseball vs. Eisenhower 4:30 p.m.
 Girls JV tennis vs. Northville 3:30 p.m. @ Elworthy
 Girls varsity softball vs. Lakeview 4:30 p.m.
 Girls JV soccer vs. Anchor Bay 6 p.m.
 Girls varsity soccer vs. Anchor Bay 7:30 p.m.
Grosse Pointe North
 Girls varsity rennis vs. Stevenson 4 p.m.
 Boys varsity baseball vs. Anchor Bay 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Grosse Pointe South

Girls JV softball vs. Port Huron 4:30 p.m.
 Girls JV softball vs. Port Huron 4:30 p.m. @ Messner

Grosse Pointe North

Boys JV lacrosse vs. Catholic Central 6 p.m.
 Boys varsity lacrosse vs. Eisenhower 7:30 p.m.
Grosse Pointe North
 Boys JV "B" base-

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 CITY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN
 PLANNING COMMISSION
 MONDAY MAY 17, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Due the current State of Emergency and to minimize the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held electronically via Zoom.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS – MACK AVENUE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the proposed map amendments to the Official Zoning Map. The proposed map amendments consist of parcels of land located immediately south of Mack Avenue between Cadieux and Fisher Roads as follows:

All parcels fronting Mack Avenue between Cadieux and Fisher Roads currently zoned RO-1 Restricted Office are proposed to be rezoned to C-1 Local Business District.

The following parcels are proposed to be rezoned from P-1 Vehicular Parking to C-1 Local Business District: Parcel #37003020008001, 17220 Mack; Parcel #37003020032000, Cadieux (Vacant); Parcel #37003020033000, Cadieux (Vacant); Parcel #37002040056002, 893 St. Clair; Parcel #37002040058001, 17410 Mack; Parcel #37003020085002, 873 Loraine; and Parcel #37003020088000, 880 Loraine.

The following parcels are proposed to be rezoned from R1-B Single-Family Residential to P-1 Vehicular Parking District: Parcel #37003020034000, 890 Cadieux; Parcel #37003020083000, 855 Loraine; Parcel #37003020084000, 861 Loraine; and Parcel #37003020085001, 867 Loraine.

The following parcel is proposed to be rezoned from R1-B Single-Family Residential to C-1 Local Business District: Parcel #37002010096002, 17500 Mack (Vacant).

Said hearing will be held virtually. Information regarding the meeting location and how to attend a virtual meeting, can be found on the City's website or by calling 313-885-5800. The proposed map amendments may be viewed at City Hall located at 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, at least 15 days prior to the public hearing date.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on May 17, 2021. Public comments can be submitted to City Hall by mail or by using the City drop box, or sent via email to jarthurs@grossepointecity.org. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 04/29/21

