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Pointe's Art Festival set for August

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The community may finally be approaching the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, with news of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's first Pointe's Art Festival planned from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 8.

Held in The Hill municipal lot at 41 Kercheval, the open-air festival will feature a variety of local artists and their work, which will be available for sale, as well as live music and food trucks. Michigan Humane & Midwest Rescue and GP Zoology with Lou's Pet Shop are among additional attractions.

"Like our local businesses, restaurants and organizations, artists have been impacted tremendously by COVID-19, for they have not been able to attend art fairs to sell their work," Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher said via email, "so partnering with Posterity Art Gallery, we decided to support our local artists ... by bringing the community together for a fun weekend of art, music, great food and more."

The event is open to the

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Shoreside

Thomas Hill's "Waiting for Dad" puts us in the perfect mood for summer, sailing and shoreline fishing. Don't you agree? Be sure to check out our special boating and fishing pages, which can be found in Section C.

Dog park construction begins

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The long-awaited dog park at Patterson Park broke ground Friday, April 30. Cement for the entrance area to the park was poured Monday, May 4.

Though initially city administrators hoped to see dogs actively playing in the park by May or early June, Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig said a delay has come up that likely will set the opening date back until early July.

"The biggest challenge we're facing right now is a delay with the fencing," Craig said in an email. "The pandemic has put a lot of things behind schedule or increased the cost significantly. Our problem is a delay with the manufacturers."

Once the delay regarding fencing is overcome, Craig believes it should be smooth sailing.

"As for the landscaping, water source and camera installation, all should be completed rather quickly," Craig said.

— Kate Vanderstelt



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The cement was poured for the entrance of the dog park.



A close up of the paw prints stamped in the cement marking the entrance of the dog park.

Public works open house slated May 22

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following the completion of its new public works building in October, the City will host an open house at the facility off Maumee from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

The event coincides with city council naming the week of May 16 Public Works Week, in conjunction with National Public Works Week, to honor the hard work displayed by DPW staff.

"It's really to honor our public works (employees), our essential workers who help keep our community clean and

looking the way we want it to," City Manager Pete Dame said, "and also (for) the opportunity to thank the community for investing in a permanent enclosed facility."

With largely child-oriented activities, the free event will display public works vehicles to climb, as well as show them in action, including the front-end loader loading salt into a dump truck.

The first 100 kids to attend receive a coloring book and hard hat, as well as stickers featuring P.W. Paws, the mascot for the National Public Works Association. Kids also receive free snacks.

"This will give resi-

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Village to focus on experience-based retail economy

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A bookstore, brewery, pub/restaurant and shoe store were the top responses for what types of businesses the community would like to see in The Village, according to a recent survey conducted by Main Street Grosse Pointe with approximately 300 respondents.

The survey results, presented to the community via a Zoom meeting Tuesday, May 4, were categorized under Main Street's four-point approach — economic vitality, design, promotion and organization — and included The Village's strengths, such as its historic identity and close-knit community, as well as areas for improvement.

After gathering feedback and conducting a market analysis, Main

Street recommends pivoting The Village's trajectory to focus on an experience-based retail economy, essentially concentrating on the experience of the shopper by adding personalization and activities that enhance the time customers spend in the business, as the transformation strategy going forward.

Suggested programming focuses under the strategy, although not all-inclusive, are entrepreneurship ecosystem building; working with property owners to create a win-win for startups and independent businesses; bridging retail and the large remote residential workforce through co-working spaces, breweries and cafes; diversifying downtown's use/function; and building an e-commerce platform.

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Aimée Davis
Home: Formerly Grosse Pointe Farms
Found her groove with Farms-City Little League



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Im'post'ers?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Advocates of Grosse Pointe Park transforming municipal property on the southern border with Detroit into greenspace to be shared by residents of both communities are ignoring Detroiters' access to blocks of vacant fields — remnants of residential and commercial neighborhoods south of Alter Road.

Yet, on an interactive want list that is part of the Park's master plan website, 10 of 21 postings along Alter encourage the creation of pocket parks for residents of and beyond the suburb.

The fact that six individual advocates use the same verbiage doesn't discount the raw statistics, which the city's planning consultants are tallying for public open house presentations Tuesday, May 25, at the Tompkins Community Center, Windmill Pointe Park. Separate but essentially identical presentations are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"Every road along Alter should have a

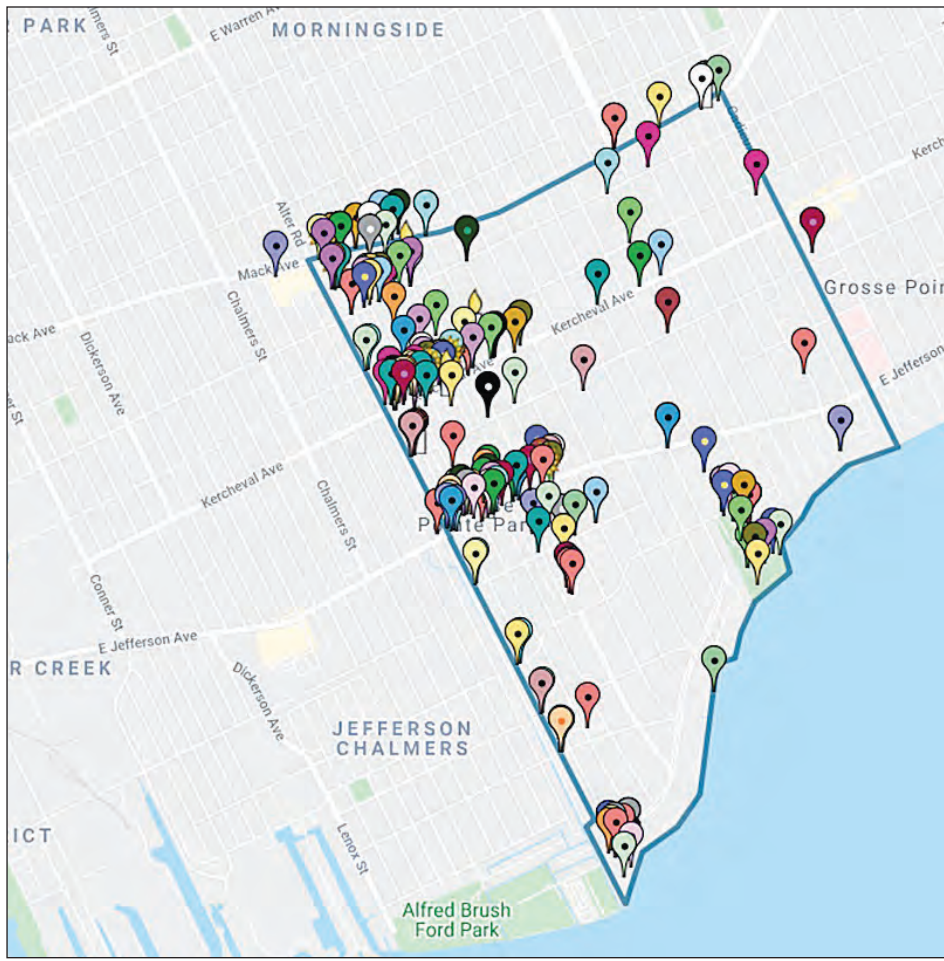
pocket park added. These are a great way to create green space and can be enjoyed by all non-residents and residents," writes either the same anonymous person six times or six identically-minded people in postings attached to six separate spots on the map.

Three additional postings also mirror each other:

Citing different streets, the three posts stated, "should be turned into a greenspace at Alter Road. This would allow residents of both Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park an opportunity to come together and enjoy a pocket park."

The only unrepeatable posting to specifically mention establishing a facility in the Park partly for Detroit residents cites a location on lower Kercheval:

"Rather than have this land continue to sit vacant or be an auxiliary construction storage site, why not ask that it become a dedicated community/public space for outdoor arts, entertainment, public engagement/education, etc. A gathering space for residents of both sides of Alter."



The Grosse Pointe Park master plan map shows areas of interest along the southern municipal border.

Six posters oppose reopening side streets into Detroit.

"Reopening St. Paul at Brooks will be an unnecessary expense which would unnecessarily encourage increased vehicle traffic along St. Paul," wrote someone self-identified as a resident of the 1500 block of Alter, which is in Detroit. "In this high-

density residential area, it is unwise to increase vehicle traffic making pedestrian traffic more vulnerable."

"I am unsure why tax dollars need to be utilized to open the below-mentioned area to further traffic flow," wrote a resident self-identified as living in the 300 block of Alter, Detroit.

The map is opera-

tional at gppmasterplan.com/telluswhatyouthink.

"We will be closing the map at the end of the month," said Ann Marie Kirby, an urban planner at MKSK, the Park's master plan consultants. "I'll put a reminder on the website about the end date. Then, we'll put a summary of the results on there, too."

Subscription renewed, interactive map goes live

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The interactive master plan map is back up and running on the municipal website, having been offline about a week.

"The mapping tool ended up disappearing because the subscription needed to be renewed," said Ann Marie Kirby, of MKSK, a planning firm retained by Grosse Pointe Park to help in the once-per-decade update of the municipal master plan.

The map is an electronic, interactive suggestion box allowing people to anonymously pinpoint areas of the city with ideas for improvement, praise and query.

"There are people who think certain areas don't need change, which is fine," Kirby said. "But we're looking toward the future and planning for 15 years from now. People looking for better communication and transparency from the city were things we saw pop up beyond more traditional answers like parks and recreation opportunities and underground infrastructure."

One suggested improvement concerns pedestrian safety at the intersection of Jefferson and Bedford:

"The recent Trombly Elementary school closure will now force 250 students to cross Jefferson either as pedestrians or (in) vehicles. The intersection at Bedford has a traffic signal — but is timed very short. This is a very busy five (sic; it's four) lane county road that is notorious for speeding. A much safer solution to cross these students needs to be developed — perhaps flashing school crossing signs."

Many postings are sarcastic and anonymous. A posting for the 1000 block of Bishop reads, "Why does the city allow cement slabs in the front yard of the homes within the city? Can anyone just add a parking lot or a helicopter pad in their front yard?"

Others are polite and, regarding concessions at Windmill Pointe Park, depict a thirsty youngster coruscating with etiquette: "Please add a Coca Cola fountain pop as an option in refreshments."

The map remains open

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Clerks agree: Voter fraud not a factor in 2020 presidential election

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — News that a Republican state Senate investigation didn't find fraud in the 2020 Democrat presidential vic-

tory brought I-told-you-so's from city clerks of the two largest Grosse Pointes.

"There was no fraud," said Lisa Hathaway, clerk of Grosse Pointe Woods and past board member of the Michigan Association

of Municipal Clerks. "The system worked. It's foolproof, 100 percent."

In Grosse Pointe Park, election operations of Clerk Jane Blahut hit a perfect score.

"Our city got audited by Wayne County and the state," Blahut said. "They took every absentee ballot from two precincts, counted them and separated them by vote. We were 100 percent right-on."

Sen. Ed McBroom, R-Waucedah, representing more than half of the western Upper Peninsula, chaired the Senate investigation of November's elec-

tion.

"There's a small amount of imbalance in various poll books that could potentially be explained by fraud," McBroom said. "But, it's such a small amount there's no reason to believe there was any sort of widespread conspiracy to commit fraud or alter the election."

"It was people trying to make voters not confident in the system," Hathaway said. "I think there were certain political individuals who wanted to taint the system."

"A lot of misunderstanding can be explained if people give you the chance to explain," McBroom said. "But often citizens are overwhelmed with bad information coming from those who are at this point profiting from perpetuating these stories and theories."

Claims of doctored voting software and tabulating machines failed scrutiny.

"A lot of theories depend

on outright lies or blatant misunderstand of how (voting) equipment works to the point where some people who perpetuate claims are showing the wrong machines or are showing machines that are not the ones they're telling about in the story," McBroom said.

"There were assumptions being made that were blatant lies," Hathaway said.

"They're claiming (machines) could be hacked, but the machine doesn't even have a modem or the county doesn't use modems attached to the machines," McBroom said.

"Were not even connected to the internet," Hathaway said. "Numbers of the qualified voters file with the ballots issued have to match the number of ballots tabulated, which have to match the digital number going through the tabulator itself. There's checks and balances in trifecta."

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Ascension calls for support of healthcare workers

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

DETROIT — In conjunction with National Hospital Week, Nurses Week and Mission Week, the Ascension St. John Foundation launched a Caring for our Heroes campaign May 8 to 14.

The campaign comes at a time when the state is experiencing its third surge in COVID-19, Chief Development Officer Lorraine Owczarek explained, and people are beginning to forget the significant toll taken on healthcare workers, after the initial outpouring of support last year.

"I think the third round

of COVID is just as intense as the first two surges, (so) we want them to know we're still here," said Jennifer Klug, board chair of the Ascension St. John Hospital Foundation. "We haven't gone anywhere. We still care about them. We care about everything that they're doing. And that the community is always going to be there for them."

"Spreading a little cheer with a chalk message" — where children and community members are invited to draw inspirational messages on sidewalks around the hospital — begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

Participants meet at the north pavilion entrance and reach out to Executive Assistant Lisa Caradonna for any questions at (313) 343-6314 or lisa.caradonna@ascension.org.

The community is encouraged to safely continue drawing chalk messages in the coming weeks.

During Clap-In/Clap-Out on Wednesday, May 12, volunteers were stationed at three different entrances to the hospital during the morning and evening shift changes with noise makers and 2,000 roses from Conner Park Florist to hand out. "It's very symbolic,"

Klug said of the roses. "They are beautiful despite the challenges around them and it's truly a visual of, 'We appreciate you. We think you're beautiful.' And (it's) roses for champions, basically."

In the coming weeks, Ascension St. John will continue to welcome greeting cards, notes of encouragement, lawn signs, posters, donations and items for staff raffles. While donated raffle items could be as significant as two Shinola watches donated by Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, they also can be as simple as a bag of candy.

"It's the thrill of win-

ning and the idea that this was something that was done out of the goodness of someone's heart," Owczarek said.

Everything from cards to donations may be dropped off in the blue bin outside the main entrance of the hospital, which is emptied daily.

Those interested in making larger donations may call Owczarek at (586) 436-0461.

"Our dedicated, local, fantastic hospital, (which) has been the frontline for over a year, knows that the Grosse Pointe community has been there for them," Klug said, "and for that, I'm ever so proud."

From donated iPads so loved ones could video call with COVID-19 patients, to food being brought for every shift, to lines of cars rallying at the hospital to honk their horns at shift change, the community has not hesitated to respond whenever the foundation has advertised a need.

Among these uplifting stories, Klug said, is that no associate at the hospital lost their job or experienced salary cuts due to the pandemic's financial impact, thanks to being able to lean on Ascension's national network.

"There's some wonderful stories here," she said.

Proclamation honors EMS, public works

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The city of Grosse Pointe Woods declared Sunday, May 16, through Saturday, May 22, Emergency Medical Services Week and National Public Works Week with a proclamation at a council meeting Monday, May 3.

In dedicating the week to EMS, the city emphasized its daily benefit from these employees.

"Whereas, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams, whether

career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills," the proclamation reads, "and whereas, the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of the paramedics, medical first responders and firefighters of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods."

The proclamation called upon residents to appreciate EMS providers throughout the week who dedicate hours to the health and safety of the

community.

The city also proclaimed the week as National Public Works Week to draw attention to contributions public works employees make to improve residents' quality of daily life.

Public Services Director Frank Schulte spoke to the dedication of the public works employees before Mayor Art Bryant read the proclamation.

"I would be pleased to talk about the department of public works employees," Schulte said. "Truly, we have a talented group among our employees at

the DPW. ... Especially during COVID, I couldn't be more impressed by the DPW workers."

The proclamation encouraged residents to get to know the importance of public works employees in society.

"I ... encourage all of our residents to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing public works services and to recognize the contributions that public works employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life," the proclamation reads.

DPW building sees setback

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The new department of public works building, to be built at Mack and Alter, is seeing setbacks due to a steel shortage. The shortage is pushing the anticipated construction start date to late summer or early fall, City Manager Nick Sizeland said in his manager's report at the city council meeting Monday night.

"Due to some material shortage, especially steel, in the industry right now," Sizeland said, "the timeline for the construction of public works is being adjusted to a later start

date than expected. It's hard to predict precisely at this time, but we're hopeful for a late summer, early fall start to going upright."

Sizeland explained work still can be done in the meantime. There is below-ground work that is not impacted by the shortage.

After discussing the topic with experts in the field, Sizeland explained the shortage may be due to Amazon buying up steel to build new facilities. COVID-19 also has had a negative impact on the supply.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Mother (in) Nature

Even nature celebrates Mother's Day. Swimming in the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park marina was a Canada goose and her six goslings enjoying the water.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



What does the future hold for nonprofit newsrooms?

As part of its American Democracy Series, The War Memorial will host an online interactive event about the future of nonprofit newsrooms, featuring two Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19.

Detroit's own Stephen Henderson, the founding editor of

BridgeDetroit, and Bev Weintraub, an executive editor at The 74, will lead discussion and Q&A on the growing number, expanding role and increasing importance of nonprofit newsrooms at both the local and national levels.

What a nonprofit newsroom is, how many of them there are and what kinds of stories get covered by

nonprofit news organizations that traditional for-profit media can't, or won't, cover, will be among the topics tackled. Both guests have had careers in traditional for-profit journalism and now lead nonprofit newsrooms.

The program is free, but registration is required. To register, go to warmemorial.org/virtualevents.

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the rest of May.

"We've looked at com-

ments, summarized them and broken them down into categories," Kirby said. "We have a summary that we'll put on the website. It's also

going to be open for viewing at the open house we're having at the Tomkins Center at the Windmill Pointe Park."

The open house is Tuesday, May 25. It is held in two separate sessions. The first is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A repeat is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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dents an opportunity to see our brand new state-of-the-art facility and the

equipment that it houses," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said.

To show the difference and improvement in operations due to the

new building, pictures of the old facility will be stationed at the open house.

"It's an event that we're going to start to do annually now that we have a

facility that's worth seeing," Dame said.

The event will take place under current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 guidelines.

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public with a \$5 admission fee. Applications for artists — there is a \$50 artist fee — and entertainment may be found on the chamber's website, grossepointechamber.com

An artist jury committee will jury the applications, Boettcher explained, so there is not a flux of artists selling the

same product.

"We will be taking every measure to assure we are COVID compliant, with great hope we won't have (to) postpone the event," she added.

The Farms city council approved the event, subject to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols, during its April meeting.

"This is probably one of the first mass gatherings (we) have voted for," Councilman Neil Sroka

said, in regard to the pandemic. "... It sounds like we're going to follow all the regulations and be cautious, but I think we all should just be conscious of that and be prepared that if we can't get this virus down the way it needs to over the summer, things like this can't happen."

He is hopeful, he added, it will work out by August.

The chamber is in need of volunteers for the festival. Those interested

should call (313) 881-4722 or email info@grossepointechamber.com

Attendees who wish to make a day or weekend of the event also may explore the more than 60 painted hearts showcased throughout the business districts in the five Pointes. The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe map will be available at the chamber and in businesses that sponsored a heart.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council public hearing, 2021-22 budget approval and tax levy, all day.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

'The Baseball Lady' reflects on action-packed Little League life

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Little League has always been in Aimée Davis's blood. Davis's three brothers, three nephews and son all played. She said if girls were allowed to play when she was a kid, she can guarantee she and her sisters would have been on the diamond in a flash.

Davis moved to Cleveland after growing up in Grosse Pointe, but in 1990, she was brought back.

"I had no job," Davis said, "so I had to make a decision and I said, 'Let's go back home.'"

She moved back to Michigan with her sister and their children in 1990. Upon moving back, she got her son involved in Little League.

Davis was encouraged to help with logistical tasks, like checking to

make sure players met age requirements for tournaments. As she got more involved, she was asked to join the board.

"Probably, at that time, there were only eight members or 10 members," Davis said of the board. "After my 27 years of being on the board, I said, 'Guys, I'm done.'"

After 27 years, Davis's son was well out of the league and, though she still had a nephew involved, she decided it was time to pass the torch to the next group of parents.

"There are board members that have been there for 20 years, 24 years. ... We all didn't have kids. They were all gone."

Davis held many titles on the board, including president for four years. When she retired from the league's board, she encouraged present members to get new parents oriented with all

that goes on behind the scenes of the league.

Davis even held positions on the field. She is frequently recognized as "The Baseball Lady" for time spent as an umpire for games.

"I see them when I go to church at St. Paul's. I see them in the grocery store. I see them out there just walking around," she said. "Some people come to me from years ago saying, 'Were you the Baseball Lady?'"

With all of her involvement, the league wanted to do something special to repay Davis. At the start of the 2019 season, they named one of the fields at Brownell Middle School after her.

"When they named the field after me up there at Brownell," Davis said, "I was speechless."

She recalled feeling overwhelmed by the surprise and, overcome by that sensation, neglected

to thank the people to whom she wanted to give credit.

"I need to thank Farms-City Little League and all the parents and apologize for not saying something at the time," Davis said. "I was so overwhelmed just seeing that sign, because they brought it out and I'm just sitting there going ... this is unbelievable. I cannot express the gratitude and how much I appreciate the parents that were involved and have their children involved with this community."

Davis also thanked all the past, current and future board members for the work they put in to name the field after her and make the league what it is.

Though her official days with the league are over, Davis still rides her bike past the fields to see what teams are up to.



COURTESY PHOTO

Aimée Davis crosses the field the day it was dedicated to her.

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like in the form of potential initiatives going forward?

Under economic vitality of the four-point approach, Main Street may build grants and/or other initiatives to encourage entrepreneur launches; work

on succession planning training for transitioning businesses; and undertake an inventory of products, services, hours of operation and customer experiences.

"The question is, how many businesses in The Village are open after 5?" asked Norma Ramirez De Miess, vice president of revitalization services for

the National Main Street Program. "And that will be an opportunity. When the consumer ... (is) done with work and wants to do some shopping and enjoy the evening, is The Village able to supply for those needs at this time?"

With regard to design, projects could consist of an inventory of space, current and potential uses, and shifts; examining local zoning ordinances to ease integration of independent businesses; and way-finding that connects anchor retail to independent stores.

Organization potential lies in forming defined partnerships; centralizing the process of starting a business with a one-stop communication line; and



COURTESY IMAGE

A word cloud was created from a survey question on words the community associates with The Village.

engaging multi-generations.

"If we do not form the next generation of leaders, if we do not form a sense of ownership in community engagement among the young, we will continue to look at the years to come and struggle to maintain or grow

our economic vitality, our sense of community and support," Ramirez De Miess said.

Potential promotional projects may include promoting The Village for its walkability, pet-friendly environment, story-telling and "life after 5"; positioning The Village as the

heart of community activity, including special holiday events; and pitch contests or pop-up retail events to promote The Village as a hub for entrepreneurship.

"We invite you, as community members, to learn more, work on digesting this information with the board and the Main Street Program and work with them and help them define the measures for success for the next year and the years to come," Ramirez De Miess said.

Those with questions or who are interested in becoming engaged should reach out to Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock at cwillcock@grossepointecity.org or (313) 886-7474.

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Missing china

A china set, valued at approximately \$5,000, was discovered stolen from a residence in the 500 block of St. Clair Thursday, April 15.

Pottery destruction

Between 9 p.m. Monday, May 3, and 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, an

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unknown person or persons damaged two pottery towers located on the campus of an area school.

Delivery damage

A 36-year-old DoorDash driver backed into a parked vehicle on

Lincoln Road at 12:11 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, breaking off the side mirror and damaging the door.

When contacted by officers, the man admitted to the accident and agreed to pay for damages, stating he had been unable to locate the vehicle's owner.

Struck shed

The wall of a storage shed, valued at approxi-

mately \$600, at an area school was kicked in beyond repair between Friday, April 30, and 6 a.m. Monday, May 5. Nothing was missing from inside the shed.

Repeat thief

A 53-year-old Arizona man was located and arrested after breaking into and stealing multiple electronics items from a

See REPORTS, page 5A



Joe Ricci - Mayor Pro Tem

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REPORTS: Driving while license suspended

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business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 8:58 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

Upon his arrest, items stolen from another area business were found.

He was charged with breaking and entering of a building, larceny of a building and retail fraud.

Chimney fire

No injuries or property damage occurred from a chimney fire in the 700 block of Rivard Boulevard at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

Officers were able to put out the fire with an extinguisher and Chimfex fire sticks, which have a chemical reaction that travels up the chimney and extinguishes any fire firefighters may not be able to reach.

Residents should have fireplaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned at least once a year, Public Safety Director John Alcorn said.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bond fraud

After receiving a call claiming her daughter was in jail for being at fault in a car accident and would need \$14,800 to be released, a 91-year-old Farms woman transferred the money to unknown suspects Tuesday, May 4.

Driving while license suspended

A 29-year-old Ferndale man was pulled over at Mack Avenue and Shelbourne Road and cited for driving on a suspended license and having an improper plate at 5:03 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

Making a run for it

When officers attempted to pull over a 29-year-old Detroit man with multiple warrants at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for a prohibited U-turn, the man sped through a red light at a high rate of speed at 3:21 a.m. Saturday, May 8.

Traveling through the Woods and Shores, he eventually abandoned the vehicle on I-94 and was arrested for fleeing and eluding officers and driving with a suspended license.

Domestic abuse

A 28-year-old Farms woman was arrested for domestic abuse of her brother during an argument in the car Saturday, May 8.

Wrong city, wrong BAC

After being reported as a possible drunken driver at 9:53 p.m. Sunday, May 9, a 65-year-old Eastpointe man struck the curb at Lakeshore Road and Newberry Place while being pulled over.

The man believed he was in Royal Oak and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alco-

hol content to be .22 percent.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and open liquor transport.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

No ride home

An unknown person stole a black and orange Trek bike between 1:45 and 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 4.

The bike was parked at the rear-field bike rack at Pierce Middle School during the second half of the school day.

Exercise equipment

A resident on the 1300 block of Grayton became a victim of identity theft Thursday, May 6, when someone used their name to order \$1,000 worth of exercise equipment on Amazon.

The transaction was not completed.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen Jeep

A resident in the 19000 block of Harper discovered his Jeep missing at 2:23 p.m. Saturday, May 1.

The man parked and locked his 2014 red Jeep Grand Cherokee at 2

p.m. At 2:15 p.m., family members saw two black males sitting in an older Jeep near the resident's Jeep. One of the men was wearing a red hoodie.

The stolen Jeep was not seen being removed from the area. Shattered glass was found on the road where the Jeep was parked.

Sneezing excuse

A 35-year-old Woods man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:05 a.m. Thursday, May 6, after he claimed sneezing made him lose control of his black Audi and drive over the curb, striking a street sign and garbage can.

An officer was called to Mack and Ridgemont, where the incident occurred. When the driver was questioned, the officer noticed he smelled strongly of intoxicants.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and was taken into the station. A Breathalyzer test showed 0.21 and 0.22 blood-alcohol content levels.

Incoherent on heroin

A 32-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for possessing heroin at 10:06 a.m. Friday, May 7.

Officers were called to the scene for a man who seemed incoherent and intoxicated. Upon approaching him, officers noted his eyes were closed and he was staggering and swaying on his feet.

The man opened his eyes and, upon seeing the officer, started to run. When he stopped, he

said he ran because he was scared of the officer. He said he had been walking home.

Eventually, the St. Clair Shores man admitted he had injected heroin within the last few hours. Though he told the officer he had a needle and a small amount of heroin, he also was found to have a spoon with white residue and a lighter.

He refused medical attention and was transported to the station for processing. He was released on charges of possession of narcotics.

T-shirt for a mask

Officers were sent to Jimmy Johns in the 19000 block of Mack at 6:06 p.m. Friday, May 7, on reports someone was "destroying the store."

A black man wearing a long-sleeve green shirt and white pants entered the store with a T-shirt covering his face. The man was asked to put on a mask, then became upset. Employees told him he could call in an order and employees would bring it out to him, but he refused and told the employees he was not leaving.

When he was told the police were being contacted, he started knocking cups onto the floor

and yelling at employees. The man finally left and drove away in a grey Nissan Altima.

More than 200 cups were damaged in the incident.

Expired plate, suspended license

A 29-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding and having an expired plate at Vernier and Sunningdale Park at 3:01 p.m. Saturday, May 8.

The driver gave the officer a Michigan I.D., which showed the man's license was suspended.

The vehicle was impounded and the driver was issued citations for the expired plate and driving with a suspended license.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— *Laurel Kraus*
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Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 5/11	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	505,319	401,904
% of residents 16+	58.5	46.5
% 16-64	52.9	39.8
% 65+	80.0	72.3

*Excluding Detroit **1 of 2 doses *** 2 doses or J&J

OUR VIEW

State meets benchmark

This is a different kind of week in Michigan, as the state hit the first vaccination benchmark set by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Maybe the end really is in sight — if enough people get themselves vaccinated against COVID-19.

The governor's set of benchmarks were announced April 29 and started with 55 percent of adults getting at least one shot. That was the target the state hit Monday, and it means that, in two weeks, the order to work from home whenever possible will go away.

Wayne County residents had already exceeded the 55 percent level, as had those in Oakland County — but not in neighboring Macomb. Detroiters remain significantly behind, with the second lowest vaccination rate in the state, after Menominee County in the Upper Peninsula.

The chief goal remains low case counts, continuing the ebb both locally and statewide of Michigan's recent nation-leading outbreak. But there are other rewards.

The next phase in the governor's plan comes two weeks after Michiganders reach a 60 percent vaccination rate: Capacity levels will increase to 25 percent at indoor sports events and at conference centers and banquet halls. Gyms and other exercise facilities can go to 50 percent capacity.

Also gone completely will be the curfew at bars and restaurants.

The final two vaccination benchmarks set by Gov. Whitmer are:

— 65 percent, plus two weeks: no more indoor capacity limits, but social distancing rules remain; few limits on residential social gatherings.

— 70 percent, plus two weeks: no more restrictions on gatherings or requirements for masks.

These metrics apply to Michiganders age 16 and up; reaching the 70 percent mark means getting shots into the arms of 5.6 million adults.

Getting the final million-plus folks to a drugstore or shot clinic may not be easy. The trick is to figure out what message works with them. At the current pace, according to a recent estimate from the University of Michigan, it will take until Aug. 1 to reach that highly coveted 70 percent mark.

An online search will generate multiple listings of shot providers — but be warned and call ahead, because some providers may have pared down schedules as demand dwindles.

The point is, sooner is better than later to ensure case counts stay down and to avoid lines when students start getting their vaccinations en masse.

Even those vaccinated three months ago are looking forward to the day when indoor mask mandates disappear. The final 70 percent benchmark represents the best carrot anyone could hope for — a return to normal.



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OUR VIEW

A worthy achievement

The Central Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library finally has the designation it deserves: a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

It wasn't all that long ago, in 2006 and well within the memory of many Grosse Pointers, that the library board proposed razing the building in order to build a bigger branch with underground parking. The community rose up, essentially vetoing the idea, and ever since the building has been progressing to the current honor in fits and starts.

The Central branch was designed by Marcel Breuer, who was born in Hungary and became a Bauhaus-trained architect and engineer. It is his only building in the Detroit area and was among his first commissions in the United States.

The building opened in 1953, a gift to the community from Dexter M. Ferry Jr. and Murray Sales. Mr. Ferry's son, W. Hawkins Ferry, with Mr. Breuer, helped select the artwork in the building. That includes an Alexander Calder mobile and a Kandinsky inspired tapestry.

After the library board's ill-advised suggestion, word spread widely. The World Monument Fund put the building on its 2008 watch list and awarded the library a \$50,000 grant for its initial needs in researching and planning a conservation program. Later that year, Grosse Pointe residents Mary Beth and S. Kinnie Smith Jr. donated \$1 million toward preservation and expansion.

More recently, the Breuer Preservation Fund was started in June 2013 to maintain both the art and the architecture, with restoration of four major works of art taking place in 2016.

Last fall, new exterior work and landscaping created enticing areas for gathering at tables and chairs outside the library. Besides accenting the building, the plaza seems to help fulfill the Breuer legacy, as described by W. Hawkins Ferry in 1954, of "the building not as a mere repository of books but as a social, cultural and civic crystallization point."

It's a legacy well worth the effort not just to honor but also to continue. The National Register designation will help keep that thought at the forefront.

LETTERS

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Thank you x 3

To the Editor:

After being stimulated intellectually by a trio of perceptive letter writers to this newspaper on May 6, I decided to offer my thanks for their well-reasoned and stimulating thoughts on the current issues of the week.

So, to Shannon Byrne for enlightening us on a much-understood civil rights organization, WE GP; to Jody Bruce for debunking much of the absurd fear surrounding the COVID virus on the part of people who should be educating us on the science, instead of vice-versa; and, lastly, to Marsha Ponkey, for reminding us that "the thin blue line" is our bulwark between civilization and chaos, particularly on the eve of welcoming a new public safety director to the community.

May I also mention, to my satisfaction and hopefully to the wider community, that all

three authors identify as residents of the Park as well as knowledgeable representatives of its varied lifestyles. Thank you all.

JOSEPH PARRINELLO
Grosse Pointe Park
Editor's Note: Ms. Byrne's letter last week incorrectly identified her as a resident of the Park. She is, in fact, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beg to differ

Letter to the Editor:

In a May 6 letter, WeGP spokesperson Shannon Bryne stated, "So let us be perfectly clear: WeGP has no position on the arts center in Grosse Pointe Park."

Unfortunately, that is not true. WeGP has actively supported the campaigns of Grosse Pointe Park council members Aimee Fluitt (co-founder of WeGP) and Vikas Relan, who along with several other WeGP board members have led public campaigns against the art

center in an attempt to block progress. Their recent efforts have been concentrated on thwarting the new city of Grosse Pointe Park DPW building. Both Fluitt and Relan refused to vote for the \$1 per year lease that would allow the DPW to move to its new site, in an attempt to delay the art center. In an August 2020 planning commission meeting, Relan stated that "the art center is not a done deal." And Fluitt has tried to delay the TIFA board and the planning commission by micromanaging the plans and budget items related to this project.

The WeGP website is replete with its overt campaign support (in 2019) for these two council members and lists under its guiding principles to be "non-judgmental and non-partisan." For example, "GP Dems are looking for ... anyone willing to knock on a few doors this year for council candidates Aimee Fluitt and Vikas Relan." And, "The following are candidates in city council races whose values are most aligned with WeGP — Park: Aimee Fluitt and Vikas Relan."

In this case, the endorsement of council members who openly oppose the art center is a clear indication of WeGP's true intentions and partisanship.

CHARLES CRANE
Grosse Pointe Park

Election law changes

To the Editor:

The American Association of University Women supports by policy and practice open and fair elections. We endorse election laws that promote equitable political participation and representation. AAUW advocates for vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including expanding voting rights.

In consideration of these policy positions, the AAUW of Michigan supports making permanent some of the emergency voting measures undertaken in the 2020 elections due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. We oppose measures that would restrict convenient in-person or absentee voting. We oppose measures that would make it more difficult for American citizens and Michigan residents to register to vote, obtain a ballot or cast a ballot. We oppose measures that would weaken the ability to fairly count and certify election results. We urge lawmakers to support only those election law changes that would enhance the prospect of wide voter registration in secure and fair elections.

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TH E VILLAGES, FLA. — Having had our second vaccinations for more than a month, Terry and I ventured out of Grosse Pointe for the first time in a year and half.

We also, for the first time since the pandemic struck last March, ate out. We were nervous, so we chose outdoor venues.

We left for The Villages, Fla., the huge retirement community south of Ocala, a week ago.

My parents used to do the Florida trip straight through. We never did that.

When we were younger, on the way down we would stop

the first night in Kentucky and second night in Lake City, Fla.; the goal being to make it into Florida.

During one of our March spring trips, our niece Lauren was with us. I promised her we would swim when we got to Florida. It was chilly in Lake City, and the pool water was freezing cold, but I kept my word and dove in with her. Brrrr! We still reminisce about that to this day. I am sure she will tell her kids about it when they pass through Lake City.

Nowadays, as “seniors,” we require two nights on the road, usually Florence and Atlanta, before making it to the Sunshine State on the third day.

This trip, we made it to Lexington, Ky., the first day. What a beautiful time of year to see Kentucky all bloom. (Someone should think of doing a derby or something!)

Still too leery to eat

in a restaurant, we did a Red Lobster takeout. The restaurant staff all wore masks, as did most of the patrons — but not all. Invariably — and this was true in Georgia the second night — if one of a heterosexual couple refused to wear a mask, it was the male.

The second night, we made it to Warner Robins, Ga. We usually like to stop in Marietta, north of Atlanta — for two reasons. One, it is always best to tackle Atlanta as early in the morning as possible and, two, one of our favorite seafood restaurants is Pappadeaux.

There are actually three Pappadeauxs in the Atlanta area, but the Marietta one is our favorite. The food, of course, is southern cooking at its best, and the ambience is more than charming. For us, Pappadeaux is a destination.

This trip, however, we figured with social

distancing, etc., we would probably not be able to get near the place, since it is always crowded with a waiting list even during normal times. So we pressed on — straight through the downtown Atlanta gauntlet on I-75.

Yes, it was as bad as you can imagine. Ten or 11 lanes of traffic all creeping along, but we got through, thanks to Terry’s superb driving.

(As regular I Say readers will recall, Terry drives because she gets carsick otherwise. Terry was ill throughout our entire honeymoon, going on 45 years ago. Later it dawned on us, when I drove, she got sick. When she was behind the wheel, she was fine. Being an open-minded guy, I let her take over the driving responsibility. And she’s been driving ever since. I navigate, but that’s a whole other story.)

We did Buffalo Wild

Wings takeout — chicken for Terry, cauliflower wings for me — in Warner Robins.

(Their patio was closed due to lack of staffing.) While waiting for our takeout and watching patrons come and go, we noticed fewer masks, many couples and families with none at all. Things definitely were opening up the farther we went south.

The hotels seemed safe enough, Plexiglas and hand sanitizer everywhere. We favor Marriotts.

In Lexington, we had to make an appointment to come down the next morning for our free breakfast. In Warner Robins, I was able to go down and grab what we wanted (wearing gloves or using a napkin). Problem was, even though we were staying at a Residence Inn, there were no utensils, no forks and knives (no hotel pens and notepads either). I suppose these are

small inconveniences for traveling during a pandemic!

Once we got to Florida, everything was wide open. Sure, hotel and restaurant staff still wear masks, but most guests and patrons eschew them all together.

The town squares are once again offering nightly entertainment and happy hour. Though socially distanced, there was nary a mask in sight. Feeling geeky, Terry and I have been going maskless outdoors as well.

Our first meal out was on the patio of the Bonifay Country Club for a late lunch. It was only tuna fish on toasted wheat, but just dining out was a sure pleasure.

We are looking forward to doing the same in Grosse Pointe and at Mike’s much more than usual this summer. When we get back, let’s do lunch or drinks after 5!

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

FARMS ACCEPTS BRANCH LIBRARY:

Permission for the removal of the branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library which has been maintained at Kercheval and Cadieux, to a location within the Farms Village, was granted at Monday’s meeting of the Farms Board of Trustees. The branch will be located in a Quonset hut on the high school property at the corner of Kercheval and Fisher, within the area now bounded by a high fence.

LONGING EYES CAST ON LOTS: With the long-anticipated building boom in the Pointe just getting under way, real estate men and

private commercial enterprises are casting longing eyes on the vacant lots on the south side of Jefferson opposite the Park municipal building.

1971

50 years ago this week

CITY TO LEASE ELWORTHY FIELD:

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education unanimously approved leasing Elworthy Field to the City of Grosse Pointe for the fee of one dollar a year for a period of 50 years. The terms of the lease state that the City must abide by all stipulations of the original gift, namely that the field be used for recreation for all residents of the school

district.

STATE, COUNTY APPROVE SCHOOL RECORDS SYSTEM:

Lee Allen, treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, presented documented reports on the financial management and keeping of records of the school district in an attempt to clear up once and for all the allegation made by a school board trustee that the school district keeps more than one set of books.

Obituaries: John J. “Cap” O’Brien, James A. Zinn, William C. Hentschel, Raphael A. Ransbottom, Byram Tichenor, Alfred Skiffington, Harold E. Brooks Sr., Gene Woodard, Catherine M. Getschman, Mae O’Connor, Eugene Corriveau

1996

25 years ago this week

RECORD EFFORT HIGHLIGHTS SOUTH’S WEEK:

A record point total in winning the Bulldog Invitational at Romeo and a come-from-behind victory over league rival Port Huron Northern added up to one of the best weeks of the season for Grosse Pointe South’s girls track team. The Blue Devils placed in 14 of 16 events and took five first places as they accumulated a record 120 points in the Romeo meet.

NORTH LIGHTS OPPONENTS WIN ROUND:

In the first step of what could be a long process, Wayne County Circuit Judge Paul Teranes ruled that the

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council’s efforts to amplify the minutes of the city’s board of appeals meeting on lights at North High School was illegal. The judge ruled in favor of a motion made by John Lizza, the attorney representing North neighbors.

Obituaries: Walter H. Seegers Ph.D., the Rev. Joseph C. Verhelle S.J., Laura F. Cowden, Chris J. Cotzias, William C. Fowler, Helen Hicks Hanna, Jean Beard

2011

10 years ago this week

PIER FENCE FIXED AFTER CHASE, CRASH:

A fence is among things sprouting this spring at Pier Park. New sections of wrought iron fence were installed recently to fix damage caused last winter by two out-of-control drivers from Detroit. The sped down Moross

into Grosse Pointe Farms, missed the turn onto Lakeshore and rammed through bushes, small trees and fencing on Lakeshore to the left of the park exit.

TOWER EARNS TOP AWARDS:

Continuing in its tradition of excellence, the staff at Grosse Pointe South’s student newspaper, The Tower, placed among the top nationally and set a school record for individual awards at the state level. The Tower, and Grosse Pointe North’s North Pointe, were the only two Michigan student newspapers to earn a Silver Crown award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Tower also won the Spartan Award, the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association’s highest honor.

Obituaries: Michael Nicholas Counen, William L. Gay, Thomas Robert McCleary Jr., Cormac Michael O’Byrne

City implements public participation policy

By Laurel Kraus

Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE —

When the City begins undergoing a process such as the current Mack Avenue zoning updates or the recently canceled historic district consideration, it will now have a formal public participation policy under which to schedule the projects.

Put in place for planning and development review — including planning and zoning applications, comprehensive and master planning, zoning code amendments and financial and/or tax assistance requests for private redevelopment projects — city council approved the new policy 6-0 during the April Councilman Don Parthum was absent.

Broad requirements of the city under the policy include providing timely information through public notice, ensuring accessibility to the public participation process for all

those interested, encouraging the involvement of those most affected, gathering a broad and representative cross-section of residents, including the community throughout all stages of the planning and review process, and providing summaries of public engagement back to the public.

“It is largely reflective of what we try to aspire to at all times anyway,” City Manager Pete Dame said, “but

it’s to put it into a formal process (so) that people can refer to a document that’s been approved by the city council.”

While the policy contains all the recommendations of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program, for which the City is working toward certification, it also includes a requirement for developers of large projects to meet with the site’s neighbors to work through any

issues prior to formally submitting the project to the planning commission for approval. The City has always done this by practice, Dame said.

The full public participation policy may be found under the business development page on the city website, grossepointecity.org.

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Getting to know the superintendent finalists

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The school board was expected to take a vote on the candidates on Wednesday, after the Grosse Pointe News went to press.

The Grosse Pointe News interviewed both finalists for school superintendent.

Both have strong ties to the Grosse Pointe community. Both come from extended administrative backgrounds. Both interviews covered the same material.

Dr. Stephen Bigelow currently is superintendent of Bay City Public Schools. He also is a finalist for superintendent of Farmington Public Schools.

Bigelow met his wife, Kristin, at the University of Michigan. They were engaged before graduation and married at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. They've been married 23 years.

They initially lived in Grosse Pointe Park and then moved to Grosse Pointe Farms. The couple has two children, Maxwell, 18, and Isabella 14.

Dr. Jon Dean currently is deputy superintendent of educational services for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. He also is a finalist for superintendent of the Anchor Bay School District.

He and his wife, Sally, have been married almost 26 years. They have two children, a daughter, Alex, 21, who is a student at Michigan State University, and a son, Noah, 17, a junior at Grosse Pointe North. They've lived in Grosse Pointe around 22 years.

Jon Dean

His 100-day plan

First, we need to convene a comprehensive planning committee with broad stakeholder input. That was done several years ago and it did well. But we need to do it again. Second, we need to move forward with face-to-face education for our students. Third, I think the pandemic causes everyone to have personal fractures. We need to focus on healing and moving forward for the sake of our kids. I don't think this is unique to Grosse Pointe.

What are the biggest strengths in Grosse Pointe?

I think it is the community. You have so many people that are passionate about this place. We have the highest percentage of people that come back to raise their family here. I think that sense of our community is our most significant asset.

What are some local issues that need to be addressed?

The first thing that comes to mind is the state of Michigan does not have an appropriate funding system for schools. This is a factor for every district, not just Grosse Pointe. We sometimes have to make decisions around people and opportunities for our kids that we don't want to have to make. For example, we may want to grow a program or opportunity for kids, but if we can't get enough kids engaged in that program, if it doesn't make financial sense, we can't do it. People ask why don't we offer this or that for kids. It may be a good idea, but we can't do it for financial reasons.

Our second challenge

is, we have a tradition of excellence here. But we have to prepare kids to be successful in a global world. It's not just attending Grosse Pointe schools and the University of Michigan. They're going to be operating not just with kids from Grosse Pointe, Birmingham or Rochester, but they're going to be competing with kids from a global perspective. I think we're doing a good job of it, but we have to continue with how our kids can be successful in a global society.

Declining enrollment is a serious issue in Grosse Pointe. How do you attract more families to this school district?

One way to increase enrollment is to draw new families to come to this community. Those sorts of things happen when we make sure we can compete with districts like Rochester and Bloomfield Hills. I think we offer great value compared to that.

But one of our biggest challenges is something we can't control. That is the limited number of homes for sale in our community. And most of the homes that are available are not entry-level homes. Often a family with young kids isn't ready in life to buy an \$800,000 house. I don't know how to solve that.

Another area of attracting enrollment is competing with other local private and parochial schools. We need to take families that may be considering another option and help them see that Grosse Pointe is their better option. We track the enrollment rate at local private and parochial schools. Until the pandemic, we had less loss to those than other school districts. That's something we've got to continue to do well on.

What would you be most curious about, once you become superintendent?

I can't say getting to know the district or meeting the people, because I'm here.

I'm really curious about how we can build opportunities, not just to communicate our message, but how we can bring people into our process. Making sure we're engaging with people all the time rather than just when something that's maybe concerning, for example the budget

maybe, comes up.

Young people engage with their community differently. They use social media, not the way their parents did. How can we engage young people before there's a negative point of contention?

We have great PTOs that have a lot of engagement. But can we get some of those parents engaged in the process earlier on? Make decisions that are more collaborative?

How can we have a dialog in a healthy way that isn't tearing people apart? Right now it seems that when you have a difference of opinion, we tend to tear people down in a negative way.

What should people know about you?

I think that people sometimes think they know me based on some of the decisions that I've either had to articulate or been a part of.

I like to smile and laugh. I like to think that I form really meaningful relationships with a lot of people. I care about people. I think sometimes the narrative is anybody that's in management doesn't. I don't think that's true.

The pandemic is going to affect schools for a while yet. How would you continue to approach COVID-19 in the schools?

We have to continue to embrace vaccinations as an important step in managing COVID. The CDC very soon is going to authorize the Pfizer vaccine for younger children. I think that's a game changer. When we look at the history of medicine in this country, vaccines have wiped out diseases like polio.

So how do we continue to follow the science, at the same time provide kids the opportunities to be in school? The pandemic has been isolating. There are things my son hasn't been able to do because of the pandemic. That's OK; we had to do it.

But how do we find opportunities for kids to do the things they want to do and do it safely? For example, prom. What does prom look like this year?

How can we make those things more like they used to be? How can we follow the science, but still give kids in our community the opportunity to be kids?

Is there anything else you'd like to add to this interview?

Jon and Sally Dean came to Grosse Pointe for the same reason many people did, for the schools. We were house hunting and Sally was assigned to Grosse Pointe for her student teaching. She came home one day and said, "Jon, I think we should start looking in Grosse Pointe."

We chose Grosse Pointe for the same reason that most people do, for the community and for the schools.

I don't regret for a minute that my two kids have had a chance to spend their whole academic career in this district.

Stephen Bigelow

His 100-day plan

The 100 day plan is really an opportunity to sit down and reflect on what is happening in the district and be able to do some research on my own. It's really talking to community members, getting to know the personalities, sitting down with the administrative staff. It's an opportunity to learn the district from the inside out.

It's a crucial time. I've always come into my administrative positions as an outsider, rather than as someone who's been working in the district. It gives me time to sit back and soak everything in.

What are the biggest strengths in Grosse Pointe?

Grosse Pointe has a lot of strengths. It's a very solid, embracing community. It's a community that supports their public schools and places a high priority on education. I appreciate the high standards of excellence, the reputation and traditions it has, as well as the fact that it attracts very talented people which are always a pleasure to work with.

What are some of the local issues that need to be addressed?

The problems with Grosse Pointe are shared by many school districts. We are seeing decreasing enrollment. If we continue to operate in the same manner as we always had when we had more students, that's not fiscally responsible and it's doing the community a disservice.

Grosse Pointe needs to change for many reasons, but Grosse Pointe has

been resistant to it. That idea that we've always done it this way is comfortable for people.

Grosse Pointe schools offer an incredible product. Part of my coming is to meet with those who choose to move their students to private instruction. Certainly we need more families moving into the area. That evokes working with community organizations and the Chamber of Commerce to see that more families are moving into the community.

I think about it all the time. There are less expensive property taxes in other areas. One of the things that attracted me is the architecture and history. But they require a lot of work.

The superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System is also an ambassador for the community. It's not only convincing people about the schools, but it's being out there selling the community. Those tax dollars go to those amazing parks. There are many opportunities there to enjoy, but that has to be sold to families. The downtown district, the walkability, those are all qualities. It's really about selling the community.

What would you be most curious about, once you become superintendent?

I'm actually anxious to get back into the community and become involved. I'm always interested in people and the personalities that make a community what it is. I've been outside the community for about 12 years now and I'm most curious about becoming reinvested in Grosse Pointe.

In Bay City, I'm very involved with the Chamber of Commerce and different service organizations. It's enjoyable, seeing the community and projects grow and make it a better place to live.

What should people know about you?

I'm very approachable. I'm a good listener. And I am easy to reach. I have a lot of energy as well.

The pandemic is going to affect schools for a while yet. How would you continue to approach COVID-19 in the schools?

It's been my life for the last year, constantly wrestling with all the issues of

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The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 16.78172 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2021 to support the proposed General Fund Budget. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$4,963,954 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for the general fund, which is a \$149,139 or 3.09% increase compared to the 2020-2021 total tax collection of \$4,814,815.

The 2021 total tax rate will remain the same as the 2020 total tax rate of 17.7031.

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budget at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Administrative Offices, 795 Lake Shore Road on Wednesday, May 17, 2021 and will also be available for viewing on the City's website (www.gpshoresmi.gov).

Oral or written public comments on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget are welcome at the public hearing.

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The above tweet allegedly indicating Grosse Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka “liking” a post asking if Republican politicians are like Nazis has been making the rounds in Grosse Pointe via social media. Hamka has “unequivocally” denied he liked the post. School Superintendent Gary Niehaus said, if looked at closely, the post was obviously Photoshopped. The image has been turned over to Grosse Pointe Farms detectives for investigation.

Hamka denies liking Tweet

Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Moussa Hamka denies he allegedly “liked” a Tweet posing the question whether the reader thinks Republican politicians are like Nazis.

Hamka has “unequivocally denied liking the image,” said Rebecca Fannon, the district’s community relations specialist. Hamka did not return phone calls Monday. The Tweet happened during the first weekend of May. The Twitter feed has been taken down.

The school district’s human resources department searched Hamka’s Twitter account and could find no sign of the Tweet.

“If you take a good look at that picture, that’s been Photoshopped,” Superintendent Gary Niehaus said.

“None of the things in that are accurate,” Niehaus said. “Moussa didn’t do it and any accusation accordingly is just not true.”

The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department is investigating whether or not the image was Photoshopped, Fannon said.

Editor’s note: As of press time Tuesday evening, the “Do you think Republican politicians are like the Nazis?” tweet could still be found on Twitter at @thomaskaine5.

School district braces for drop in funding

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is looking at a drop of roughly \$6.5 million in funding for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

While next year’s budget is not set, the budget for the current school year, 2020-21, is \$98,092,260.

The district’s funding has been dropping for several years, mostly due to declining enrollment. But the drop in funding for the 2020-21 school year was at least partially mitigated by a change in the state’s school funding formula that was made to help districts through the pandemic. That change is expected to go away for the coming school year.

This means Grosse Pointe schools are getting about the equivalent of two years’ drop in funding in the coming year.

The final numbers are not out yet. The state of school funding is very much in flux, with the governor, state Senate and state House of Representative all proposing different school funding plans in the Michigan budget.

Those plans will be merged as state officials go through the budgeting process, with a final budget expected in late May. So it’s too early to say exactly what will happen, but Deputy Superintendent for Business Operations Amanda Matheson, during Monday night’s school board meeting, said the \$6.5 million budget hit is expected.

“We will not be able to make \$6.5 million worth of adjustments between now and the next school year,” Matheson said.

For the coming school year, the district likely will deal with the funding cut through staff

attrition and using federal money coming to the district in the form of pandemic relief.

“This is why we have fund equity, so we will not have to quickly react,” Matheson said. “We’re also putting significant efforts into getting back as many students as we can.”

Grosse Pointe lost students this year to local private and parochial schools, as parents sought face-to-face instruction for their children during the pandemic. Because Michigan funds schools based on the number of students, that population shift had an impact on the district’s funding.

COVID update

The school district’s COVID-19 data show the pandemic situation is improving in Grosse Pointe schools, Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean told the school board during Monday night’s meeting.

The FDA’s recent approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12 to 15 is significant, Dean said. Grosse Pointe schools have volunteered as a vaccination site for those students and is waiting to see if they are selected.

All schools are open for face-to-face instruction. Athletes are tested for COVID-19 weekly and no athletes tested positive in Monday’s weekly check.

Defer Elementary School had been remote learning on a temporary basis because of the pandemic and quarantining. The school is now open. The district offered testing to Defer students and around 60 students, or 20 percent of the school’s enrollment, took advantage of the testing.

The district will continue to post COVID-19 updates on the online homepage.

Students celebrate Bike to School Day

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

National Bike to School Day was celebrated in the Grosse Pointe Public School System in a big way last week.

A few hundred students rode that day, according to a tally of the number of bikes that showed up.

A total of 56 bikes were counted at Defer Elementary alone, another 31 at Mason Elementary, plus students who chose to walk or ride scooters. Parcels Middle School had 150 bikers, plus 100 students who chose to walk joining the bikers. Pierce Middle School weighed in with 141 bikes and Brownell Elementary School logged 106 bikes.

The ride was part of the district’s Safe Routes to School Program, a district-wide effort to help show how students travel safely

to school. A host of local leaders came out to cheer on the riders. Among them were City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak; Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame; school board Vice President Margaret Weertz; school board member Christopher Lee; Suzy Berschback, healthy communities manager for Beaumont Hospitals in Grosse Pointe and Troy; and Mary Jo Harris, community organizer at CARE of Southeastern Michigan.

Additionally, local police were available to register bikes. There were 26 bikes registered at Mason alone and Grosse Pointe Park Police registered 155 bikes from Maire, Defer and Pierce.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Harper Nash and her mom, Adrienne Nash, rode their bikes to school for National Bike to School Day.

The City still is finalizing its numbers.

Didn’t get your family’s bikes registered yet? It’s not too late. Contact your city and bring your bike with you to register so officials can get the serial number off the bike.

And if you enjoy the idea of family bike riding, the school district is holding two family-friendly rides through the community, with help from the

Pointe Pedalers.

The first is Saturday, May 15, for the south end of the community. Bikers will meet in front of Pierce at 5 p.m. for a safety lesson, with the ride starting at 5:30 p.m. A ride on the north end takes place Saturday, May 22. Bikers will

meet at Parcels for the safety lesson at 5 p.m., followed by a ride at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the family rides, email info@gpschools.org.

Clarification

A Mackinac Center study quoted in a recent list of data about Michigan school superintendent compensation did not point out that some of the data included additional material not apparent in the description.

For example, some districts’ data may have included compensation outside of the normal annual amounts, such as a buyout or additional compensation due to a superintendent change.

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COVID. I feel like we’ve learned a lot with COVID, but just when I feel we’re getting our grasp on things, there’s some new component.

There is no question, the best place for students is face-to-face instruction. That is always a priority.

While virtual and remote education have served a purpose, and I will say I’ve been more than impressed with how Bay City teachers have handled it, it is not the

same. It works well for some but not all, especially special needs students and students that have things in going on in their life that need support.

It’s that constant balance with protecting community health and well-being with the educational benefits.

Bay City is completely face to face now, but has had periods of remote instruction. They’ve had elementary face to face while secondary has had remote. And I have placed individual buildings on remote as well. We cover

over 260 miles.

The Bay City Health Department does our quarantining for us. In many cases, we’ve had to move to remote instructions because we’ve had too many students quarantined.

I think for the community, it’s the lack of consistency.

We are all face to face now and I think we will be able to do that until the end of the school year.

Dr. Bigelow did not have anything he wanted to add at the end of this interview.



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The GQ Jazz Ensemble rehearses in Greenfelder's Grosse Pointe Farms garage.

Jazzing up the neighborhood

Band rehearsals bring live music to Cloverly

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Music and entertaining have long been a part of Gary Greenfelder's life. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident picked up the trumpet in fourth grade and never looked back.

He studied music, first at Wayne State University, then at Oakland University; however, "I never finished music school," he said. "I joined a show group and went on the road. Then I lived in California four years, 1979 to 1983. After two or three years there, I realized I wasn't enjoying music as much anymore. It was too competitive and stressful. So I went back to school and got my CPA."

Greenfelder, 63, moved "back home" to Grosse Pointe in 1983.



George Wietecha drums while Rob Jozefiak plays keyboard.

"Within two weeks, I was playing in an R&B band six nights a week in bars," he added.

Though he's been entertaining for decades, the onset of COVID-19 all

but silenced the music industry and with it Greenfelder's three musical groups: The Gary Greenfelder Orchestra, a 16-piece big band; GQ Jazz Ensemble, a jazz quintet; and Dynamite Resonance Brass Quintet.

"The music business has been terrible," he said. "I'm trying to get it back up and going again. It's been a slow road."

Now the retired CPA and current treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce board of directors is doing his part to keep alive the soothing sounds of live music. In the past, his quintets would rehearse in his basement, but last summer he brought them outside—in the garage during cooler months and the backyard when it was warm.

"When we started, we got a good response," he said. "Neighbors would stop by, walkers would stop by."

Those outdoor rehearsals are picking up again in sync with the spring-time temperatures.

During a recent practice session, Greenfelder

said someone stopped by to ask if the band would play at their upcoming wedding.

Greenfelder rehearses twice a month with his groups, but, "I practice every day and play as much as I can," he added.

Wednesdays are for the jazz quintet and Mondays, the big band. While his neighbors on Cloverly are treated to his at-home practice sessions, the larger group rehearses in a church to stay socially distanced.

"Most people just come by, stand outside, listen for a while and move on," he said. "In the summertime, we're in my backyard. Some of the neighbors are in their yards listening; not all of them can see us, but we hear them clapping and cheering. It's a very positive thing."

Between the three groups, Greenfelder has developed "an astounding amount of music," he said, "and I will never stop adding to or changing the music in our books."

"For the smaller groups, it's easier; there are five instruments," he



Greenfelder plays trumpet in all three of the bands.

continued. "It's our love of doing it that keeps us going."

At one time the orchestra performed 30 to 40 gigs a year, including private and corporate events, as well as weddings. Now it entertains at one or two weddings a year.

"The music world has changed and continues to change," Greenfelder said. "Classic rock is where it's at now. My focus has always been on big band and R&B."

Pre-pandemic, the jazz quintet performed at occasional wedding receptions and clubs around town, while the brass band is more for

fun, he said. "Every group does a broad array of music," he added. "We do it for the love of doing it. When we get gigs, we're happy to do that."

Greenfelder said he's in the process of creating a new website that focuses on different decades of music. He'd also like to delve into musical themes of movies and television shows.

"The goal is to get interest from younger people and let them know brass instruments and other instruments are cool and sound great when played together,"

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John Takle plays stand-up bass.



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The Helm

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

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

◆ 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.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the follow-

ing blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Christ Episcopal Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, May 21, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross blood.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 18, Gentle Mat Yoga.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Gynecological Cancers Support Group.

◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Chair Yoga.

Register at gildasclub detroit.org/events/calendar.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

◆ Book and Wine Pairing, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19.

◆ Dealing with Pandemic Stress, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20.

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

Friends of the GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host an outdoor used book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in the GPPL Woods branch parking lot. The sale includes thousands of books, DVDs, recorded books, children's books and more for \$1 per item, cash only. All proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The Friends host an outdoor purse sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the GPPL Woods branch parking lot. Hundreds of gently used purses, bags, wallets and more will be on sale for prices ranging from \$2 to \$30, cash only. All proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Summer fun grilling at The Helm

The barbecue will be hot, the food plentiful and the fun immeasurable as The Helm grills up something new this summer: Monthly Friday night barbecues.

The first-ever Friday Night BBQ at The Helm is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 21. Come alone or bring friends and family members to The Helm for a barbecue — including hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, salads and dessert — as well as lawn games, like croquet, cornhole, ring toss, giant Jenga and pingpong.

"A common theme we heard over the last 15 months was how much our members and supporters missed seeing each other and spending time together," The Helm Executive Director Peggy Hayes said. "Friday night barbecues are a great way to do that."

The event costs \$12 for members and \$18 for nonmembers, and includes all food and use of the games. Participants will need to bring their own beverages.

Former Grosse Pointe public school teachers Eric Frakes and Steve Gulian will provide live musical entertainment.

"As we began to expand our programming and looked for new, different and safe ways to get together," Hayes said, "we realized we hadn't been using our property to its fullest. It isn't just our beautiful house. We have an expansive front lawn and home patios and it's time to use our entire facility. The barbecues are just one way to do that. We have a number of programs planned for outdoors this summer and are excited for people to join us here at The Helm."

Registration for the barbecue is required and may be done online at helmlife.org or by calling (313) 882-9600. Additional barbecues are scheduled June 25, July 30 and Aug. 27. To learn about other summer programs at The Helm, visit helmlife.org.

Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Men's Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, with Dan Aitken of Aitken & Ormond Insurance. He will discuss changes in

no-fault auto insurance.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26. District 6400

Gov. Aruna Kousik speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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he said.

Greenfelder's website includes a calendar of upcoming shows and live public events. Events also are listed on his Facebook and Twitter pages.

The big band next will perform a public concert Sunday, May 30, at Lake St. Clair Metropark. The jazz quintet will perform on Harsens Island Saturday, June 19, and at Lake St. Clair Metropark Sunday, Aug. 8.



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Saxophonist Eric Lundquist and trumpeter Gary Greenfelder rehearse.

"We're looking at booking outdoor events," he added.

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GPAAS hosts pancake breakfast fundraiser

Proceeds benefit Harper Woods K-9 program

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Families looking for a hearty meal this Saturday morning also have the opportunity to make a heartfelt gesture to the Harper Woods K-9 Program.

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society hosts a pancake take-out breakfast fundraiser from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20633 Vernier, at Harper in Harper Woods.

Each breakfast will be packaged separately and served to cars directly via drive-thru. The meal includes pancakes, sausage and orange juice, as well as butter and syrup.



A mini Kaiser plushie in front of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society in Harper Woods.

Admission to the breakfast is by voluntary cash and check donation. Checks may

be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, with the note "for HWK9."

Additional support for the K-9 program may be made through the Mini Kaiser Crime Fighter fundraiser. Those who donate \$50 or more will go home with a miniature stuffed Kaiser, the Harper Woods K-9.

"This is the first year for the Mini Kaiser Crime Fighter," said Lauren Feldman, the self-proclaimed "#OfficeDog supervisor" at GPAAS. "The program has not only been unable to host their annual public event fundraisers, but their community reach has been limited during COVID as well. All public engagements, school visits and seminars were canceled through-

out the year, too. The program's organizers wanted to do something fun with the announcement of the pancake breakfast returning this year, as well as try to make up for canceled events."

Proceeds from both the pancake breakfast and the Mini Kaiser fundraisers benefit the Harper Woods K-9 Program, "thanks to generous donors providing both the plushies and breakfast supplies to the program for free," Feldman said. "Both GPAAS staff and volunteers, plus HWK-9 Program members, are running the pancake breakfast and our office is serving as the donation coordinator/collector of Mini Kaisers."

The Harper Woods K-9 program serves



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Harper Woods K-9 Kaiser sits with his "mini me."

Harper Woods and all of the Grosse Pointes, she noted.

"Collectively Harper Woods and the Pointes have two K-9s - Duke in Grosse Pointe and Kaiser, the Harper Woods K-9 - serving their area and sharing each other's services when the call comes in," Feldman said.

She added that the need to raise funds for the Harper Woods K-9 Program is continuous. While the Harper Woods Police Department pays the K-9 officer's salary, public safety departments are restricted

from soliciting program funding.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, GPAAS serves as the program's fundraising partner, assisting with annual costs. Tax-deductible donations may be made through GPAAS. All designated donations to the Harper Woods K-9 Program cover training and certification costs, a specially equipped vehicle and associated equipment necessary for the K-9 team.

For more information on either fundraiser, call GPAAS at (313) 884-1551.



Harper Woods K-9 Officer Stephen Johnson with Kaiser, during an outing to Comerica Park.

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OBITUARIES

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Alice R. Metry

Grosse Pointe Park resident Alice Riddle Metry, 85, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021, surrounded by her family.

She was born Nov. 14, 1935, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the daughter of Harry Hugh Riddle and Grace Williamson Riddle, both now deceased.

A graduate of Crafton High School, Alice matriculated at Hood College in Frederick, Md., where she earned a bachelor's degree in 1957. Thereafter, she began her teaching career at Lakeshore Public Schools in St. Clair Shores.

Alice met and fell in love with Frederick Metry at a long-time college hangout in Grosse Pointe Park — Rustic Cabins Bar. She and Fred were married Dec. 28, 1963, and happily enjoyed more than 57 years of companionship and love.

Alice is survived by her loving husband, Frederick E. Metry; and children, Tracey Metry, Theodore Metry (Lillian) and Jeffrey Metry. She also is survived by her grandchildren and apples of her eye, Sam, Grace, Jori, Kyin, Alexandria and Gabriella. Alice was predeceased by her brothers, Jim Riddle and Bill Riddle.

A devoted mother, wife and compassionate neighborhood mom to many of her children's friends, she spent her time volunteering for her children's

activities and helping at their schools. She also was a kind, inclusive and treasured member of her neighborhood community; some referred to her as "the mom of Devonshire Road."

Alice was a dedicated volunteer for the Channel 56 Auction, Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club, Girl Scouts and Detroit Institute of Arts. She was recognized as a Pointer of Interest by the Grosse Pointe News in 1981.

Alice enjoyed playing golf, bridge and traveling the world. Never one to mention she had a hole-in-one more than 10 years before her husband, Alice enjoyed her life to the fullest.

Alice and Fred were longtime members of the Detroit Golf Club, Detroit Athletic Club and Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs, Fla.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, at St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple, Troy. Visitation at the church begins at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Alice Metry may be made to the Neighborhood Club, neighborhoodclub.net; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

William Richards

Grosse Pointe Shores resident William "Bill" Richards passed away Monday, May 3, 2021. Born Oct. 26, 1929, he was 91.

A proud graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, Bill continued many close friendships with classmates until his death. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State University and was a proud Spartan and loyal fan.

A love story began in 1951, when Bill married the love of his life, Mary Agnes Hughes. His deep love for Mary was evident in his love letters to her, which he wrote while serving his country during the Korean War. A writer at Stars and Stripes, he also recounted many adventures and stories.

While Bill was a successful manufacturers' representative for the automotive industry, his biggest success was his role as husband and father. Deeply loved by his wife, children and friends, he always was present to coach a team, take a sail, give advice or lend a hand. Bill and Mary enjoyed many years traveling together with their family and friends. They had many adventures around the world, including to their favorite place, Singapore.

An avid sailor, Bill shared his love of sailing



Alice R. Metry



William Richards



John L. McAllister

with friends and family. He participated in the Port Huron to Mackinac, Southern Circuit and Tuesday Night races, but his favorite sails were on Lake St. Clair with family — his dearest crew — and a Bommarito's sub in hand.

After 57 years of marriage filled with joy, laughs and adventures, Bill lost the love of his life in 2008. He carried on Mary's legacy of loving and caring for others through his continued volunteerism and involvement in the lives of his children and grandchildren, of whom he was the biggest fan and supporter.

Bill had a servant's heart. He volunteered at Beaumont Hospital 25 years, joyfully served as a Eucharistic minister and touched hearts everywhere he delivered Meals on Wheels. He also was a faithful parishioner at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church many years.

Throughout his life, Bill was known for his witty sense of humor, warm personality and infectious smile; he made everyone he met feel special, his family said. His stories were always entertaining and sure to have the crowd laughing. Bill lived a full life and his loving family carries on his legacy, they said.

Bill was predeceased by his wife Mary; son, Chris; daughter-in-law, Barbara; grandson, Michael Casey; and sister, Patricia Giannico. He is survived by his children, Robert, Linda, Pete (Melissa), Anne Marie Costello (Matt), Mary Neal (Jim) and Cathy Jones (Rick); loving 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

dren; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Friday, May 14, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. The rosary will be recited at 11:30 a.m. prior to Mass. Mass will be livestreamed at livestream.stjoan.church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, solanuscenter.org; or Hospice of Michigan, hom.org.

John L. McAllister

John "Jack" L. McAllister passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in Port Huron, at Lake Huron Medical Center. Born May 2, 1939, in Rogers City, he was the loving son of Lorraine and George McAllister.

Jack attended Grosse Pointe High School, where he met his loving wife, Nancy "Janie" Waggoner. They married July 29, 1961.

Jack served four years in the U.S. Navy. After he returned home, Jack and Janie resided in Grosse Pointe and raised their five children.

Jack was a manufacturer's representative at the Waggoner Co., a family-owned stamping business. He and Janie established their own business — Janie's Fashions — in The Village of Grosse Pointe. They also opened Family Treat in St. Clair Shores. When they retired, Jack and Janie moved to Columbus Township, where they resided the past 22 years.

Jack enjoyed spending time with Janie in Florida, as well time spent with his family and grandchildren. A member of Crescent Sail Yacht Club, he competitively raced sailboats and was named commodore in 1982. He also was a member of the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association Commodores Club and Perch Point Gun Club.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Janie; and their five children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, John McAllister II (Tracy) and their children Andrew (Trisha), Brian, Nick and Daner; David McAllister and his daughter, Lauren, and grandchildren, Allison and David III; Debra Verduysse (Donald) and their children Haley and Donald; Wendy Tatar (Richard) and their children, Patrick and Brandon; and Kelly Carlyle (Alan) and their children, Graeme, Lillian and Gowan. Jack was predeceased by his grandchildren, Alexandra and David II.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 13, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 68035 Main, Richmond. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John McAllister's name may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church, staugustine-catholicparish.org; or the American Stroke Association, www2.heart.org; or American Heart Association, 1-800-AHA-USA1.

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Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident James Michael Dyle passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from complications due to Covid 19. He was 63.

James was born October 6, 1957 to John Joseph Dyle and Eleanor Danckaert Dyle in Grosse Pointe Park. He attended St. Ambrose grade school and graduated from Grosse Pointe South Class of 1975. He attained a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Michigan Dearborn.

An entrepreneurial spirit from a young age, Jim was never afraid of hard work. He started a lawn mowing service and mowed many a Grosse Pointe lawn. Throughout high school and college he worked at The Roostertail which is where he developed and honed his cooking skills. After graduation he used his finance degree to work for a number of financial institutions. Later he partnered with a good friend to turn around several struggling businesses. He achieved his lifelong goal of owning his own business by becoming a partner in the defense contracting business Coordinated Defense Supply Systems in Clinton Township, Michigan.

Jim was passionate about many things. He learned his love for gardening from his grandfather and everywhere he lived he grew a garden full of spices, herbs and vegetables. He grew so many vegetables that many of his neighbors and some local businesses received a free delivery from Jim's garden. His family joked with him that he could have opened his own produce stand.

A master cook and BBQ-er, he was fiercely possessive of his kitchen. Many a gourmet meal was prepared for his family and friends. You would always leave his house with a carryout as he would make enough food for an army. Jim was known for his famous chili and marinara sauce, made from tomatoes and chilies from his own garden, the family recipe of potato salad



JAMES M. DYLE
October 6, 1957 - April 13, 2021

was. And anyone who met him for the first time commented on how warm and friendly his smile was.

A skillful craftsman and painter, he learned his wood-working skills from his carpenter grandfather and woodworking classes at Grosse Pointe South. Jim could build and paint anything which came in handy helping out many a friend and family member.

Enjoyment of the simple things in life was Jim's forte. Spending time with family and friends, cooking and enjoying a great meal, sipping a good cup of coffee or a nice glass of red wine while feeding and watching the birds in his yard, listening to some good jazz, singing along to some classic rock and roll, dancing with his wife in the kitchen, playing catch with his beloved "Rudy" or tinkering on his classic car.

James is survived by his wife of 8 years, Elizabeth Morris Cook, brother John Dennis Dyle (Julie), brother David L. Dyle (L. Robyn Mullinger), and sister Elizabeth Dyle Fisher (Ralph), his niece Taryn Kim (Sam), nephew Scott Dyle, and grand-nephews Tobias and Miles Kim, stepdaughter Jessie Quesada, stepson Scott Cook, and father-in-law Donald Morris.

There will be a memorial gathering at A.J. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 3-8 pm with a prayer service at 7 pm. A Catholic Burial Mass will be at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 10:00 am. His cremated remains will be interred in a family plot at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI in a private family service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Capuchin (St. Bonaventure) Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave, Detroit, MI 48207 or the Capitol Building Fund for Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe St., Detroit, MI 48215.

Henry Thomas Jr.

NOVEMBER 19, 1930 - MAY 5, 2021



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Henry Thomas Jr., 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, announces his peaceful transition into Heaven on May 5, 2021, in his home with family by his side. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sybil, with whom he celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in Heaven on May 10, 2021.

Treasured father of Suzanne Barbara (Jim) McCuish, Lisa Louise (David) Hill, and Dr. Julie Lynn (Michael Enyeart) Thomas. Henry was the adored Grampa of Mackenzie Louise Hill (23), Henry Thomas Hill (20) and James Stephan McCuish Jr. (20), and loving brother-in-law of Justine (the late Keith) Miller of Harbor Springs, and Uncle to Graham (Stefanie) Miller and Blair (Katie) Miller. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Rudy V. Thomas.

Henry was born to Henry and Rosa (Däschner) in Unteröwisheim Germany

who all have a love for mechanics, with Mackenzie following in his footsteps by earning a degree in engineering.

Henry was also a great cook, specializing in traditional German dishes and enjoyed sharing his recipes and techniques.

Henry enjoyed spending time with his family at their summer home on Lake Huron. He purchased the land in 1950 and designed and built the entire home himself. It was the 'never-ending project' he loved and it provided a wonderful place for the family to retreat to every weekend in the summers, where many cherished memories and traditions were made. Henry made sure he always had something to work on - **his motto was he would rather wear-out than rust out** - and that he did.

Henry was a kind, humble and hardworking man - always making time to help anyone who needed it. He made friends easily and always loved talking shop with them. He was adored and loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him.

A member of First English Lutheran Church for over 60 years, Henry's unwavering faith gave him the sure and certain hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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R. Thomas Vigliotti

R. Thomas Vigliotti died peacefully Tuesday, May 4, 2021, after fending off lung cancer several months.

Born in 1947, and raised in Detroit, he was a lifelong supporter of the city he loved.

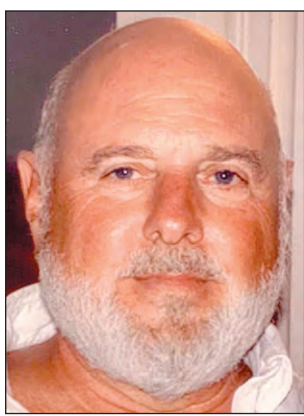
He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Maureen (nee Ritchie); children, Ellie Rowland (Nick) and Tom; and sisters, Mary McHale and Anne Cesario (Mark). He was predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Anne; and sister, Beth.

Tom's family said he was a kind and fun-loving man who will be remembered for his generous nature, adventurous spirit and infectious laugh.

A national rowing champion in his late teens and man of many talents, he excelled as a swimmer, sailor, private pilot, fisherman, SCUBA diver and Detroit real estate developer.

Tom's career began at his father Ralph's second-generation Detroit firm after he attended Eastern Michigan University. He quickly grasped the intricacies of industrial real estate in a changing market. Tom and his longtime business partner, John Miller, together developed a national reputation as innovative and successful developers of abandoned automotive manufacturing facilities.

Tom loved spending time at his second home with his wife and children on Harsens Island and was known for welcoming friends with a



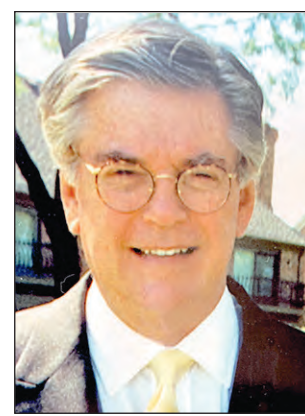
R. Thomas Vigliotti



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drink and fantastic meal. An excellent cook, he also was known for big steaks and lobster parties on the deck. He lived and laughed and loved and left; the world will never be the same, his family said.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, detroitriverfront.org; or McQuade Society at Ascension St. John Hospital, stjohnprofoundations.org.

Anthony C. Riff

Grosse Pointe Park resident Anthony "Tony" Choucri Riff, 82, died Sunday, May 2, 2021, in his sleep. He was born July 28, 1938, in Detroit, to Madeleine and Choucri Riff.

A graduate of Austin Catholic Preparatory School, Anthony attended the University of Dayton in Ohio, Miami Dade College in Florida and the Detroit Institute of Technology.

Anthony was the owner of Harper Recreation on Detroit's east side, which his father started in the 1930s as a pool hall and bowling alley with hand-set pins. The family grew and modernized the business through the years. In

1981, Anthony and his brother added Club UBQ, a two-story nightclub famed for its state-of-the-art illuminated dance floor. In the 1990s, they expanded the bowling center to 40 lanes.

Anthony is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Mary Ellen; niece, Lila LaHood; nephew, Michael LaHood (Elizabeth); great-nephew, Joseph LaHood; nephew, George Riff; goddaughter, Samantha Michael; and many cousins and their families. Anthony was predeceased by his parents and siblings, George Riff and Elaine LaHood.

A private funeral service was held May 11.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, thecapuchins.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Karen M. Miller

Karen Margaret Miller passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 7, 2021, from complications related to kidney failure.

Born Sept. 19, 1951, in Fort Wayne, Ind., Karen was the first of John and Lila (nee Heine) Miller's four children. She grew up in

Rochester, N.Y., Detroit and Grosse Pointe Farms.

A 1969 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, she attended Valparaiso University. Karen worked in retail and at a variety of information technology firms in Georgia and Texas. A highly skilled software tester, she liked to say because she was good at breaking things.

Karen loved her church and family, crafts, puzzles and games — especially card games.

A proud lifelong Lutheran, she sang in church choirs and played in handbell choirs.

She adored her nieces and nephews, known as her "angels," and took pride in all their accomplishments. She loved family reunions and helped plan several Heine reunions. Karen

enjoyed fiber arts such as knitting and cross-stitch. She loved solving two- and three-dimensional jigsaw puzzles and was a fierce euchre and bridge player.

Karen is survived by her mother, Lila; siblings, Eric Miller (Dana), Kevin Miller (Marti) and LilaJan Hibbs (Roger); and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her father, John.

The family thanks Karen's faithful friend, Pamela Wright, and the staff at Holy Savior Hospice in San Antonio for their wonderful care and support.

A memorial service will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Hope Lutheran Church, 1804 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, with the Rev. Ralph Hobratschk officiating. Additional information is available

by phone at (281) 482-7943.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charitable organization of the donor's choice or music program at the donor's church.

Richard J. Gagnon

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Richard J. Gagnon died Wednesday, May 5, 2021. He was born in 1935, in Dearborn.

Richard earned a degree in fine arts at Michigan State University. He worked on Madison Avenue in New York City and returned to the Detroit area a few years after he married Carol Hennecke.

An entrepreneur in television, advertising, marketing and digital media, he mentored many individuals in creative businesses.

Richard was an avid boater. Together with family and friends, he often cruised Lake St. Clair on weekends.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carol Gagnon; children, Richard Gagnon Jr. (Jennifer), Laura Timmis (Michael) and Andrea Tingue (David); and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will take place in June.

'ABCs of CBD' at The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the lecture "The ABCs of CBD," from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, May 17, with Kathy Housey, an educator and lecturer who specializes in brain and senior health.

The lecture will cover the differences between cannabidiol, or CBD, and the

psychoactive ingredients in marijuana, as well as the history of CBD in the U.S., what is legal and where, and the possible conditions it can treat.

The event is free to members and non-members; registration is required.

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

Virginia Augusta (Darbe) Humble

August 6, 1920 - May 2, 2021

Virginia Augusta Darbe Humble, a feisty Leo, was welcomed by God into the world on August 6, 1920. Known to all who loved her as Ginny, she was born in Detroit and spent 100 remarkable years in her beloved Michigan. Ginny died with her son by her side on May 2, 2021, at 11:57 PM, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, MI.

A kind and loving mother, wife and friend, Ginny was known as an independent, funny, hard-working and generous trailblazer who enjoyed meeting people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Born to William (Bill) Darbe and Evelyn Hessler Darbe, Ginny was raised by her mother and her uncle, Frank Krueger, of Krueger Creamery. They resided in St. Clair Shores.



At age 7, she was enrolled at St. Mary Academy boarding school in Monroe, MI, one of the premier schools for young women

in the country. She spent her entire school career there, forming a close bond with the founding Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The courage and sacrifice of these women inspired Ginny's strong faith, which served her throughout her life as she listened to a daily mass and prayed a daily rosary. Many of her SMA classmates remained close to her, and she celebrated her 99th birthday with some of them. Once you met Ginny, you were friends forever.

After graduation, she took a job in retail, eventually settling at Jacobson's department store in Grosse Pointe in the handbag department, located on the store's bustling street floor. She worked there from 1964 until her retirement and enjoyed returning part-time if needed.

Ginny loved working at Jake's, and anyone who shopped with her received exceptional service. She greeted customers in the store with the same warmth with which she welcomed friends into her home. Her door was always open.

She married Claude Thomas Humble in 1950. The glamorous couple welcomed their daughter Gwendolyn Marie in 1953, followed by their son Bryant Thomas in 1955.

Always fashionable in her trademark black and white, Mrs. Humble proudly

wore her ever-present accessories: a pearl necklace and matching pearl earrings.

Gwen wrote these words to capture her mother's devotion



and her passion for elegant style:

"To have and to hold, the handbag is a portable office, bank, and emergency kit for women everywhere. From the classics Judith Lieber, Chanel, to Hermes the "It" bag in my life was my Mom, indispensable, the handbag holds all!"



The last bag Bryant and Gwen

gifted their Mom was a Louis Vuitton, fondly known as Ginny's boyfriend "Louie."

Her son-in-law Ian, remembers Ginny as "A fantastic woman, my forever friend. She was a pistol, a firecracker, and I'll miss her like hell." Ginny cherished time with Gwen and Ian, both in California and Michigan, and traveled with them around the world.

Ginny's devoted son Bry, cared for his mother until the last moment of her life. They loved to play the lottery together, and if Ginny was at a slot machine, she was in her element. Ginny and Bryant enjoyed watching Detroit sports teams, namely hockey, baseball and football.

Virginia is survived by her daughter Gwendolyn Humble McShane and son-in-law Ian McShane, of Los Angeles, CA; her son Bryant Thomas Humble, of St. Clair Shores, MI; and her goddaughter Amy Bagwell, of Lake Way, TX. Virginia was preceded in death by her mother, father, and husband.

Mass of Resurrection for Virginia was on May 11, at St. Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be done privately.

Virginia was a long-time, much loved member of the DIO vision support group. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully prefers donations to go to the Detroit In-

stitute of Ophthalmology. More specifically:

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Virginia was born en caul, known in folklore as "with a veil." She believed this was her key to knowing things would always be fine for her own children. Truly the opinionated Leo, she saw her purpose as a caul-bearer to help guide men, women and children to understand themselves and the universe in which they live.

This love and empathy she extended to everyone she touched is her legacy.

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Wallaby mom Eloise protects her young joey in her pouch during a recent afternoon at the Detroit Zoo.



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Detroit Zoo welcomes wallaby joey

A baby wallaby, or joey, is now visible at the Detroit Zoo following its birth this past October. The joey lives in the two-acre Australian Outback Adventure with its mother, Eloise, as well as two other wallabies and 13 red kangaroos.

"This is Eloise's first joey. She's very protective," said Elizabeth Arbaugh, curator of mammals for the Detroit Zoological Society.

The red-necked wallaby joey, who isn't named yet, is the first to be born at the Detroit Zoo since 2010.

After birth, joeys immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop — usually for a few months.

Last week marked the first time the joey fully came out of Eloise's pouch.

"Joeys don't start getting fur until about six months," Arbaugh said. "Now that there is a fine layer of fur, the joey is starting to venture out."

The sex of the joey will be determined when he or she is older and mostly out of the pouch.

Visitors can get face-to-face with the marsupials inside the Australian Outback Adventure, traveling along a winding path while the wallabies and kangaroos are free to bound and graze wherever they please.

For hours, prices, directions and other information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.

First English Spring Jubilee slated May 23

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes one and all to its first Spring Jubilee, planned from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, on church grounds.

"After this past year of challenges for many, our church wants to reach out with some good news," said Sue Ulmer, event coordinator. "With a focus on Jesus' story of the Good Shepherd and the lost sheep, we're offering lots of hands-on activities and crafts, storytelling and even a petting farm."

"You'll see sheep popping up everywhere, from decorating lamb cookies to playing sheep games, from planting a mini-sheep pasture to making a sheep puppet," she continued. "At some point this past year, most of us felt a little lost. We want folks to know that God, our shepherd, cares enough to see each of us out with his love and comfort."

Chamberlain Mobile Petting Farm, an animal rescue company, is bringing sheep, goats, ducks, chicks and bunnies to church grounds. Also included in the festivities are hand

painting — a safe alternative to face painting — games and food, including the BBQ Daddy food truck and Captain Kool ice cream truck.

"We'll have a free water station and offer tables for sitting," Ulmer added.

The Spring Jubilee takes place outdoors, rain or shine, with tents and canopies on the ready in case of rain. Additionally, guests are asked to wear masks during the event. Sanitizing stations also will be available.

"Even through we're out-of-doors, we're asking folks to mask up," Ulmer said. "Our nine stations will be spread out across the entire front and side of our building."

Spring Jubilee is free, with the exception of the two food trucks.

Parking will be available in the church parking lot; volunteers will help direct traffic.

"The Spring Jubilee gives members of our congregation opportunities to serve our neighborhood and to participate in the fun," Ulmer said. "In the Old Testament, the Year of Jubilee (every 50 years) was a time of rest, restoration and coming together. That seems a prescription for exactly what's needed right now."

For more information, call (313) 884-5040 or visit feelc.org.

Foundation donates \$47,400 in furniture to GPPSS

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The We Are Here Foundation, a redistribution partner of office supply company Staples, recently donated more than \$47,000 of showroom-quality furniture to the Grosse Pointe Public School System for its administrative offices, which are being relocated to Grosse Pointe North High School this fall.

The donation includes 22 Hon and Allsteel workstations, valued at more than \$46,000, as well as a conference room table and 10 chairs, valued at \$1,200.

"When we get these big donations, I send out a notice to all the school districts," said Tom Cleaver, founder of the Mount Clemens-based foundation, noting that requests are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.

GPPSS Building and Grounds Manager Rich VanGorder received an email from Cleaver, visited the warehouse and picked what would work best with the new layout at North.

"Our footprint at 389 (St. Clair) is much bigger than the space we'll have at North," said Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for business and operations. "Our furniture is not going to work in the size of the space we're going into."

Additionally, the age of the

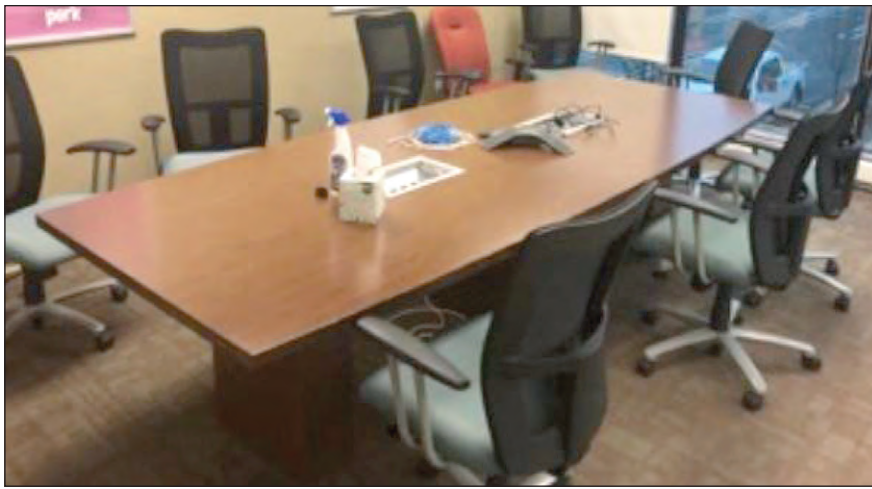


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The conference room table and chairs that will be placed in the new administrative offices.

furniture from 389 was considered.

"The current furniture at the administration building was donated to us 25 years ago ... and it was already probably 25 years old," VanGorder said. "So the current furniture is 50 years old and in bad shape; it won't survive the move."

Not only is the new furniture a perfect fit for the new space, but it helps the district financially.

"For us, the bond issue legally allows us to purchase furniture, but that's not the direction the community supports," Matheson said. "We're honoring that commitment. The only

mechanism to pay is the general fund. We are always trying to be good stewards of general fund allocations. ... We rely heavily on community support to do major infrastructure improvements. Since we've honored the community's desire to not use bond or sinking fund money ... taking this donation reduces the amount of money we're using from our general fund."

The school board at its April 26 meeting approved a request to purchase furniture, which would have been a much larger request without the We Are Here Foundation donation.

"We've received a few things over the years — desks for

Parcels, some special education things — but nothing like this donation," VanGorder said. "We're the same as anyone else across the state. There's not a lot of extra money to replace furniture."

The GPPSS donation currently is housed in Staples' warehouse. It will be moved to the school when renovations are complete.

Around 75 percent of what the volunteer-based We Are Here Foundation distributes is donated from Staples and its other partner, Green Standards in Canada. Other furniture comes from the private sector. For example, Cleaver said, the foundation may receive a donation of furniture from General Motors that may be eight or 10 years old.

"But what might be old for them is brand new for a school district," he added. "... What someone might feel is a little dated, when teachers are sitting on milk crates, it's brand new to them."

"We hate seeing any office furniture placed in landfills when they are deeply needed in

school districts."

The We Are Here Foundation has been in operation 24 years. Its signature event is the Nautical Coast Cleanup, this year slated Sunday, May 23. It has performed major logjam removals in Macomb County, as well as other local work.

When the former Pare Elementary School was being transformed into the Pare Nonprofit Center a few years back, the We Are Here Foundation spent the winter painting and installing carpet, as well as donating furniture for the center's first tenant, The Lake House. It also provided similar services when Kids on the Go, Big Family of Michigan and other nonprofits relocated to Pare.

"Everything in that building we donated," Cleaver said. "That school is incredible and helps out a lot of people in the community."

Along with its recent GPPSS donation, the foundation also contributed \$214,030 worth of furniture to Detroit Public Schools.

"We really appreciate the opportunity to accept this donation," Matheson said.

Added VanGorder, "This is awesome; it really helps us. It's money we don't have to spend from the general fund to replace furniture that's needed."

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Mini Picassos offers discounted summer programs

Additional percentage supports co-founder's cancer treatment

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When COVID-19 first appeared, Mini Picassos co-founder Heather Brush decided it would be a good time to retire. She left the business in the capable hands of her daughter, co-founder Katy Wereley, who carried on successfully until pandemic restrictions drained the color from Mini Picassos' youth art classes and camps.

Threatened with closure, Wereley put out a call for community support in January and the community answered – allowing Mini Picassos to continue to operate. Plans even began to form for Brush to return to the classroom.

“(Brush) was planning on coming back to teach art this summer – she couldn't stay retired,” Wereley said, “but God had a different plan.”

Brush found a lump in her breast in December; in February she learned she has invasive ductal carcinoma.

“It was quite a shock for the entire family,” said Wereley, a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Brush had a double mastectomy in March; she began the first of 16 rounds of AC-T treatment earlier this week.

“We're going to continue to pray and hope chemo kicks it,” Wereley said.

To help offset costs of treatment and care, Wereley is offering all Mini Picassos summer programming at a 20 percent discount to participants.

“We're doing it partly to entice people, but also to raise funds for my mom,” she added. “They'll get 20 percent off, plus 10 percent of everything I'm making this summer will be given to help her fight her cancer.”

There's plenty in store for aspiring artists this summer, including full-week half-day camps, full-day camps, pop-up events and more. A schedule of classes may be found online at minipicassosstudio.com/campsevents.

Wereley plans to add August events in the next week or two.

“I'm going to add our tie-dye workshop and a 'paint your dog' program, which is a step-by-step

painting party,” she said. “I'll have a couple things for moms and dads – mom paint nights and dad paint nights. I think moms and dads need nights out.”

Classes will take place at the Mini Picassos studio in Harper Woods, though classes sizes are limited, “to be safe for COVID,” Wereley said. “But this allows us to do bigger projects than we would normally do. With 12, maybe 15 kids, per camp, we'll be able to have more intricate projects. I'm excited.”

To register, visit the Mini Picassos website and enter the promo code MsHeather1.

“It automatically takes the percentage off, but it also automatically takes 10 percent and put it into an account for my mom,” Wereley said. “It's just something to help her out ... so she doesn't have to worry about anything.”

Wereley is praying the community comes through once again, not only to support Mini Picassos, but also her mother, a longtime community art teacher.

“She literally is the most compassionate, lov-



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Mini Picassos co-founders, Heather Brush, left, and her daughter, Katy Wereley.

ing, positive, happy person you'll ever meet,” Wereley said of Brush. “She's just sunshine. To have something so hard and difficult to go through, she's the last human being on earth who should have to go through this. If we can help her in any way, because she's helped so many people, that would be amazing.”

“... We live in such an amazing community that I know will help rally behind her.”

Brush has her down days, like anyone else, Wereley said, but she's also candidly using her experience to reach others.

“My mom was not the greatest at getting mammograms,” Wereley said. “It's crazy how many peo-

ple, when she talks to them ... everywhere we go, she tells them to get their mammograms. She's on the path to getting everyone checked out.

“She is a beacon of light. ... She's so positive about everything.”

For more information, visit minipicassosstudio.com or call Wereley at (313) 283-6710.

New Corner offers Pilates, Lagree fitness

By Ana Dragovic LoVasco
Guest Writer

The Corner Studio Pilates and Lagree officially opened its doors May 3, offering traditional Pilates equipment training and Lagree Megaformer group fitness. The new studio, on the corner of Mack Avenue and Loraine in Grosse Pointe City, emits the same sunny vibe as its sister studio at Broadstone, stocked with brand-new equipment and second home to familiar and new Corner trainers, all Lagree certified.

The buzz about Lagree is far from new. The Megaformer — a Pilates-inspired training machine that uses springs and cables to sculpt, strengthen and increase balance with the added element of cardio — launched back in 2010. Several years and many models later, the Megaformer remains a

trailblazer. And the hype is real.

“The biggest pro about Lagree is the fact that it is a high-intensity workout with very low impact, which makes it an extremely adaptable workout for everybody,” explains Corner trainer Ally Ranville.

For those who want exercises that are easy on the joints without sacrificing sweat factor, Ranville says, “the combination of resistance, core, slow-twitch muscles, and mind-body connection makes Lagree a great option.”

Clients familiar with Pilates can know what to expect as far as how the machine works, but trainer Nancy Blake notes the similarities between traditional Pilates equipment and the Lagree Megaformer are minimal.

Simply put, “Lagree gives you a low-impact, high-intensity workout, while Pilates gives you a

low-impact, low-intensity workout,” she says.

Blake insists Pilates is still an excellent way to strengthen and shape the body while increasing endurance and balance, but the Lagree Megaformer adds that extra cardio that will increase heart rate, too.

“Lagree can definitely give you that full body burn and make your muscles shake!” she says.

For clients new to “spring” workouts, Blake suggests Pilates Reformer is a great place to start. “I love both workouts and believe they complement each other well.”

Consider some tips before you try: Blake advises clients to hydrate, arrive a few minutes before class to get set up, and take breaks throughout class.

“The stronger you get, the longer you'll be able to maintain that ‘time under tension,’ keeping the springs tight,” she says.

Ranville adds, “Dismiss any preconceived fears about the way the machine looks — it is not as scary as it seems!”

The Corner offers a variety of pricing options to choose from, including the ideal first-timer option — three weeks unlimited for \$119. Purchase membership, classes, and packages on The Corner Studio app. For more information, visit thecornerstudiogp.com.



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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Standards too low

I'm envious of a friend whose boyfriend frequently does nice things for her: bringing her soup when she's sick and surprising her with a weekend getaway and a pricey handbag she'd been coveting. My boyfriend is a nice, reliable, loving guy. I'd considered myself lucky to have him, but now I'm worried my "good-boyfriend" standard is too low.

—Comparison Shopping

A woman feels loved when the man she's with does those little things that say "thinking of you" -- as opposed to "spent all day forgetting I had a girlfriend."

Not surprisingly, you envy your girlfriend who gets those little (and bigger) signs. Envy gets a bum rap as a toxic emotion. (It can have toxic effects when the envious try to even things out by sabotaging those doing better.) However, evolutionary social psychologist

Bram Buunk's research suggests envy is actually "adaptive": functional -- a sort of alarm clock for yearning and ambition,



alerting us to others' higher achievements (or groovier stuff) and motivating us to nab the same (or more) for ourselves.

Men are not cryptographers, and they are particularly bad at translating women's nonverbal signals like pouting -- if they notice them at all. Tell your boyfriend what you

want -- sweetly, not scoldingly -- in the context of "what would make me really happy." Chances are you'll need to tell him a few times to get him to come around. When he does, reinforce future come-arounds by telling him how happy he's made you, how much it means to you. (Doing this while tearing off his clothes, if you're so inspired, should make an even stronger impression.)

But say, even with reminders, your boyfriend drops by with soup or a latte just once and then forgets the whole deal. Sure, you could put him out with the recycling for some woman with lower "good-boyfriend standards" to pick up. However, you might reflect on ways he shows he cares: maybe giving you his coat when you're cold or fixing your car so you won't die in a fiery wreck.

You might also consider that some men's apparent generosity reflects not

love but the sense they're out of their league.

If that's the case with your friend's boyfriend, the stream of soup, swag, and trips is just a campaign to delight-slash-distract her from dumping him -- a la, "Never put off till tomorrow goods-and-services-izing what could be in some other dude's arms two Thursdays from now!"

Weekend At Bernie Madoff's

I had a nice first-date dinner with a guy I met on a dating app. Afterward, he said he had something to show me, pulled up his pant leg, and revealed an ankle monitor! He said he hadn't wanted to put it on his dating profile, and "It was just white-collar." (I Googled. Embezzling money. He's on "supervised release" -- apparently with some range beyond house arrest.) This situation bothered me, but I accepted his invitation for a second date, given our chemistry.

—Shocked

Ideally, if a man wears "statement jewelry," the statement it's making isn't: "I'm in constant communi-

cation with my parole officer." A guy who embezzles money -- assuming there's no "my brain tumor made me do it!" -- is likely low on the personality trait of conscientiousness. Someone high in conscientiousness is disciplined, dependable, organized, and shows concern for others' needs and feelings.

In contrast, those short on conscientiousness are unreliable, careless, impulsive, and poor at delaying gratification. (They probably see little reason to do it, as they also have an "eh, whatever!" attitude about their effect on others.)

Personality traits tend to be pretty stable over time and in various situations -- though research by psychologists Nathan Hudson and R. Chris Fraley suggests people can work to change their personality by repeatedly changing their typical behavior.

For example, a usually inconsiderate guy could act like a person high in conscientiousness, starting in small ways, like making the bed every morning instead of leaving it for the girlfriend-slash-housekeeper to do.

That said, lasting change might not be possible with-

out strong motivation to mend one's ways -- like feeling deep remorse at all the people one hurt. (Remorse at getting caught doesn't count!)

This guy's "it was just white collar!" is not exactly dripping with contrition. You could get him on the phone before your date to probe further into what he did and his current perspective on it. Is he passionate about turning over a new leaf, driven to be honest -- or just to seem honest? As for your "chemistry!" argument for seeing him again, consider that you get the whole dude, not just the hot parts.

Wanting to see the best in somebody doesn't make the worst in them disappear. It just might be a while before you arrive home early and spot it -- in bed with your best friend, your sister, and the UPS lady.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Your values dictate your courage

Q: I accepted a respectable position with a company I expected to be reputable and intelligently managed. While management seemed to display both those characteristics, as I came to work more closely with certain managers, I discovered hierarchy flaws and less transparency than I liked.

I heard about behaviors that were less than acceptable, but I didn't know whether I should say something. I don't want to be seen as a complainer, but I don't know where to draw the line on what I can say or do.

A: Most people will not speak out because doing so takes courage. Generally,

employees operate within a range of comfort and security regarding their freedom and decision-making ability at work, and sometimes, they sacrifice their freedom out of fear of management retaliation.

This type of fear is what has prompted whistleblower advocacy groups and formal whistleblower organizations.

According to the Legal Information Institute, a whistleblower is "an employee who alleges wrongdoing by his or her employer of the sort that violates public law or tends to injure a considerable number of people. The employer can be public or private."

The Whistleblower

Protection Act of 1989 is a law that protects federal government employees who "report the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety." But the crime or wrongdoing could also be in the form of fraud, deceiving employees, corruption or any other act which misleads people.

The Whistleblowers Protection Enhancement Act of 2012 adds more protections.

In addition to reporting illegal activity, the term "whistleblower" is often used when an employee

reports or informally comments on an executive's or manager's behavior as unprofessional and unacceptable.

Regardless of the term one uses, speaking out in a company takes courage.

In "Choosing Courage: The Everyday Guide to Being Brave at Work," Jim Detert, a professor at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, presents many examples from his decades of research on workplace courage, and explains why "fearless organizations" can make the world a better place. "It's no easy feat to step in when a boss makes rude or offensive comments or shows blatant favoritism," states Detert.

One such example was when a district manager entered the restaurant screaming at Hugh, the new restaurant manager, for visibly dirty sections. Hugh bravely asked the district manager to continue the conversation in the back, where he responded "sternly but respectfully ... Don't ever talk to me in that demeaning tone

and fashion. I can explain the situation, but don't ever talk to me like that again." Hugh's response took courage, and his courage stemmed from his value of integrity. The district manager later apologized.

Detert explains, "Speaking the truth to power can involve defending or shielding those who've done nothing wrong but are nonetheless being mistreated."

Sometimes, an employee has to report the incident to upper management, which may be the only way to advocate change. Detert says this is done too infrequently because it's often more difficult than confronting a person you know.

One example involves a boss asking his employee to lie and take the blame for an accident he had. She refused, but when her boss continued to be aggressive, she felt she had to report the incident because she "had more integrity than that." She was not going to be part of his cover-up.

Ambrose Redmoon says, "Courage is not the absence

of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."

One's values and goals are the foundation of courage. The critical question to ask yourself is: Are you clear about who you are, or what you want to become, and how you want to be remembered when you're gone? That foundation creates the compass that will guide your decisions.

In a world where values are absent or in question, and honesty and transparency must be tested, companies can play a major role in returning integrity to employees by setting an example. Sometimes it will take a whistleblower to initiate change for the better, but, gradually, society must return to practicing intentional goodness.

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Overbearing, know-it-all boyfriend ruins twice a year family get-togethers

DEAR ABBY: We get our children and grandchildren together twice a year. Our oldest daughter is divorced and, unfortunately, has a significant other the rest of our family cannot stand. He's an arrogant, competitive know-it-all.

We have been around him only twice -- the last two times the family got together. The second time was a disaster for the rest of us.

Should we tell her we don't want to invite him this year, and how do we say it? Or should we not tell her? -- TENTATIVE IN FLORIDA

DEAR TENTATIVE: Talk to your daughter about this. When you do, have handy a list of

the ways he offended your family members at the gathering.

Her significant other may be so self-centered he doesn't realize he's being obnoxious.

Ask her to ask him to dial back his need to compete, impress, cover for his own insecurity -- whatever drives him.

Then give him one more chance. If that fails, do not invite him again, and tell her why.

You can always see your daughter separately, I assume, and so can her siblings.

DEAR ABBY: I had a relationship with a wonderful woman for almost six years. During the course of our relationship, I purchased a rather

expensive precious stone -- exactly what she wanted -- with the intent of giving it to her as a promise ring. (Neither of us are fans of the institution of marriage.)

We have since gone our separate ways, but we still communicate.

Because it was purchased for her, I am tempted to give her the stone. At the same time, I have entertained the notion of keeping it and giving it to my future life partner, should I meet someone I care for that deeply. Your guidance would be greatly appreciated. -- ROMANCING THE STONE

DEAR ROMANCING: Promise rings symbolize the promise of a proposal



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

of marriage. In the case of your former girlfriend, it didn't pan out. Because the two of you still communicate, why not mention to her that you have the stone and ask if she would like to have it. If she says no, you can always offer it to someone else, although I can't promise the lady will be eager to receive a souvenir of a failed relationship.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine has a 70-pound dog that behaves badly.

When I visit her, it sprints out of the front door, barking, and jumps on my car. It has left 3

1/2-inch-long deep scratches on two of my vehicles.

She yells at it, and eventually the dog stops, but not before jumping on me and leaving me muddied and snagged.

This friend is due to have a baby, and I am sure she will be inviting me over to meet the baby soon. How can I avoid further damage to my car and clothing without damaging my friendship? -- ASSAULTED IN AUSTIN

DEAR ASSULTED: The obvious answer is to find the courage to tell your friend you are will-

ing to visit only if she confines her dog so it won't cause further damage to you and your property. And while you are at it, mention that you are concerned about her baby's safety. Her dog's lack of discipline poses a distinct danger to her defenseless and vulnerable little one.

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Dear Ann Landers: My stepson, "Roy," was recently sentenced to 15 years in prison for selling drugs. He has been in and out of trouble for his entire life, and I cannot say one good word about him.

The last time Roy was out of jail, he got a young girl pregnant, and she had a baby boy. When the federal agents raided their home, the baby was given to Roy's mother and stepfather to raise. That child is now 4 years old.

Here's the problem: Roy's mother has been taking the boy to see his father in prison. Now, Roy wants my husband to bring the child with him

when he visits, and my husband has agreed.

I don't think it's appropriate for the boy to see his father locked up. Everybody whitewashes the situation and tries to make it seem like Roy is away at college. They tell the kid how nice the place is, how good the food is and how well the guards treat the prisoners. By the time the child is 10 years old, he will think jail is a pretty nice place to be. I am really bothered by this.

I cannot do anything about Roy's mother, but I am shocked that my husband is willing to take the boy on these trips. I am afraid this child will never have a chance in

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life unless he can distance himself from his jailbird father.

It's not as if Roy has turned over a new leaf. The last time my husband went to see him, Roy threatened to kill his stepfather. I have no doubt that he would do it.

What do you say, Ann? Will these visits harm the boy? This is very troubling and is starting to cause a problem between my husband and me. Please advise. -- Darkness

in Delaware.

Dear Delaware: How sad that the 4-year-old's first memory of his dad will be associated with prison. Now that the child has seen his father there, I see no point in stopping the jail-house visits, but do ask your husband to consider making his trips with the boy less frequent.

That child should be seen on a regular basis by a competent therapist.

He must not be allowed to grow up thinking jail is a "normal" or "good" place to be. He must understand that it is a place people are sent when they break the law. Please, for the child's sake, talk to your husband, and try to get the boy into counseling at once. He needs help.

Dear Ann Landers: My boyfriend and I have been together for almost two years. Generally, we have a great relationship, except when it comes to his mother.

She has started calling my house three or four times a night. (We do not live together.) Most of the time, she calls about nothing -- she heard a funny story about a neighbor, she saw something good on TV and so on.

Whenever I visit my parents, she calls me at least twice to find out if "everything is OK." She also calls our friends to find out if my boyfriend and I are getting along.

The phone calls aren't the only way she butts into our lives. She has questioned the amount of time we spend together and what my parents think about it.

I tried planning a party for him, and she decided to take over the guest list, the menu and everything else. (I ended up canceling the whole thing.)

She has made it clear that her son is not to move out of town, no matter how good an offer he gets, because the family must "stay together."

Although I am a college graduate and earn \$50,000 a year, she thinks I should go back to school and get a doctorate.

Ann, I want a future with this man, but I don't want to end up with a mother-in-law who tries to run my life. Please advise. -- Mothered Out in Iowa.

Dear Iowa: You don't say one word about your boyfriend's attitude toward this mother-in-law from hell. Will he support you in your fight to be free of this woman's interference? What's the record so far?

Unless you are absolutely certain that he will always be on your side, I would advise you to think seriously about what your life would be like if you married this man.

Dear Ann Landers: I am at my wits' end over a situation that involves my wife, my daughter and my daughter's boyfriend.

About 18 months ago, the boyfriend decided to start his own business. My wife, "Lynn," volunteered to help him set up the bookkeeping system and other aspects of the start-up. Now, Lynn is working more than 40 hours a week -- for free. She is more committed to the business than he is.

We have discussed this issue at length, and Lynn says she enjoys the challenge and that I should "stay out of her business." She also says the company would fail without her, and I believe it. Meanwhile, I am working full time at a stressful, difficult job, and have to take up the slack at

home, which means doing all the dishes, cooking, cleaning, laundry and so on.

I don't suspect any monkey business between my wife and our daughter's boyfriend, but this guy is very charismatic.

I can't figure out if this is some weird subconscious attempt on Lynn's part to relive her youth vicariously through her daughter, or if she is trying to compete with her.

I have toyed with the idea of giving her a reasonable period of time to extricate herself and saying I will leave if she does not. After 30 years of marriage and two wonderful, grown children, this seems like a drastic move, but I've had it.

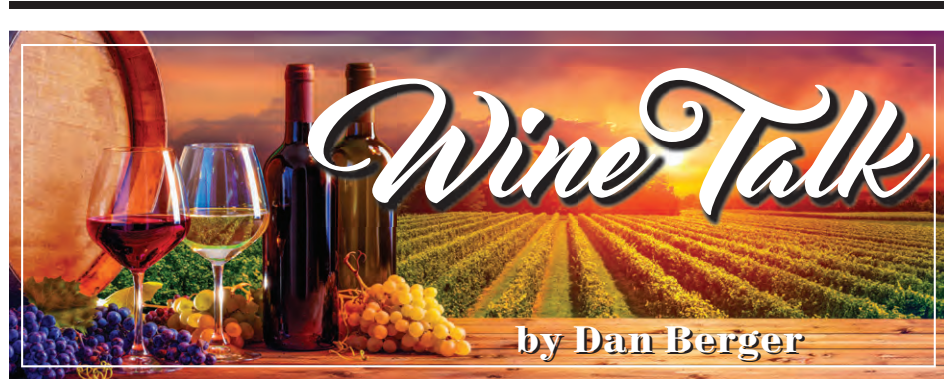
I would appreciate some advice from you, Ann. -- Need Direction in California.

Dear California: Let me get this straight -- your daughter's boyfriend is starting a new business, and your wife is helping him to the tune of 40 hours a week? Meanwhile, you are cooking, doing dishes and laundry, and cleaning, in addition to working at your stressful job? You say you've had it and want to know if I have any advice? Well, yes, I do.

Tell your wife you are resigning as chief cook and dishwasher, and if she wishes to continue to knock herself out for this young man, it's OK with you, but not at the expense of her share of the home responsibilities. If she doesn't agree to cool it with the self-inflicted second job, insist on joint counseling, and let the counselor establish the appropriate guidelines.

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An ode to Zinfandel

Younger people (under age 45?) say zinfandel is a dark red wine that's bold, brash, thickly rich, soft and sweet-ish; that has slightly Port-y aromas and high alcohol content; and that should be sipped immediately after release by itself. Food is optional.

Older people (over age 60?) tell you zinfandel ought to be a medium-weight red wine that's balanced to go with food and is even better after a couple of years in the bottle.

Many younger zin lovers crave bigger wines. Older former zin drinkers are disgusted with what it's become.

(It's that crowd between 45 and 60 that I can't figure out!)

As wine drinkers become wine lovers, they can take one of two paths while traversing the Zinfandel Highway. One path leads to Port, sweet and high in alcohol. The other leads to claret, which is what zin used to be.

Claret, an older term, refers to red wines that are similar to the way cabernet sauvignon used to be made, with lower alcohol and dry enough to warrant putting it with food. That style is hard to find today.

The passion that some zinfandel lovers display now is hard to comprehend. I'm old enough to recall the amazing versatility of this grape. Its greatest appeal was that it made lots of different kinds of wines, all interesting.

It made a delightful dry, nearly pink wine ("white zin"); a sparkling wine; and, best of all, a light red that had all the charm of Beaujolais, with berry flavors and the crisp-

ness to work as a foil to pizza.

It was Chianti with more fruit.

Most of those wines are gone today. The minomania over this grape (though it's waning) still has obsessive devotees seeking bigger, richer, more intensely flavored zins

And that's precisely what consumers seem to be saying. Overcome by weight and too much alcohol, some have begun to turn their backs on today's biggest zins.

The zin exodus is a reaction to zins of the 1990s, when Thompson's derision of 14% to 15% alcohol wasn't enough for some people. It had to be a lot more than that! So 17% became the new 15% -- massive brutes with astringency from starboard to port and the strength to remove rust from a 1949 Ford trailer hitch.

Worst of all, many sell for \$50 or more, mainly to those who prefer wine that's akin to 10W-40 motor oil.

In the hands of skilled winemakers, zinfandel still makes a lighter-styled red, generally from slightly cooler climates.

To find milder zins, find the alcohol listed on the label. There are many at 14.5%.

Wine of the Week: 2017 Carol Shelton "Wild Thing" Zinfandel, Mendocino County (\$19) -- The "wild" in this name refers to the spice components, with raspberries and pomegranates. It has only 14.5% alcohol and is delicious. It would work with most red-sauced Italian dishes. The 2018 will be out soon and may well be better (I haven't tasted it), but 2018 was a cooler vintage.

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The Perfect Artichoke Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

A plain, simple artichoke, with lemon butter is my absolute favorite thing to eat.

I request them every year for my birthday dinner and still can't understand how they are a vegetable because they taste too good.

Look for the most bulbous, green and tightly packed ones so you know that they are fresh and full of flavor.

The heart of the artichoke is what you work for.

Make sure to scrape the fuzzy center out with a spoon. Pair

Cut the stem off as well as the top fourth of the artichoke to expose the middle and rid it of the spikey leaf tops. A serrated knife works best.

Using scissors, trim the top of any remaining thorns of the leaves from the bottom section of the artichoke. Peel the stem with a vegetable peeler. (If the stem is shriveled, discard.)

Rub the sliced parts with lemon and place in a large stock pot. Add 2 cups of water, salt and the lemon you used to rub the artichoke. Simmer for 45-60 minutes depending how big the artichoke is.

The leaves should easily pull away and you should be able to scrape the meat of the artichoke off with your teeth.

In four small bowls, divide the stick of butter between them. Use the remaining lemon and divide the juice between the bowls.

Either microwave on high for 45 seconds or place in a warm oven until melted.

Serve the artichokes on a plate with the butter. Make sure you have a discard bowl for the leaves.



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They are a fun finger food to share. I, myself, slap hands away with no guilt while happily devouring the entire bulb. Artichokes are an immature flower bud of the thistle plant. They're packed with antioxidants and are a perfect vehicle for butter. Globe artichokes are the large variety.

I was inspired to write about artichokes because I keep seeing how large and beautiful they are in grocery stores this time of year.

them with a nice, dry, crisp wine.

4 globe artichokes

2 cups water

1 tbls salt

2 lemons

1 stick of salted butter

Rinse the artichokes under cold water and pull off any small leaves around the stem.

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Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“Eighth Grade”
2018 - 1hr 33min

Confession: I watch a ton of movies. So before I watch one or add one to my queue, I often will consult rottentomatoes.com to see how they rate it. They provide a critic’s rating and an audience score.

Generally, if the movie is given 50% or better, it’s a fairly safe bet. However, if the critics give a movie a super high rating, I’m

Like a lot of kids these days, she spends a great deal of time on her phone. To move the story along, and to divide it into chapters, Kayla records little self-help videos. She covers topics like trying new things, and confidence. And just when you think, who is she to give advice, she actually goes out and challenges herself and throws herself into uncomfortable situations. Which she definitely learns from.



Kayla is being raised by her dad, (Josh Hamilton) who loves, admires, and encourages her. Of course, he’s a constant source of embarrassment to her, just like all dads are to their teenage kids.

somewhat leery. They’re often art-house, erudite, surreal, and campy films. In other words, unwatchable.

So when this film was rated 99%, I was a bit skeptical and figured there was a good chance I’d bail after 10 minutes or so.

Well, I was pleasantly surprised. What a little gem of a film.

“Eighth Grade” stars Elsie Fisher and Josh Hamilton. Ms. Fisher plays Kayla, an angsty, introverted 13-year old during her last week in eighth grade, before moving on to high school. She’s slightly overweight, super shy, awkward, and very introspective.

I must say, unless you were one of the cool kids in middle school, you’ll have no problem relating to Kayla. There are times in the film where I cringed and said to myself, “Jeez, that was me”!

Ultimately, she does come around and lets him know she appreciates him for who he is.

I really appreciated how realistically middle school was depicted. It seems like most films are prone to exaggerating the characters. The bullies are ultra mean. The nerds are over the top geeks. In “Eighth Grade” the snobby girls are portrayed perfectly.

They’re not out and out mean to Kayla, they’re just so self possessed, they hardly even notice she exists. I’m not one to encourage violence, but if I ever encountered these two in real life, I’d be very tempted to smack them.

When the movie started, I wasn’t sure I’d like it. But by the end, I was rooting for both Kayla and her dad.

It’s just quirky enough to be ignored by the critics when it came to awards. However, I think the two leads should have at least

been nominated. Another one of those excellent movies that somehow flew under the radar. Thank you once again, Kanopy! 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.

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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 13, 2021:

People are entertained by your great wit. You’re clever, intelligent and well prepared. You take pride in your professional approach to things, and you hope that others will do likewise. In the year ahead, many of you will make a decision that will lead to a major change in your life. Stay flexible so you can size up all options.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19)

You’ll be surprised to experience something fresh and different in the next two months. Your capacity to learn more about the spiritual dimensions of your life will increase as you come in touch with deep, meaningful values. (This might sound trippy, but it’s true.) Tonight: Enjoy daydreams and wishful thinking.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)

Your popularity will increase in the next 10 weeks. Not only will you enjoy the company of friends and groups, these people will actually benefit you. This same window is an excellent time to ponder your hopes for the future. Tonight: Be careful of extravagance.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)

Something good is coming down the pipe! For the next few months, you might receive a promotion, public recognition, kudos, an award or admiration for your achievements. Some might travel because of work. Mucho excitement! Tonight: Stay realistic.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22)

In the next few months, many opportunities will

come to you that expand your view of things and expose you to a broader world. Some of you will travel to foreign countries. You might explore philosophical and religious ideas. Tonight: Don’t be led astray by fantasies.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Your financial scene will improve in the next few months because money from other sources will come to you. Ka-ching! This could mean money back from the government, or you might benefit indirectly through your partner. Maybe an inheritance? Tonight: A friend might confuse you.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one-on-one encounters in the next few months. Relations with others will be upbeat and friendlier. If you marry in the next few months, your partner might be older, richer or more established. This is a good time to see an expert. Tonight: Be extra clear in communicating with authority figures.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Good news! Your health will get a lovely boost in the next few months. You will feel stronger and more vigorous and pleased with yourself. Many of you will improve your job or get a better paying job. Some of you will explore work-related travel. Tonight: Don’t fall for propaganda.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you will attract someone strong and powerful to you. (“Hi Darth.”) You might want to express your feelings to this person. You also might have deep, profound insights into the relationship. Or a

new relationship might flourish that is almost magical.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Different scenarios related to your home and family will please you in the next 10 weeks. Family members will be more loving and generous to each other because something will happen that makes you enjoy your home more. You might benefit through real estate. Tonight: Family discussions might be confusing.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You’re entering an exciting window of about 10 weeks when your plans for the future will be more ambitious. You might learn something or get further training. Relations with siblings and relatives will be happier. Get ready for an upbeat time! Tonight: Daydreams and fantasies are par for the course.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Lucky moneybags Jupiter has just moved into your Money House for 10 weeks, which means you will boost your earnings or increase your assets in some way. You will likely get richer! Explore moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Resist extravagant spending.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)

For a brief 10 weeks, lucky Jupiter is in your sign for the first time since 2010. (A marvelous bonus!) It signals the beginning of a new cycle in your life, especially one of gaining new experiences. You will attract people and resources. Tonight: You’re in a dreamy state of mind.

BORN TODAY

Musician Stevie Wonder (1950), actress Sunny Leone (1981), actor Robert Pattinson (1986).

Ford to reveal all-electric F-150 Lightning May 19 with livestreamed event at Ford HQ

DEARBORN, Mich., – Ford’s smartest, most innovative truck yet will be all-electric and called F-150 Lightning. The all-new F-150 Lightning will be revealed May 19 at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn and livestreamed for millions to watch.

The F-150 Lightning brings stunning innovation, technologies and capabilities to the F-Series, America’s best-selling vehicle, combined with the power, payload and towing capability that is the hallmark of all Built Ford Tough trucks.

The reveal takes place at 9:30 p.m. EDT, May 19, from Ford World

Headquarters and will be broadcast live with 30+ ways to watch across physical and digital destinations, including the Ford Facebook and YouTube channels, Twitter, key national publications as well as 18 impactful out-of-home locations such as Times Square in New York City and Las Vegas Boulevard.

“Every so often, a new vehicle comes along that disrupts the status quo and changes the game ... Model T, Mustang, Prius, Model 3. Now comes the F-150 Lightning,” said Ford President and CEO Jim Farley. “America’s favorite vehicle for nearly half a century is

going digital and fully electric. F-150 Lightning can power your home during an outage; it’s even quicker than the original F-150 Lightning performance truck; and it will constantly improve through over-the-air updates.”

Added Farley: “The truck of the future will be built with quality and a commitment to sustainability by Ford-UAW workers at the Ford Rouge Complex -- the cathedral of American manufacturing and our most advanced plant.”

Production of the F-150 Lightning begins next spring at the all-new Ford Rouge Electric Vehicle Center.



Contract Bridge

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

East dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 5 2
♥ A Q 9 6
♦ 6 4 3
♣ J 10 6

WEST

♠ K 6 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K 7
♣ Q 9 8 7 2

EAST

♠ Q 10 9 3
♥ 10 8 3 2
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 3

SOUTH

♠ A 8 7
♥ K J
♦ A Q 5 2
♣ A K 5 4

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — seven of clubs.

mond to the queen, losing to the king.

West exited with a diamond, South ducking East’s nine and winning the next diamond as West discarded a spade. When the diamonds failed to divide 3-3, declarer had to look elsewhere for a ninth trick.

So he turned his attention to the heart suit, playing the king and then overtaking the jack with the queen. He then cashed the ace, hoping the ten would fall and establish the nine. But when the ten did not appear, South had to go down one.

It is true that three different possibilities — the diamond finesse, a 3-3 diamond break or the fall of the heart ten — failed to materialize for declarer. But it is also true that he started the play with nine ironclad tricks and wound up with only eight. All he had to do to guarantee the contract was to play low from dummy on the opening lead and win West’s seven with the king!

This seemingly frivolous play — disdaining the “free” club trick offered by playing the jack — assures South of the dummy entry he needs to score four heart tricks rather than three. After winning the king of clubs, he cashes the K-J of hearts and leads a low club toward the J-10. Nothing can then stop him from scoring four hearts, three clubs and his other two aces to make the contract.

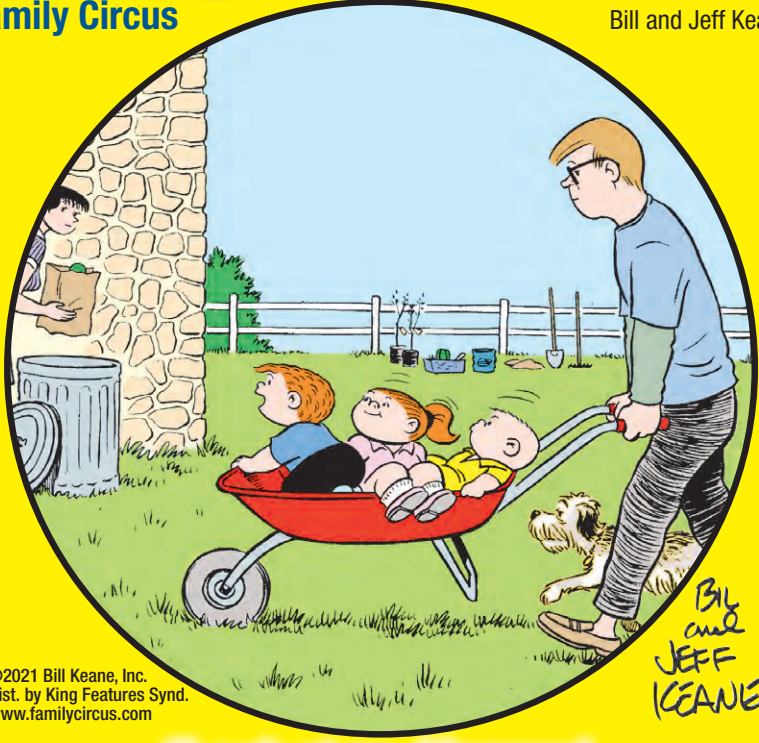
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"Look at us, Mommy! We're helpin' Daddy!"

Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

Scott Adams



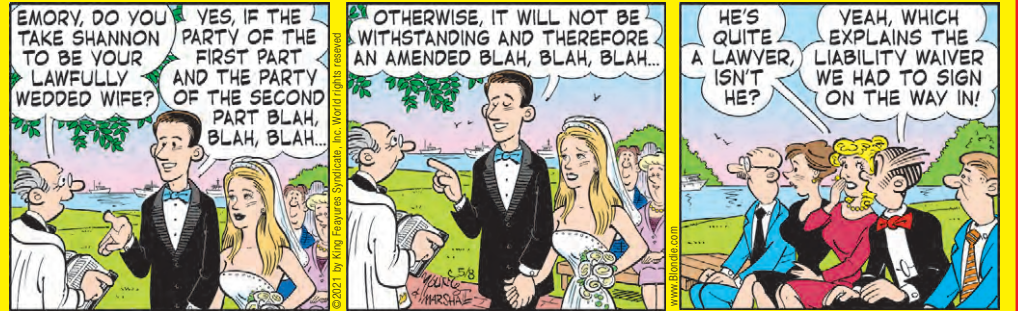
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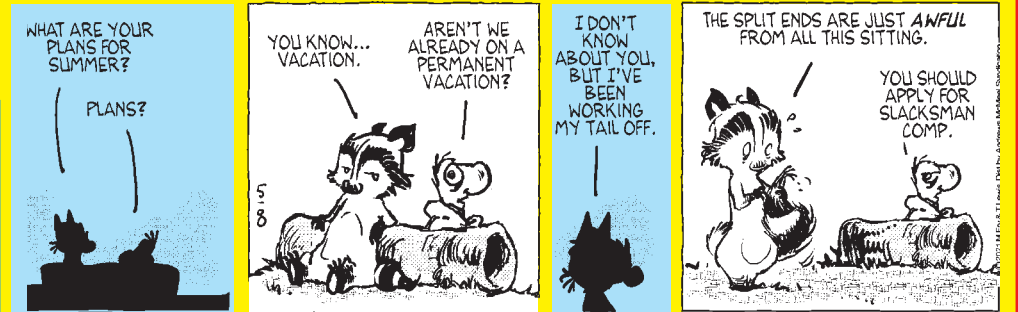
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Chris and Dean Young



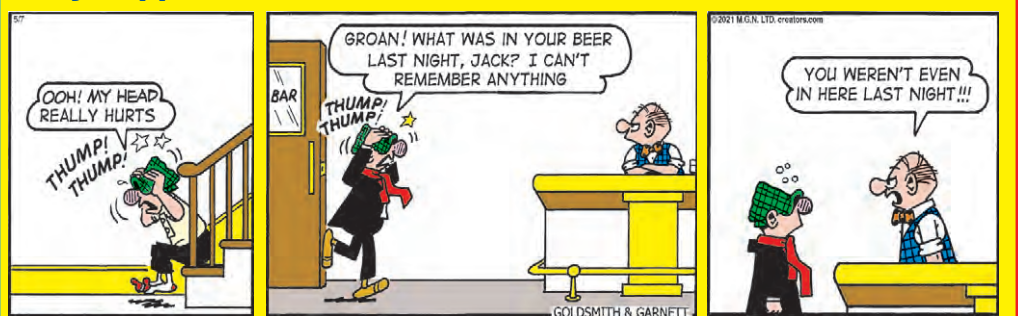
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Michael Fry and T. Lewis



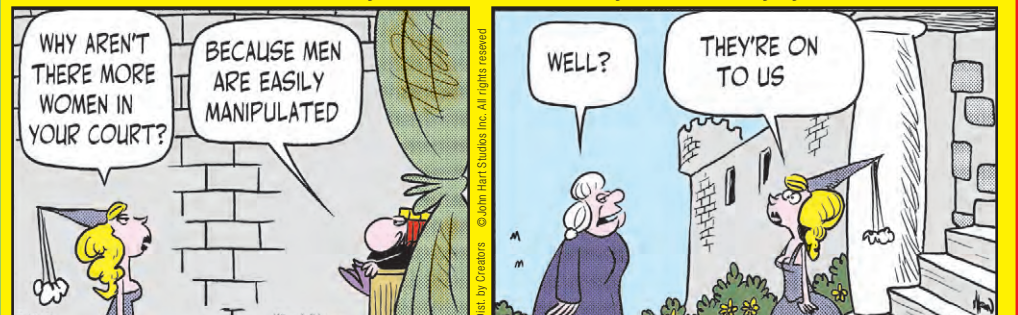
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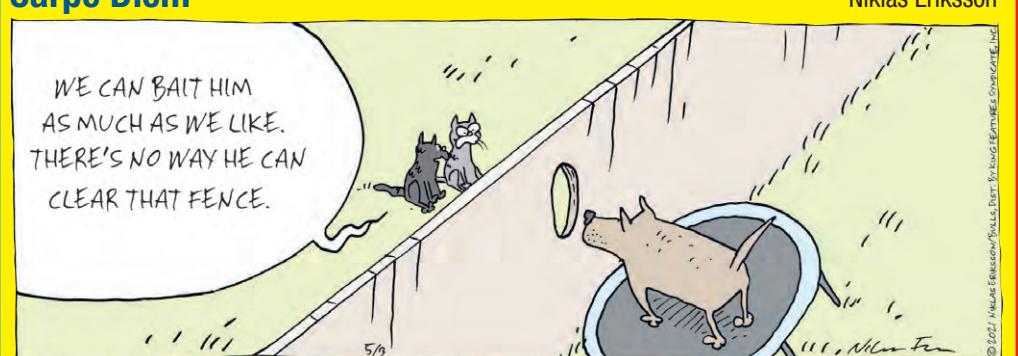
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Carpe Diem

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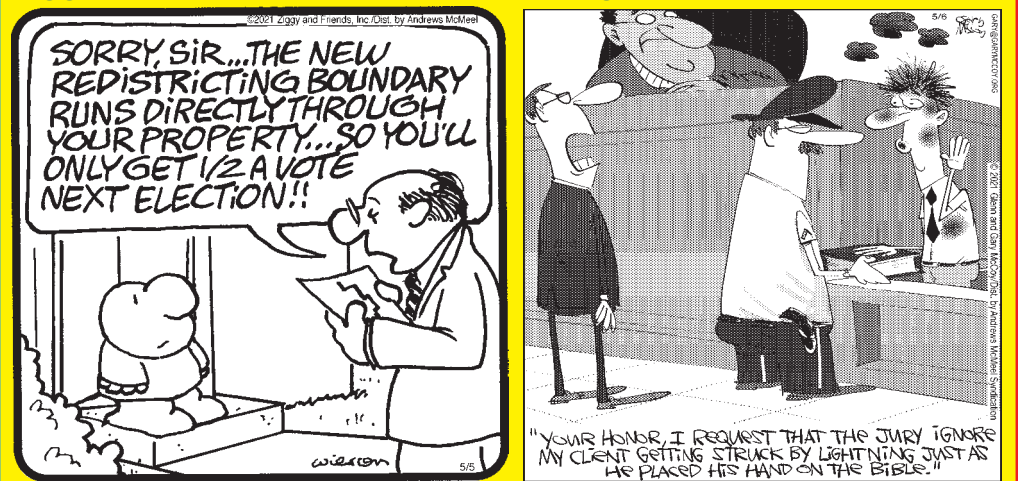


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

		6	1			2		
1	3			9	2			
8				5			1	4
	4				5			
7				6				3
		5					2	
6	8			3				2
			6	8			7	1
	1			4	3			

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

Previous puzzle solution

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg May 13, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Action movie features
- 8 Long recliners
- 15 Falls
- 16 What covers a dome in construction?
- 17 Pharma salesperson
- 18 Wrap around
- 19 Brain division
- 20 Ticked off
- 21 Singer born Eithne Pádraigín Ní Bhraonáin
- 22 Speck
- 24 Air current from an engine
- 27 Narrow bay
- 30 Post cereal inspired by a cookie
- 31 Cozy stuff
- 32 Dolphin's detection process
- 33 What fills a tank ... or fuels a tank
- 36 Cold relief medication
- 38 Speaker of the House since 2019, and from 2007 to 2011
- 40 Be in debt
- 41 Pulsate
- 45 Crannies' partners
- 46 Pink cat in "Garfield"
- 47 Bunches of hairs
- 48 Yogi's companion
- 52 A plastic bag is not one

- 53 Kuwaiti leader
- 54 Olympic code for Moscow's country
- 55 Worship from
- 58 Some seasoned sausages
- 60 Prime cut
- 63 Jeffrey Lebowski's nickname
- 64 Really suffering
- 65 Facial features that could aptly be blue?
- 66 Gap between neurons

DOWN

- 1 Finish
- 2 Christmas evergreen
- 3 "San Andreas, for one
- 4 Frozen pancake brand
- 5 Diet no-no, often
- 6 Their bark is silent
- 7 Gunk from 6-Down
- 8 Diminish in value
- 9 Cake associated with good health?
- 10 Rainbow, e.g.
- 11 Inactive people
- 12 Glistened
- 13 Simple course at school

- 14 Vapor that cooks vegetables
- 20 Catalan artist Joan
- 22 Ball club?
- 23 Playing softly
- 25 Alamos
- 26 Apartment's availability sign
- 28 CPR provider
- 29 Milan's alla Scalla
- 33 "Early '90s TV show featuring a Disney dog
- 34 Invite for
- 35 Space of "Tuck everlasting"
- 37 Sodium
- 39 Albano or Gehrig
- 42 Puzzles in which a ewe may mean "you"

- 43 Singles
- 44 "I'll monkey's uncle!"
- 46 Rub the wrong way?
- 48 Defeats
- 49 Nebraska's largest city
- 50 Lubricated
- 51 Wet, weather-wise
- 56 Kukla and Ollie's friend, on old TV
- 57 Bit of aquarium gunk
- 59 Very, en Espanol
- 60 Bro's counterpart
- 61 Business connections
- 62 Occasion to stay up until midnight: Abbr.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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My Bad! by Zachary David Levy

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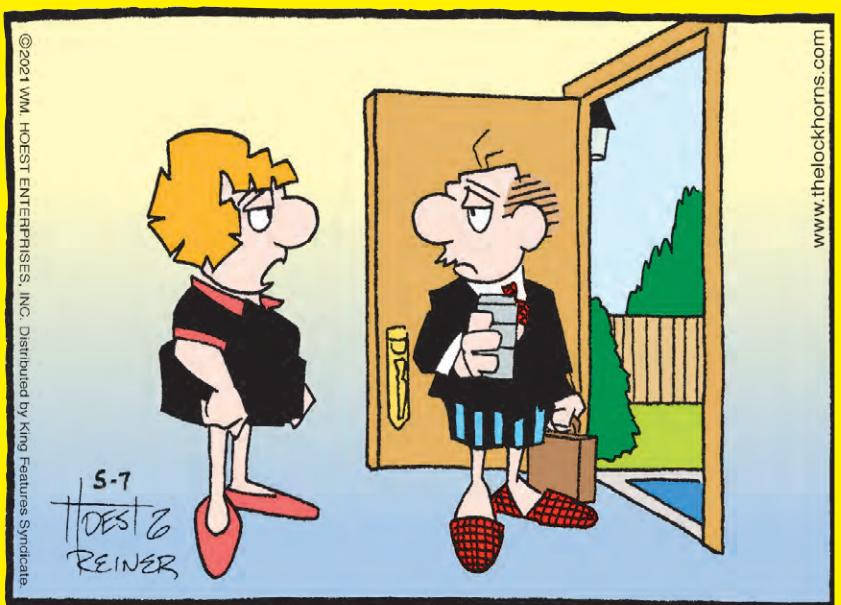


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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

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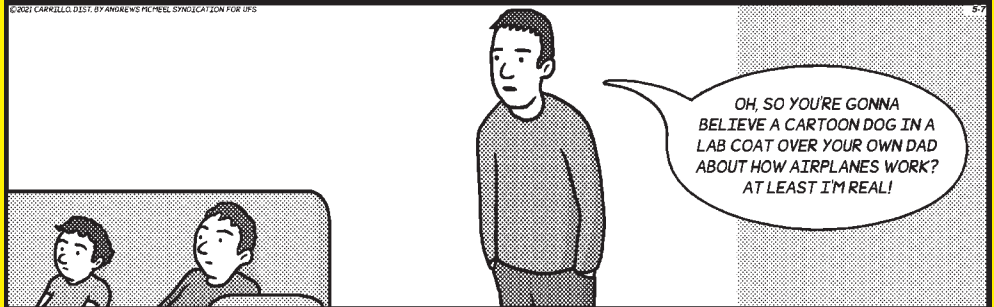
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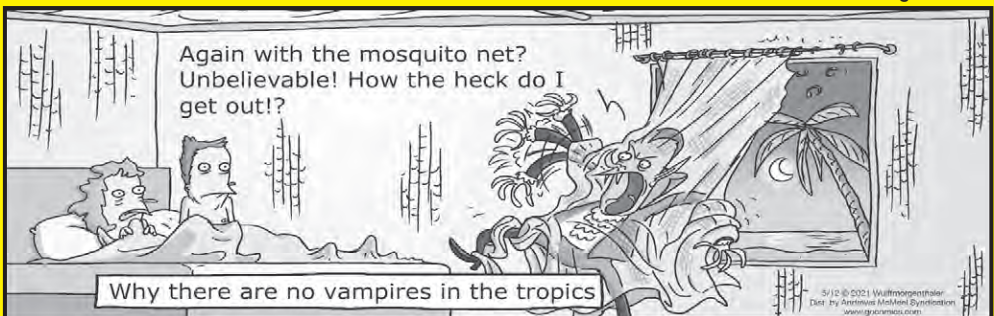
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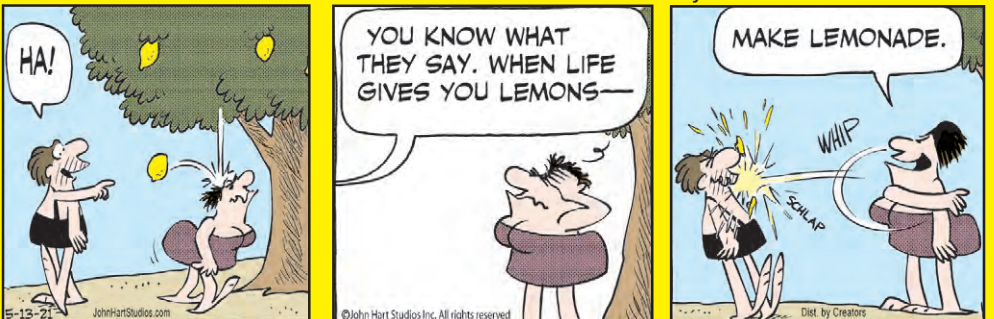
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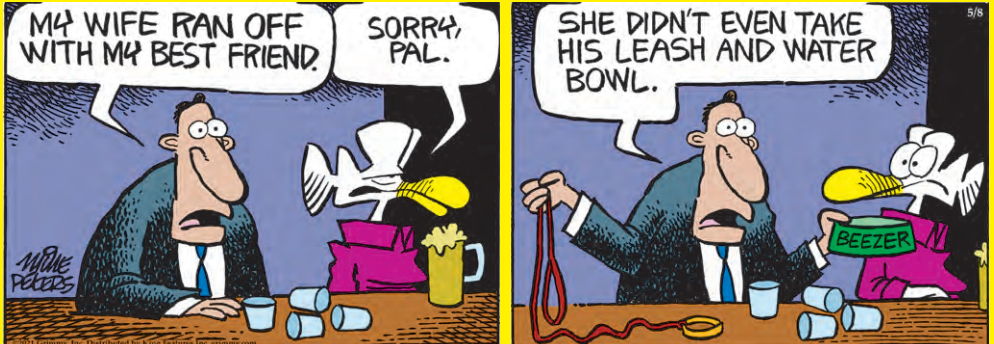
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Fun on the water



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Great Lakes Boating Festival makes another splash at GP Yacht Club

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Warmer weather making its way to southeast Michigan means one thing: Boating season is nigh.

After a year of COVID-19-related shutdowns and restrictions, the allure of outdoor events is strong, making now the perfect time for the 32nd Great Lakes Boating Festival.

The public is invited to check out an array of boats, ranging from 16 to 80 feet, as well as marine products and services during this free show, slated Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The festival also includes the Grosse Pointe Art Fair, featuring the work of around 20 artists, and a variety of vendors. "We have a number of new vendors this year," said Jim Morrow, president of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation. "One of them will have old ship salvage, like wheels and pinnacles. There will be some underwater cameras. All really great items." Children and adults alike are invited to use remote-control sailboats on the water and a live steel band entertains throughout the weekend. Boat show hours are noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program and Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, which provides scholarships to young sailors, supports high school sailing programs, sponsors regattas and supports the Challenge the Wind sailing program for Detroit's inner city youth.

This year, during Sunday brunch, 15 young sailors - including seven from Grosse Pointe South High School and one from Grosse Pointe North High School - will be awarded scholarships from the GPYNEF. "We're really pleased about that," Morrow said. "It's going to be a fun deal." Those who wish to offer further support for the GPYNEF are invited to the Friday, May 21, launch party and auction, Wheels N' Keels.

"Wheels N' Keels is our new twist on things," Morrow said. "It's a large display of automobiles from Vanguard Motor Sales, of restored vintage cars. The party starts Friday at 6 p.m. with a champagne reception amongst the cars. Then

we'll move under the tent for the fundraiser party, drinks and dinner and the auction." Among this year's auction items are a weekend at Gasparilla Inn & Club in Florida; dinner for four with wine at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's newly remodeled restaurant, The Spinnaker; a wine trip for two to either Sonoma or Napa Valley, Calif., with airfare; a three-

said. "I'm getting word that people want to get out and do something outside. Our party is outside. To make sure we're COVID-compliant, everything we're doing is outside. ... We're looking forward to good weather."

Visitors to the yacht club grounds will be treated to ample space. "We're trying to do anything we can to make sure



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Even the kids take part in dreaming of the perfect boat. Young visitors from a past event check out one of the cool rides on display.

day trip to Key West with airfare; an evening sail on Lake St. Clair and more.

Guests to the launch party, hosted on the east lawn overlooking the harbor and Lake St. Clair, also will be able to preview the 65 boats committed to this year's festival before the public festivities kick off the next day. The festival concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday with a drawing for a \$5,000 cash raffle prize. Raffle tickets are available for \$20 at the boat show.

Morrow said he anticipates a nice crowd at this year's festival, especially since boat shows in Detroit and Novi have been canceled this year. "I'm sensing a pent-up crowd," he

people are not on top of each other," Morrow said. "I think the show may provide the opportunity for a really big crowd. This will be the first time we've been able to have a big outdoor event in this community for a while."

Tickets for the Wheels N' Keels launch party may be purchased at greatlakesboatingfestival.com/party-auction. The two-day festival, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Genesis Cadillac, Sterling Insurance Group, Fifth Third Bank, DTE Energy, Grosse Pointe Art Fair and Grosse Pointe News.

For more information, visit greatlakesboatingfestival.com.

Kayaking gear: The basics

Kayaking is a wildly popular paddlesport. Paddlesports offer people unique ways to enjoy nature while getting up close and personal with expansive waterways. Kayaking is remarkably accessible for people of all skill levels and interests.

According to the Outdoor Foundation's 2019 Special Report on Paddlesports and Safety, kayaking has seen a consistent upward trend in participation for the last five years. Today, recreational kayaking is the most popular paddlesport, with more than 11 million participants in the United States. And the activity is almost evenly split among men and women (51 percent and 49 percent, respectively).

Many kayakers can enter the water with relatively no instruction in kayaking and take to the sport like a duck to water. Of course, the right gear can make all the difference for both experienced

and novice kayakers. Anyone who plans to be a consistent kayaker should probably invest in a kayak of his or her own.



The right kayak depends on where kayakers plan to use it. Sea kayakers can sail easily through choppy conditions. Tandem kayakers carry two or more people and have more storage space. Touring kayakers are designed for long distance kayakers. Sit-on-top kayakers are ideal for beginners and casual paddlers. Some additional supplies also can help kayakers get the most out of this rewarding activity.

Here is a list of some of the basic gear and supplies needed for a safe, happy and memorable kayak run:

- **Paddle:** Many kayakers are sold with compatible paddles. However,

it is always a good idea to have a spare. Be sure to choose one made from sturdy materials, especially if it will be used in saltwater or brackish water.

- **Life jacket:** A life jacket is a must when on the water. While kayakers are relatively stable, should a tip-over occur, a life jacket can keep you afloat and safe until you are able to reboard the kayak.

- **Kayak racks and carriers:** Kayakers can be transported to the water on roof racks that strap on to SUVs and cars. Kayak carts and trailers can help you comfortably move the kayak to the water's edge or dock, as kayakers can be heavy and cumbersome to move on your own.

- **Spray skirt:** A kayak spray skirt keeps water from splashing up and onto your lap/legs while in the kayak. Staying dry can make kayaking more comfortable in all seasons.

- **Dry storage:** Dry bags and containers keep items like a phone,



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Susan Howey and her dog Finn enjoy a day of leisurely kayaking, decked out in gear that provides water safety for all aboard.

camera and GPS devices dry and secure. These containers are designed to be water-tight when splashed or submerged.

Other kayaking supplies include dry shirts, special shoes, hats, and gloves. Coordinated fishing gear

can even be purchased for those who want to catch some fish while kayaking.

Kayaking makes for a great day on the water. The right gear helps enthusiasts sail with ease and make the most of this interesting sport.

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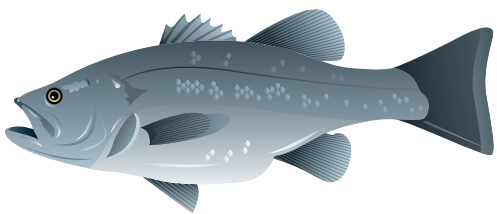


Open inshore fishing contest kicks off May 27

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

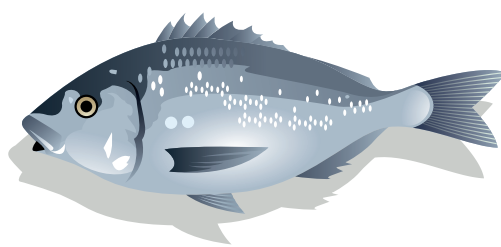
The Grosse Pointe News is gearing up for its first In-Shore Fishing Classic, which kicks off at 6 a.m. Thursday, May 27, and runs until 4 p.m. Thursday, June 24. Participants, divided into two age groups – 12 and younger, and 13 and older – may fish as much or as little as they want for Muskie, pike and bass. Each week, the angler who reels in the longest fish wins a prize; entries will not be judged by weight.

Weekly winners will be announced in the Grosse Pointe News June 3, 10, 17 and 24. The person in each age group who catches the longest fish will receive \$100; honorable mentions will go to people who hook the longest of each type of fish. All winners and honorable mentions, as well as the stats of their catches, will be listed in the following week's Grosse Pointe News, along with tournament photos.



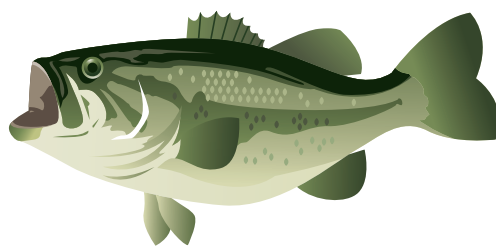
In addition to weekly prizes for longest fish, anyone who submitted an entry is automatically entered into a weekly random drawing for a raffle prize. Prizes have been donated by HFF Custom Rods, LDB Custom Rods, Mr. Muskie Charters and Lakeside Fishing Shop. Lakeside Fishing Shop also will provide a weekly fishing report the duration of the contest.

The overall winner in each division – the junior and senior anglers with the longest catches of the entire contest – will be named in the July 1 edition of the Grosse Pointe News and each receive \$500. "We are so excited for the first annual Grosse Pointe News In-Shore Fishing Classic," event organizer Anne Gryzenia said. "We hope it will be a fun event for all to enjoy. You can fish for a minute or fish for a month straight – and still be eligible to win some great prizes!"



To enter, participants must use the official contest ruler, printed weekly in the Grosse Pointe News, to measure their catch. Simply place the fish on the official ruler, snap a photo and either email it to fish@grossepointenews.com or fill out the online submission form at grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic. A list of rules also may be found online at grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic/rules. Using rod and reel only, anglers may fish along Lake St. Clair or the Detroit River. Live bait is permitted in this catch-and-release contest.

Entries also should include visual proof of an on-land catch; catches made from boats will not be accepted. Participants may only submit one fish per calendar day for consideration. Ages 17 and older must obtain a fishing license to participate.



The goal is to ensure a fair and balanced playing field. If any of the rules need altering to ensure the safety of all participants or integrity of the contest, the Grosse Pointe News reserves the right to alter them at any time, without formal notice. "This year it is from shore only, but we are looking to expand to have a boating division as well in the years to come," Gryzenia said.

For more information, send an email to: fish@grossepointenews.com.

Two local shops supply custom rods and reels for contest raffle prizes

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

LDB Custom Rods is donating a custom fishing rod of up to a \$250 value for one lucky raffle winner. Levi Bakker, the owner of LDB Custom Rods, will work with the winner to design the fishing rod based on style, fishing type and expected capabilities. Bakker has been fishing since he was a little boy, on the dock at his grandparents' house, he said.

He couldn't find what he was looking for as he was searching for a specific wall-eye fishing rod, so he decided to take matters into his own hands and build one. "I've been hooked since," he said.

LDB Custom Rods builds new rods, repairs old ones, caters to any type of fishing and even makes youth rods. Since he officially started his business in January 2020, he has made between 15 and 20 custom rods. He is located in Williamston and serves fishermen across southeast Michigan on Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit Riv-

er. Bakker gets his supplies from HFF Custom Rods, with whom he works in tandem through referrals and reciprocated business support.

HFF Custom Rods, owned by Steve and Joe Haywood, sells equipment, accessories and other components that go into building custom rods. Bakker takes his customers into HFF Custom Rods to pick out each custom component.

HFF Custom Rods opened three months before the pandemic hit. Haywood said it is one of the few businesses that has actually been able to grow during COVID. The family-owned business is looking to expand its storefront and hopes to offer in-person "build your own rod" classes in the near future.

HFF Custom Rods also is donating a prize for the raffle winner. Haywood is gifting a rod-building equipment kit paired with a rod and handle kit valued at \$250.

For more information on either business, visit hffcus-tomrods.com or ldbcustom-rods.com.

Gone fishin'

Local kids find "reel" fun on the lake



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There's nothing like landing a big fish on a sunny day. Andrew DiLodovico and Jackson Watson display the catch of the day. A job well done.

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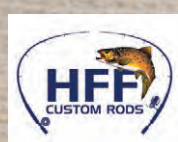
- Two Divisions to enter
DIVISION A - Ages 13 & under
DIVISION B - Ages 14 & older
- Inshore catch and release fishing only
No fish caught from boats can be used for this promotion
- Any Lake St. Clair or Detroit River fish except carp
- Submit photo of your catch next to the ruler provided
- Contest is for length of fish only
Must be measured with ruler provided/assembled from this page
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SEE COMPLETE RULES ONLINE AT:
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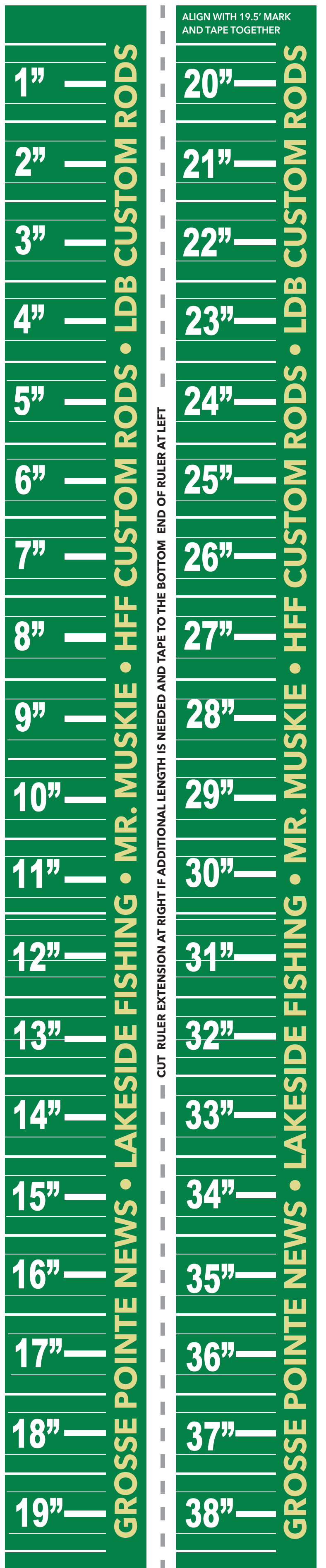
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*Thursday, May 13, the Grosse Pointe News is hosting a reception from 4 - 6 pm
at The War Memorial for the public to meet the artists*

- **Reproductions can be viewed at the Grosse Pointe Public Library**
at 10 Kercheval Avenue, May 6-27

- **View and vote online** beginning May 6 at www.grossepointenews.com/art/vote

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Knights stay hot

Liggett baseball extends win streak to over a month **PAGE 4D**

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North sweeps South in doubleheader

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Saturday was one of the most anticipated days on the sports calendar in the Pointes, as the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South baseball squads faced off in a doubleheader. The Norsemen played host to crosstown rivals the Blue Devils and used the home field to their advantage, sweeping the doubleheader with 11-0 and 4-2 wins.

Matt Mourad got the scoring started in the second inning for North with two RBI. He added one more later for a game total of three. Drew Hill added two more to the Norsemen's total in the third with a two-run homerun. Chris Marshall also drove one out of the park with a three-run big fly in the fourth inning.

Hill, Marshall and Mourad finished with

three RBI each. Nic Good got the start on the mound for North in game one, striking out eight batters and allowing no runs on one hit in five innings.

Saturday's second game was a bit more tightly contested. North once again took the early lead as Brennan Hill and Mourad used their bats to bring in runs and give the Norsemen a 2-0 lead in the second inning.

North's Drew Hill would extend the lead to 4-0 with a two-RBI double in the bottom of the fifth. It was the sixth inning of game two where the Blue Devils offense finally came to life. A two-run homerun by Ryker Mazey cut North's lead to 4-2. South would fail to build on that offense in the seventh inning, letting North take a second victory on the day.

Brennan Hill claimed

the win on the mound for the Norsemen in game two, striking out 11 batters and allowing two runs on five hits through seven innings of work. Chase Campbell started game two on the mound for South, allowing two runs on three hits with two strikeouts. Robbie Leonard pitched four innings of relief for the Blue Devils and allowed two runs on four hits.

The two wins were Nos. 11 and 12 on the season for the Norsemen. They travel to Henry Ford Wednesday before hosting them Thursday, then host Berkley for a doubleheader Saturday.

South hosts Chippewa Valley Wednesday, then faces them on the road Thursday. The Blue Devils then host St. Clair, New Haven and Notre Dame Prep in Saturday's Grosse Pointe South Invitational.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Brennan Hill pitched a complete game for the Norsemen in the second matchup of Saturday's doubleheader.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Ryker Mazey finally put South on the scoreboard with a two-run homer in the second game of the doubleheader.

South sailing team headed to nationals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After sailing against the best in the Midwest, the Grosse Pointe South High School sailing team has earned the chance to sail with the best in the country. Later this month, South's team will race in the 2021 ISSA Baker Team Race National Championship in Miami, Fla.

To get to Miami, South had to prove it was one of the best in the region. The Blue Devils finished in second place at the MISSA Baker District Championship Qualifier in Minnetonka, Minn., earlier this month.

"The competition was very stiff," said South sailing coach Christina Noland. "The best in the Midwest were there and everyone was fighting for two spots."

South was able to earn one of those two national qualifying spots by beating out some of the best teams from Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota. South finished second behind Minnetonka High School and finished ahead of Illinois' Lake Forest High School, edging out the competition in a "sail off" that came down to the wire.

Persevering through the tough competition, South now is preparing to earn even more hardware in Florida. After last year's spring season was canceled, the current feeling around South's team is, with or without the success, it just feels good to be back doing what they love.

"It's been so great to get back on the water," Noland said. "They really left their hearts

out there. They sailed really hard. When they're at sailing, they're in it completely. ... It's inspiring and it's really really great to see kids doing things that they should be doing."

South had to fight hard just to earn a ticket to Miami. Coming in second place after going up against the best teams in the region, Noland and her team know things are not going to be any easier at nationals.

"Sailing is a unique sport because this is one sport where it's actually the top two are the top two," Noland said. "This is it. This is for the country. The teams that will be in Florida are the top 10 in the country. There's no other event or anything like that."

The team will be going up against the



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA NOLAND

The Grosse Pointe South sailing team will race for a national championship later this month in Miami. From left: Ryan Hexter, Dougie Cowan, Aidan King, Gavin Webster, Billy Vogel, Christina Thomas, Colin Hexter, Braden Vogel.

best of the best, but South earned its spot in nationals with countless amounts of hard work and dedication. The task of competing at nationals might seem a bit daunting, but that same hard work and dedication that got South there could be the key to their success.

"The kids are honored and I think they're nervous too, but excited nervous," Noland said. "It's a real big honor to sail against the best teams in the country and to make it this far, they had to work really hard and I think their dedication and effort shows by how they're

doing this season." South is racing at the MISSA Mallory Regatta this weekend, May 15 and 16, in Cleveland. Then the team heads to the ISSA Baker Team Race National Championship hosted by Ransom Everglades High School in Miami on May 22 and 23.

Crosstown matchup ends in Knights victory

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett girls lacrosse teams played a competitive game Monday, May 10, at Grosse Pointe North High School. It was a fast-paced, physical game that resulted in a 11-6 Liggett victory.

University Liggett

goalie Tory Roth made seven saves. Liggett senior Delaney Garvey scored seven goals for her team. Abi Cone, Ava Jacob, Ali Roth and Helen Wujek also scored for the Knights.

While Liggett continues to ramp up and win games, North is showing vast signs of improvement and increased team chemistry. Although they

have not seen a victory yet this season, North head coach Lauren Nixon said after the game, "Even though the score did not reflect it, this feels like a win to us because it was the best game that we've seen all season."

According to Nixon, North junior defenseman Alexa Grice had a stand-out game and freshman

Isabella Paolucci also stepped up for her team.

"I was super impressed with the girls right from the start," Nixon said. "We had good possession time of the ball right away in the first half. We didn't get a ton of goals in the beginning, but I believe we had more possession time than Liggett."

Nixon said she is

happy to see the girls communicating on the field and playing as a team.

"We definitely clicked this game," she said. "We didn't force our shots. When the Liggett defense was crashing, we would take the play back out and try again. I think our biggest area of improvement today was that we were being per-

sistent but smart with the ball."

With a mix of talent and experience on the team, Nixon is hoping to continue building off the momentum from this close matchup.

"Liggett should have run the score up on us. That's how good of a team they are. But we stuck with it and played with confidence."

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Tons of fun at Mother's Day tournament

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

This weekend, the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League teamed up to host the Grosse Pointe News Mother's Day Tournament. Players, coaches, staff and parents gathered Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Kerby Field to watch 42 baseball games played by 24 teams in four separate age groups. "Everybody seemed happy to just be out and have their kids interacting," said Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League President Jay Ricci. "We saw a lot of the kids just

really enjoying their time there, running around the field and running around in between games and I think the facility held out great." Some adjustments had to be made due to weather over the weekend, but every team still got to enjoy competing throughout the three days. "The weather was tough; it was difficult at times," Ricci said. "Friday would have been a wash out, but a lot of people chipped in to get the games in. It was pretty good. We got all the games in, for the most part. A couple had to end early because of

weather. ... Overall consensus was everyone loved the fields and had a great time." Even the weather could not stop the fun and Sunday, champions were crowned for each age group. In 9U, LB Navy defeated LB Green 9-3. For 10U, LB Navy won over LB Green 6-3. LB Navy topped LB Green 4-3 in 11U, and Little Caesars defeated St. Clair 5-2 to claim the 12U championship. Ricci said he especially wanted to thank Kevin McGee and Holly Rutherford for their work helping the tournament run as smoothly as possible.



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Preston Simmons stands ready in the infield.



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The LB Navy 11U championship team.



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The LB Navy 9U championship team.



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LB Navy defeated LB Green to win the 10U championship.



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Little Caesars defeated St. Clair in the 12U championship game.



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Drew Brown rounding third base headed for home.



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Drew Hess slides into home plate.

Home game round up around the Pointes

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (12-8)
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	Berkley (@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	11-0 W
4/29	L'Anse Creuse	PPD
5/1	Dakota (DH)	5-2 L, 8-2 L
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	PPD
5/5	Anchor Bay	7-5 W
5/6	@ Anchor Bay	5-3 L
5/8	Grosse Pointe South (DH)	11-0 W, 4-2 W
5/10	Henry Ford	10-9 L
5/12	@ Henry Ford	
5/13	Henry Ford	
5/15	Berkley (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 (7-8)
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	3-1 L
4/30	Romeo	3-1 L
5/1	Lake Shore (@Comerica)	4-3 W
5/4	@ Eisenhower	8-5 W
5/5	Eisenhower	4-2 W
5/6	@ Eisenhower	7-6 L
5/8	@ Grosse Pointe North (DH)	11-0 L, 4-2 L
5/10	@ Chippewa Valley	14-4 W
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 (19-2)
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)	16-1 W, 10-0 W
4/30	Portage Northern (DH)	11-0 W, 15-2 W
5/4	Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	8-0 W, 6-1 W
5/6	@ Country Day	PPD
5/7	Plymouth Christian (DH)	10-0 W
5/11	@ Lutheran North (DH)	
5/14	@ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	
5/17	CHSL Semifinals	
5/20	CHSL Championship	
5/24	De LaSalle	
5/28	Grosse Pointe South	
5/29	Orchard Lake St Mary	
5/29	Detroit Western	

Thursday, May 13

Grosse Pointe South Girls JV tennis 4 p.m. vs. Bloomfield Hills @ Elworthy
 Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Port Huron Northern
 Girls JV softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Port Huron Northern @ Messner
 Boys JV baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Chippewa Valley
 Boys JV "B" baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Lakeview @ Elworthy
 Girls JV lacrosse 6 p.m. vs. Rochester
 Girls varsity lacrosse 7:30 p.m. vs. Grosse Pointe North
 Grosse Pointe North Girls varsity softball senior night double header 4 p.m. vs. L'Anse Creuse North
 Boys varsity baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Henry Ford
 Boys varsity lacrosse 6 p.m. vs. Romeo
 University Liggett School
 Boys JV baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Cardinal Mooney
 Girls varsity soccer senior night 4:30 p.m. vs. Shrine
 Girls varsity softball 4:30 and 6 p.m. vs. Marian

Boys JV baseball 6 p.m. vs. Cardinal Mooney

Friday, May 14

Grosse Pointe South Girls JV softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Berkley @ Messner
 Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Berkley
 Grosse Pointe North Girls varsity tennis 4 p.m. vs. Marian

Saturday, May 15

Grosse Pointe South Boys varsity baseball 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. vs. multiple opponents @ GP South & Elworthy
 Girls varsity tennis quad 8 a.m. vs. multiple opponents @ Elworthy & GPN
 Boys varsity lacrosse 10 a.m. vs. Eisenhower
 Boys JV lacrosse 11:30 a.m. vs. Seaholm
 Grosse Pointe North Coed varsity sailing 8 a.m. vs. TBD @ GPYC
 Boys varsity baseball senior night 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. vs. Berkley

Sunday, May 16

Grosse Pointe North Coed varsity sailing 8

a.m. vs. TBD @ Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Monday, May 17

Grosse Pointe South Girls JV tennis 4 p.m. vs. Novi @ Elworthy
 Boys varsity baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Dakota
 Boys varsity soccer 7:30 p.m. vs. Dakota
 Grosse Pointe North Girls varsity tennis 4 p.m. vs. Troy
 Boys JV baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. L'Anse Creuse
 Girls varsity soccer senior night 6 p.m. vs. Henry Ford
 University Liggett School
 Girls varsity tennis 4:30 p.m. vs. St. Catherine

Tuesday, May 18

Grosse Pointe South Boys JV baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Brother Rice
 Boys JV lacrosse 6 p.m. vs. Rochester
 Boys varsity lacrosse 7:30 p.m. vs. Rochester
 Grosse Pointe North Boys JV "B" baseball 4 p.m. vs. North Farmington @ Ghesquiere
 Girls JV softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Utica

Boys varsity lacrosse 6 p.m. vs. Cass Tech
 University Liggett School
 Girls varsity soccer 4 p.m. vs. Bad Axe

Wednesday, May 19

Grosse Pointe South Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Chippewa Valley
 Girls JV softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Chippewa Valley @Messner
 Boys JV baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Dakota
 Girls JV soccer 6 p.m. vs. Divine Child
 Girls varsity soccer 7:30 p.m. vs. Grosse Pointe North
 Grosse Pointe North Girls varsity tennis MHSSA Regionals vs. TBD 8 a.m.
 Boys varsity golf 3 p.m. vs. Romeo @ Lochmoor
 Boys varsity baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. L'Anse Creuse North

Thursday, May 20

Grosse Pointe South Boys varsity baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Dakota
 Boys varsity lacrosse MHSAA Regionals 7:30 p.m. vs. TBD

Renovated Kerby Field to host Little League state tournament

By Meg Leonard
Special Writer

For the first time in its 63-year history, Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League will host the 12-year-old state baseball tournament at newly renovated Kerby Field July 16 to 22. While all games will be played at Kerby Field, the tournament will run with volunteer power from District 6, which includes Little Leagues from Grosse Pointe Farms-City, Woods-Shores and Park, as well as Lac St. Clair, Macomb, Clinton Valley and L'Anse Creuse. There are 16 such districts statewide.

"Farms-City has the facilities, city support, volunteers and safety protocols in place to host an outstanding state tournament," GPFCLL President Jay Ricci said. "And with the important improvements we have made at Kerby over the past few years, we believe we will provide a fantastic baseball venue for players and their families." Sixteen teams will arrive for opening day ceremonies Friday, July 16. Thirty-one games will take place among Kerby's three fields throughout the week, according to GPFCLL board member Bill Crandall. Crandall, who also is the District 6 administrator, went to bat for

GPCLL, so to speak, and recommended Farms-City as a host site to his fellow administrators after District 2's Parchment Little League, near Kalamazoo, withdrew as tournament host.

"Even with a short amount of time to prepare, I felt confident that we as a district could host this and that Farms-City will give these players a top-notch state tournament experience," Crandall said.

According to Crandall, more than 100 volunteers will be needed throughout the week. "We need scorekeepers, pitch counters, announcers, concession help, you name it," he said. "We have strong support for Little League here and we will be tapping into that."

Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said he, along with Farms Mayor Louis Theros and city officials, are eager to showcase the improved Kerby Field complex.

"We are proud our Little League has the ability to host a tournament like this," Reeside said. "Kerby Field showcases how public and private partnerships came together to upgrade the type of complex deserving of the great Little League we have in Farms-City."

Ricci said he knows what an opportunity

this is, especially for the players.

"We are excited," he said. "This is what these Little League players have worked toward over the years. This is the pinnacle of their careers so far and it is all going to take place here in Grosse Pointe."

Regional tournaments, Little League World Series get go-ahead

Players and coaches from the Pointes and around the country celebrated May 3, when Little League International gave the go-ahead for all of its baseball and softball World Series events to take place, one year after they were canceled due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

The baseball World Series will take place in Williamsport, Pa., with softball competing in Greenville, N.C. This year, the tournaments will feature teams solely from the United States.

"Last year's 12-year-olds were beyond disappointed about the cancellation," Ricci said. "We are thrilled this year's players get to prepare and compete for a chance at reaching Williamsport."

According to Ricci, the road to Williamsport begins with 144 teams in Michigan who compete in 16 district tournaments around the

state. District winners then qualify for the 12-year-old state tournament, which will take place in Grosse Pointe Farms July 16 to 22.

The state champions then are crowned Team Michigan and will compete at Little League's regional tournament in Whitestown, Ind., outside of Indianapolis. Dates are still being determined.

The regional winner then earns the right to represent the Great Lakes at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 19 to 29. The most recent team from the Pointes to reach Williamsport was the 2018 team from Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League.

According to a statement on Little League International's website, the decision to hold this year's World Series events was based on the recommendation of its 2021 Pandemic Response Advisory Commission. Little League International's Board of Directors then approved a plan that incorporates a series of COVID-19 mitigation measures, "to host these tournaments in a healthy, responsible environment," the statement read.

For more information about volunteering for the state tournament, contact Holly Rutherford at hjrutherford72@gmail.com.

MAC Baseball Standings as of 5/13					
	Division			Overall	
Red Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Dakota	6	1		15	3
Romeo	7	3	0.5	13	6
Gr Pt South	5	3	1.5	7	8
Eisenhower	4	3	1	11	10
Stevenson	0	2	3.5	5	7
Chippewa Valley	0	10	7.5	1	21
White Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Ford II	9	1		20	3
St. Clair	9	1		12	3
Gr Pt North	4	4	4	12	8
Anchor Bay	4	5	4.5	8	7
L'Anse Cr North	3	8	6.5	7	12
L'Anse Creuse	0	10	9	10	15

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Liggett sophomore Jack Jones pitched a no-hitter for the Knights against Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Jones brothers make special connection in no-hitter

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last Tuesday, the University Liggett School Knights baseball team defeated Riverview Gabriel Richard 6-1 in the second game of a doubleheader. To make the win even more special, it was the first no-hitter of Liggett pitcher Jack Jones' high school career.

Every no-hitter is an impressive feat, especially when it's a pitcher's first at the high school varsity level. However, that's not the only thing that made this game memorable for Jones. Behind the plate catching in the no-hitter was Jack Jones' brother, Ryan Jones, who made sure not to break his twin brother's focus during his big performance.

"I kind of figured it out, but there's a baseball stereotype where you don't say it until it's over," Ryan Jones said. "I had it in the back of my head the whole game, but didn't really tell Jack because I just wanted him to focus on pitching and keep doing his thing out on the bump."

"I was out there pitching and just thinking about playing catch with my brother," said Jack Jones. "I wasn't even thinking about it until I realized after the game

ended and thought it was pretty neat."

Riverview Gabriel Richard did score one run despite the no-hitter, which came on a sacrifice play after Jones walked a batter. In the end, Jones allowed just one run on no hits with four strikeouts and two walks over six innings.

The Jones brothers are sophomores on a Liggett team that is largely made up of young players getting their first high school baseball experience. Being twins, Jack and Ryan are no strangers to playing alongside each other and came into their high school careers already knowing many of their Knights teammates. However, it still took some time to adjust to the high school level.

"We're kind of like all in this together, our sophomore class, because we usually play summer ball together, so adjusting to high school was different because it's a lot more intense," Ryan Jones said. "When you have all your friends behind the backstop and your teammates you see every day at school instead of just on the weekends ... it took us a while to really get our stride, but we hit it and I feel like we're going to keep it that way."

Even in their sophomore year, the Jones

brothers have their sights set on continuing their baseball careers beyond high school. Jack Jones is already committed to play at Michigan State University, while Ryan Jones currently is in the recruiting process and getting attention from a number of Division 1 programs.

The Jones brothers still have a couple more years playing together at Liggett to look forward to. From playing in the Little League World Series together to knowing teammates on the Knights, the game of baseball has helped bring the twins even closer together.

"It always seems like we're there in the important situations and those big situations have improved our relationship, because we know we're always going to be there for each other," Ryan Jones said.

"We've had a lot of success playing with each other just from playing in the backyard challenging each other at home," Jack Jones said. "Our Little League World Series appearance really brought us together, because it was a very long time on the road, but having my brother with me was like having a piece of home with me. ... He's always there for me."



Ryan Jones, a sophomore on the Liggett team, was catching behind the plate during his twin brother Jack's no-hitter.

Park Little League prepares for opening day, parade

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Baseball season is here and Grosse Pointe Park Little League is ready to get its season underway. Players and coaches have been together practicing since mid-April preparing for opening day, which is coming Monday, May 17.

The Park Little League also will hold its annual season-opening parade Saturday, May 22. The parade will be different from previous years, taking a shorter route with teams walking instead of riding in cars, but Park Little League President Marty McMillan said the parade is a special experience they wanted players and families to be able to have.

"Everybody can still get the experience of the parade day," McMillan said. "It's a little different that the kids will be able to have their own banners and have some fun doing that."

The parade begins at the Grosse Pointe Park public safety building and heads down

Maryland toward St. Paul, then to Wayburn and Kercheval to Art Getz Field, where more opening-day ceremonies on all four baseball diamonds take place. The league also will be commemorating the 10th anniversary of Park Little League teams winning state championships at three different age groups.

The Park Little League also saw a slight increase in enrollment this year. The biggest jump was in the youngest age groups, which McMillan sees as a positive for building the future of the league.

"It's really strong at the 5, 6, 7 and 8 year olds — that's where the growth was," he said. "It's exciting because that's our future. Those 5s, 6s, 7s and 8s will keep on playing, so we're excited about that"

With opening day on the horizon, teams are practicing and preparing for the first set of games and this year there seems to be a special amount of excitement to get back on the diamond.

"Everybody's got a

bounce in their step. This is great being outside playing baseball," McMillan said.

Another change coming to the league this year is the modified schedule. Starting the season in mid-May, three or four weeks later than usual, the Park Little League season will not conclude until early August.

A change like this might seem unusual to some, but McMillan believes trying this new schedule is the league wanting to try something new after examining some of the positives that came from last year's delayed Little League start.

"Everybody seemed to like it because practices were warmer and there were less rainouts, so we figured why not start a little later this year so we can enjoy what we did last year," McMillan said. "Last year was a success and we really enjoyed playing in the weather we played in, so that's what our board decided to do. ... We just thought, let's try something different."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Kurt Barr surrendered just two hits in three shutout innings as Liggett secured a victory over Plymouth Christian.

Knights' win streak keeps growing

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

April 9 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's was the last time the University Liggett School Knights baseball team lost a game. The Knights were able to grab more victories this past week to extend its streak to 19 in a row in what has been a dominant month for the team.

"We're just doing what we've been doing and staying focused, working on the little things and limiting mistakes," Liggett head coach Dan Cimini said. "We've got a good attitude and the guys are buying in and doing everything they can to win baseball games."

On Tuesday, Liggett traveled on the road for a doubleheader against Riverview Gabriel Richard and collected 8-0 and 6-1 wins.

Matthew Greene brought in four RBI for the Knights in the first win, with Joey Randazzo, Ryan Jones, Kurt Barr and Reggie Sharpe bat-

ting in runs as well. Barr got the start on the mound and struck out 10 batters through 4.1 innings, with Matthew Belcrest coming in for 2.2 scoreless relief innings.

The second win over Gabriel Richard was highlighted by Liggett sophomore Jack Jones throwing his first high school no-hitter. Richard did score one run as a result of a walk and a sacrifice play, but Jones struck out four batters and walked two in his no-no performance.

"He's pounding the strike zone and the defense is playing great behind all these guys," Cimini said about Jones and his other well-performing pitchers this season. "They're not afraid to get hit and I tell them, 'You have great defense behind you. ... Keep the ball over the plate and let your defense work.'"

Liggett returned home to finish the week with a 10-0 shutout win over Plymouth Christian Friday. Jack Jones went 3-4 at the plate with three

RBI, with Sharpe and Oliver Service also bringing in a pair of runs.

Barr allowed just two hits in three scoreless innings while getting the start on the mound Friday. Matthew Belcrest kept the shutout going and allowed just one hit in three relief innings.

The Knights have had plenty of success this season, surpassing the high expectations that were set on a team made up of plenty of young players. Over the course of the year so far, Liggett's coach is proud of how he has seen his team grow and build chemistry together.

"They know what our goals are and they work extremely hard to get to those goals," Cimini said. "They don't want to make mistakes. Everybody is pulling for the other guy and they're always trying to pick each other up."

The Knights take to the road Friday for a doubleheader at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard before beginning CHSL league tournament play Monday, May 17.

North, South, and Liggett softball all earn victories

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

All three high school softball teams in the Pointes were in action this past week as the season rolls on.

Grosse Pointe North played three games over the weekend, two of which ended in losses while the final matchup ended with a huge comeback victory. The Norsemen fell to Anchor Bay 9-5 in the first game, with Mariana Smith hitting three for four, with a homerun and two RBI for the Norsemen.

Next up for North was an 11-5 loss to Romeo, during which Kaitlyn Barr and Amelia Nowicki each went two for three and each scored a run. North trailed Imlay City 7-1 in the final game of the weekend, yet scored

eight runs in the fifth inning to claim an incredible 9-7 comeback win. Barr had a home run and three RBI. Dylan Cardinale scored two runs and Sophia Borowski scored a run and had two RBI.

The Blue Devils of Grosse Pointe South took on Parkway Christian and Grosse Ile Saturday. The first game was a dominant 16-0 win over Parkway Christian that saw four RBI performances from South's Liv Livingstone and Margaret Kramer.

South then took the first of two games against Grosse Ile with a 9-5 win. Ellie Budziak brought in four RBI, while Caroline Gallagher struck out four batters in five innings of work on the mound.

The next game

brought another win over Grosse Ile, this time 15-2. Livingstone brought in four RBI, while Lily Stidham, Peyton Grieser and Maradeth and Margaret Kramer each brought in a pair of runs with their bats. Emily Peacock pitched a complete game on the hill, allowing two runs on five hits through just four innings.

On Thursday, the University Liggett Knights scored a dominant win over Cranbrook Kingswood 18-3. The Knights were led by four RBI from Olivia Dickey, while Desirai Mitchell and Kia Borum batted in two RBI each. Victoria Nugent tossed a complete game on the mound, striking out 10 batters and allowing three runs on four hits in four innings of work.

Blue Devils collect another win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

On a wet and chilly Friday night, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils boys lacrosse team notched its seventh victory of the season. The harsh weather could not dampen the Blue Devils offense, as South hosted the Irish of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and came out with a 16-9 win.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead, something that has been key to the team's success so far this season. Star attackman Miles Wujek netted a pair of goals in the first five minutes to put South

up 2-0. Sophomore Julian Brammer put the Irish on the board after that, but two more goals from Wujek before the end of the first quarter would bring South's lead to 4-1.

Wujek added another pair of goals in quarter two, bringing his first-half total to six. Ryan Warezak, Henry Shields and Jack Hanigan found the back of the net for the Blue Devils in the second quarter as well to give South a 9-2 halftime lead.

Even as the weather worsened in the second half, South never let up. Despite a small push by Gabriel Richard in the third quarter, the Blue

Devils held their lead all the way through to emerge victorious.

Wujek finished as the game's leading scorer with seven goals on the night. Warazek ended with three goals as well as an assist, with Shields also having three goals. Cameron Buhler put one in the back of the net in the third quarter, while Griffin Adams finished with a goal and an assist on the stat sheet.

The win brought South's record to 7-1 on the season, keeping the Blue Devils in the top spot in the MAC Red Division. South visits Eisenhower Thursday, then hosts Eisenhower once again Saturday.

Scarfone's big day lifts Liggett over Greenhills

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a disappointing performance in a 5-3 loss to Port Huron on Saturday, the University Liggett School Knights boys lacrosse team was looking to bounce back Monday afternoon on its home field. Thanks to big performances from Rocco Scarfone and a couple other key players, the Knights looked back in good form, earning a 13-5 win over Greenhills.

The Gryphons took an early lead, with senior Finn Feldeisen putting Greenhills up 1-0 in the first five minutes.

Scarfone, a junior, got his first goal of the day moments later to tie things up and senior Will Bowen added another to give Liggett the lead it would hold on to for good.

Three more goals from Scarfone in the second quarter along with three goals from Doug Wood gave the Knights a 9-1 lead heading into halftime.

Two quick goals to start the second half from Feldeisen and Bennett Colis for Greenhills looked as if the Gryphons could attempt a comeback. However, another pair of

goals by Scarfone, as well as scores by Bowen and senior Will Fox, helped the Knights maintain firm control and come out with the victory.

Scarfone finished the afternoon with six goals and two assists. Bowen finished with a three-goal hat trick, as did Wood, who also added two assists on the score sheet.

The win for the Knights was the team's fourth CHSL division win of the year. Liggett competes in the CHSL lacrosse league championship tournament semifinals Thursday and finals Saturday.



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South softball claimed three victories on Saturday to win the Grosse Pointe South Round Robin Invitational.

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NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

CARD NO: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Prepayment is required. We accept credit cards, cash and check.

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

CDL-A Drivers Wanted
3 months minimum experience, excellent pay, benefits, sign on bonus, 401K, dedicated routes Romeo and Wayne dispatch.
Call Kirt (586)752-4529 Ext 1032

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

ENTRY LEVEL AUTO CAD - Career Path
Full OR Part Time AutoCAD, Land Desktop, OR Civil3D Knowledge
Eager To Learn - With Wage Growth
Email: ldevooght@kemtcsurvey.com

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OFFICE - Full OR Part Time
Year round or Summer - Industry Leader in Land Survey & Development; will Train & Develop
Excellent Wage with Benefits
Accurate Keyboard SKILLS REQUIRED
Email: ldevooght@kemtcsurvey.com

203 HELP WANTED DENTAL / MEDICAL

Grosse Pointe Doctor's office is seeking a full-time or part-time nurse. Must be friendly and detail oriented. Previous medical office experience of at least 1 year, EMR knowledge and computer skills helpful. Please email resumes to careers@drshaunadiggs.com

205 HELP WANTED LEGAL

LEGAL SECRETARY needed. Litigation, No Fault experience preferred. Email resume: ryanne@doddbfisherlaw.com (313)499-8405

208 HELP WANTED NURSES AIDE / CONVALESCENT URGENT

Qualified caregiver needed. Call for information. (313)974-4117 or (313)922-4485

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PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER POSITION OPENING
The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS is establishing an eligibility list for a full-time Public Safety Officer - starting salary of \$52,611. Responsibilities include performing the duties of a Police Officer, Firefighter, and Medical First Responder. Interested individuals must be in excellent health, highly motivated, preferred minimum of two years of college (60 credit hours) or five years as a police officer and MUST be MCOLES certifiable. Police Officer, Firefighter, and Medical First Responder certification and/or previous experience in a municipal setting are preferred. All candidates will be required to complete an oral board, submit to physical and psychological evaluations as well as a background investigation. Applications will be accepted until May 28, 2021 and should be emailed (jkosanke@gpwwmi.us) or forwarded to:
**Director of Public Safety
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236**
For an employment application, visit www.gpwwmi.us. No phone calls please. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods is an EOE, FMLA, and ADA compliance employer.

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