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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Donor policy thwarting contributions

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

City Attorney Jake Howlett replied, "It's getting more so."

GROSSE POINTE PARK — At a council meeting in January, Grosse Pointe Park City Council members had one final back-and-forth debate over a donor policy they were on the verge of adopting. The policy was adopted, to the disliking of much of the donor community. The policy had been on multiple previous council meeting agendas; decisions continued to be tabled for later dates. At the January meeting, Mayor Robert Denner laughed, "Are we making this too complicated?"

Background
The policy originally was drafted for a presentation at the November 2020 council meeting, where it was discussed and tabled until December. At the November meeting, some council members raised concerns regarding anonymous donations. Counter-concerns regarding the potential of shutting down incoming donations also were discussed.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A large part of this tree on Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Beverly in Grosse Pointe Farms fell down during the storm and took out the light pole.

Freak storm adds insult to injury

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A freak weather occurrence descended largely upon the southern half of the City of Grosse Pointe at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, wreaking havoc in a matter of minutes and then disappearing as quickly as it came. Alaine Bush, a resident in the 500 block of Rivard, was sitting in her sunroom when it suddenly turned pitch black

outside as though it was nighttime. Before she could even open the weather app on her phone, she said, debris made of leaves and sticks began banging against the windows, accompanied by a continual rum-

ble and distinct whistling of the wind. As she rushed to leave the room, a clap of thunder shook the space around her and, with a loud cracking sound, she

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Two feet of water pooled in front of the Alger house, seeping through the foundation and into the veterans' room.



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Firm to file class action lawsuit against the Pointes and Detroit

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe Park resident Paul Doherty woke up in the middle of the night Saturday, June 26, to an alarm alerting him his basement flooded nearly to the top with rainwater and sewage backup, costing him around \$100,000 in property damage. Along with basement damage, Doherty also lost two vehicles due to flooding. An attorney for Ven Johnson Law, the Park resident is taking matters into his own hands, determined to

hold someone accountable. "I get backups, the water comes on the grass, it does whatever, I clean out the storm drain, I take my little rake out there ... I don't mind that," Doherty said. "I've lived

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Arts center close to fully funded with \$5 million commitment

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer



GROSSE POINTE PARK — With some recent key donations, the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoojian Art Gallery is almost fully funded and has a goal of completing funding by the close of summer. Within the last months, the center received big donations: a \$1 million gift from the Shields family and a \$1 million gift from the Valade family to go toward diver-

A 2022 ground-breaking date is anticipated for the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoojian Art Gallery. sity, equity and inclusion initiatives, or DEI. A \$5 million gift was given by an anonymous donor who was moved to provide Grosse Pointe per-

forming groups, like Grosse Pointe Theatre and Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, a

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Flooding hits War Memorial Patriot Theater may be total loss

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

tent erected for events amid pandemic circumstances was destroyed by heavy winds; two feet of water pooled in front of the Alger house, seeping through the foundation into the lower levels; and muddy water coming from campus construction filled the Patriot

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Among the many businesses and homes devastated by the June 25-26 flooding, The War Memorial did not escape the 7 inches of rain that fell overnight. In what is estimated a loss in the millions, the

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Pumps out, power out, locked out and flooded

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — On a night when inches of rain turned into feet of flooding, no existing infrastructure was going to whisk away runoff that inundated roadways and basements during the area's single heaviest drenching in more than 125 years.

Eight inches of rain recorded in Grosse Pointe Park overnight June 25 to 26 totaled more than double the city's average for the month and represents one-quarter of rainfall during a typical year, as recorded in a National Weather Service database dating to 1894.

Even Conner Creek Pump Station couldn't handle the torrent.

Conner Creek, located at the corner of Clairpointe and Freud near Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, is the regional water authority's big dog of storm and wastewater stations on metro Detroit's eastside. It's the area's largest station designed to drain 129 square miles at a rate of more than 104,000 gallons per second, equivalent to a 50-meter, 10-lane Olympic swimming pool every 6.3 seconds.

"Could there have been 100 percent prevention of the flooding we saw? I don't think in my wildest dreams," said Sue McCormick, CEO of the Great Lakes Water Authority, provider of drinking and wastewater services to 125 communities in southeast Michigan, including Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park and Shores. "These combined sewer systems were so overwhelmed that 100 percent prevention I don't believe was possible."

Besides, that dog and its closest pack member,



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Former Congresswoman Candice Miller, now public works commissioner for Macomb County, calls for independent investigation into Great Lakes Water Authority operations.

the Freud pump station one-half mile driving distance away on East Jefferson across from the Chrysler plant, were muzzled.

Failed external power supply to Freud, failed inhouse power generation at Conner Creek, pumps out of action, trouble starting pumps, a recently rebuilt priming pump that nevertheless leaked water and shorted out nearby electrical circuits, a broken and unrepaired locked entry gate to Conner Creek and flooded roadways combined to prevent, limit, delay, thwart, slow, hinder and frustrate a three-person staff spread between both stations that night.

"In anticipation of the 1 1/2 inches of rain predicted, one operator, one electrician and one maintenance technician were detailed," McCormick said. "This staffing level was based on predicted weather conditions, which we now understand were several inches off from actual rainfall totals."

Ordained

Yet, had forecasts been spot on, staffing wouldn't have changed.

"If the forecast was as

large as we experienced, I don't anticipate we would have been able to make much more changes," said Navid Mehram, the water authority's chief operating officer of wastewater operating services. "We would have monitored and communicated more on the pump station power source issue. However, our staffing for the station and the events that occurred was consistent with what we would do in larger storms, keeping in mind (rainfall) intensities to the level we received are beyond the design capacity of our facilities. So, not much more could be done."

"How does that make any sense?" asked Nick Sizeland, Park city manager.

"When systems control detected a pump trip at the Freud station, the Conner electrician was dispatched to Freud," McCormick said. "It took three minutes to get from Conner to Freud. Upon notification of the inhouse power outage at Conner, it took 15 minutes to return to Conner due to street flooding."

"So, there was a delay in fixing things at Conner because they had one electrician for two major stations," Sizeland said. "We have data showing something happened and they weren't pumping for hours. They're claiming there was only a 15-minute blip."

The Freud station has six pumps and operates only during wet weather. It feeds Conner Creek station. The night of the storm, in addition to Freud's external power

supply loss, only three of its pumps worked.

Conner Creek lifts water and forwards it downstream, literally and figuratively, into the water authority's water-handling and treatment network. Early in the storm, two of Conner Creek's pumps were activated, leading to five of the station's six pumps working that

night despite an inhouse power problem.

All told, eight of the tandem facilities' 12 pumps worked, or two-thirds capacity.

"The system as designed didn't work," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager. "Half the pumps at the first station never worked. One-sixth of the pumps at Conner Creek station never worked. Three pumps didn't go on for at least an hour when they should have been on."

Meanwhile, rain kept falling. Water kept pooling and backing up in the stormwater systems of numerous Detroit neighborhoods and eastside communities.

"We'll never know the impact if all those pumps had been working," Dame said. "It certainly would have been less flooding. No question about that."

Less flooding, but flooding still.

Investigation

"If Conner Creek had not had issues or failed," Sizeland said, "it would have done a better job of handling all the Grosse Pointe systems going to Conner and we would have had a reduced amount of flooded basements. We probably wouldn't have had several hundred or 1,000 homes with flooded basements."

"I don't know what the impact would have been," McCormick said. "We won't know that until we do an after-event analysis."

And there's the locked employee entry gates to Conner Creek Pump Station.

The inhouse power problem froze the station's remote-control security system in lock

mode, requiring employees to spend additional time opening the locks manually.

"At one gate, a passenger vehicle gate, that lock had been recently damaged and not repaired," McCormick said. "However, we also have a personnel gate, an entirely separate gate you can walk through that has a similar lock. That was available."

"Well, then, take the darn truck and run through the gate," said Candice Miller, Macomb County public works commissioner since 2017, and former seven-term member of Congress. "Forget the truck. Forget the gate. Put the pumps on. Or better yet, how about being inside the plant?"

Miller said the rain was so heavy and there was so much water in the sewer system backing up from Detroit that for the first time in her role as commissioner, treated water was discharged through an emergency bypass. Three pumps, each taller than a basketball hoop, at the Chapaton station on Jefferson at Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores overheated but kept going.

"They all were in the red," Miller said. "The building was literally shaking."

McCormick maintains the Conner Creek station didn't fail.

"Flooding was caused by the amount and intensity of the rain, which was more than typically falls in the month of June, overwhelming the system," she said. "It was not caused by any single pumping station or any single element within the regional system. The Conner Creek pump station did not fail. The current system functioned at its capacity in the circumstances we had."

She compared the storm to one that's statistically likely only once per 1,000 years.

"We've never experienced anything like this," McCormick said.

The Freud and Conner Creek stations underwent \$5 million and \$2 million improvements, respectively, after rains in 2014 resulted in flooding. The authority plans to invest \$285 million in sewer and drinking water systems next fiscal year. Over the upcoming five years, \$1.7 billion is planned for total capital improvements.

Cure unlikely

Storm water administrators work under a meteorologic sword of

Damocles.

"There's always going to be a larger storm," McCormick said. "No matter what we design for, we can always come up short in terms of addressing the next storm because all we have to rely on is history and, maybe, reports of climatologists. If you want a system that says, no matter what size rain event, we're not going to have sewer backups, you've got to separate all sewers."

The estimated cost of doing so among the authority's membership is \$17 billion, she said.

"The likelihood of doing that anytime soon is probably unreasonable," McCormick said. "None of these local systems can absorb those kinds of costs. It's going to require funding from the federal government as well."

An internal after-action report of system functions will take two to three months, according to Suzanne Coffey, GLWA chief planning officer.

"We have to gather all the data," she said. "Modeling is quite extensive, so it does take time."

Separate analysis by an outside consultant is expected to require four to six weeks, Coffey said. Miller wants outside analysis by a truly independent source, not a consultant with past, present or possible future ties to the authority.

"I'm stressing independent," Miller said. "You can't have Jessie James guarding the train. Perhaps they also need an operational audit. They need a road map of how to run it."

"The Michigan attorney general ought to require somebody who is not of GLWA's choosing," Sizeland said.

\$ ties that bind

During the mid-2000s, officials from the Grosse Pointes and numerous other jurisdictions in lower Michigan rejected the estimated multi-billion-dollar cost of seceding from the Detroit water system and establishing a separate infrastructure to draw, filter and distribute drinking water.

Park officials went further a decade later by considering construction of a separate municipal wastewater system.

"We don't have the amount of real estate needed to create one," said Dale Krajniak, former Park manager. "You'd need a huge holding pond in which to let things filter."



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"The goal in government is transparency," Councilwoman Lauri Read stated, "and I think having a policy that anticipates anonymous donations is troublesome. We do have a foundation which is separate from our government, but they're equipped to handle donations. I think that having anonymous donations going to a government, it's opening a can of worms."

"We're not a nonprofit charity; we're a government."

Read told Grosse Pointe News via email her concern with anonymous donations stems from the recent occurrence of the city's receipt of an anonymous donation, which has since become public, for a dog park in Patterson Park.

"On September 23, 2019, council was asked to consider a dog park within Patterson Park," Read said via email. "When the agenda item was presented, council was advised that an anonymous donor, not through the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, had offered \$100,000 for the construction of a dog park within Patterson Park. We were presented with no supporting documents. I inquired of the then city attorney whether we had conducted a conflict check and whether we had a written donor agreement. He did not respond. I determined that neither existed; this was later confirmed by city administration."

"The anonymous nature of the donation coupled with the lack of a donor agreement created more contention at our meetings and divisiveness among our residents," she continued. "That is never good for a community. Whether a resident agrees or disagrees with a decision of the council, we must ensure the integrity and fairness of the process."

The approval of the dog park in Patterson Park was passed 6 to 1, with Read the lone dissenter, in 2019.

"We rarely get a request for anonymous donation," Denner said at the November meeting, "but I think that closing the door on it entirely may not be in the best long-term interest for the city."

Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt agreed with Read that total anonymity could present an issue, but understood why some donors may wish to remain anonymous.

"Why not make the donor's identity known to council, but not publicly known?" Fluitt said. "I think that way council can make an informed decision; council has all the information that they need. I don't know if that's enough transparency for residents, but I can understand why someone may wish to

remain anonymous."

Council determined this alternative presented more problems. Fluitt explained in an email to Grosse Pointe News she was attempting to make a compromise.

"Knowing a donor's identity allows decision makers to determine whether there might be a conflict of interest in accepting the donation," she said. "It's that simple. A donor policy is considered best practice for municipalities who benefit from philanthropy."

As the conversation muddled, Councilwoman Michele Hodges asked council to prioritize the importance of donation flow to the city.

"I think one thing we want to be very careful to do is to continue to ensure that a culture of giving takes hold," Hodges said.

The policy was reworked by city administration and brought to council for approval at a December council meeting, where it was tabled yet again.

Denner read a letter from a trustee attorney of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation at December's meeting. The letter described the prospective donor policy as one that would extend the foundation to "arm's length" from the city.

"I think their concern that I read in this," Denner said, "is that if it goes so 'arm's length' that we lose the collaborative development of the best concepts and ideas that can benefit the city, the effectiveness of the foundation will not be what it can be and should be to benefit the residents of Grosse Pointe Park."

"The description of 'arm's length' is nothing ... to disparage the foundation and the work they do for us, but it was to formalize the process," Read said. "And, in fact, it goes beyond the foundation. Anyone who wanted to gift to the city would be subject to the gift policy ..."

Councilman James Robson questioned the foundation and necessity for the proposed policy.

"I think at this point I'm going to be playing the role of respectful contrarian, if you will," Robson said. "I have a question: Is there a demonstrated need for this policy? That is not a rhetorical question. Anybody can answer it if they wish. Is there a demonstrated need for this policy? Has something happened in recent years, in longer years, that there is a need for this type of policy? ... I don't know of any operational problem, moral, philosophical or legal situation that would develop the need for this type of policy. ... There's been not a hint obviously in our community of corruption."

"I need some convincing in regards to this policy," he said.

Robson emphasized that no other Pointe has developed a donor policy. When drafting the Park's

policy, City Manager Nick Sizeland referred to policies from Grand Haven, Petoskey and Birmingham.

One final debate leads to adoption

At the January meeting, council ultimately approved an updated donor policy, after another lengthy discussion.

Councilwoman Darci McConnell suggested three edits to the administration's edited version of the policy. The first two were passed over by much of council, claiming other legislation in place already addressed the concerns. Her third suggestion was discussed.

McConnell asked that an anonymous donation given to the city, designated for a specific development, be engaged with by residents within 1,000 feet of the proposed location. Under McConnell's stipulation, if 51 percent of those engaged opposed the development, it needed to be relocated. This process would take place within 60 days of the city accepting a donation.

"I have some flexibility," McConnell said. "It's a very ambitious, restrictive (statement), hopefully we can discuss and maybe come to a happy medium."

She furthered, "I just think it needs to be stronger. If there's a way to strengthen the language, that's really what I'm trying to do is make it stronger."

Denner hesitantly dealt with the suggestion: "My concern is if we make it appear too restrictive, we'll have a chilling effect on our philanthropic community, which has been really important to obviously where we are in terms of why Grosse Pointe Park is a special place to live."

McConnell responded: "I'm empathetic and that's why I said maybe we can discuss and flush it out and come up with a happy medium."

Fluitt emphasized her desire to insert extra public engagement in this process.

"We might be putting ourselves in a box that we don't really want to put ourselves in," Denner said.

Robson emphasized his confusion at the added action.

"There has been no identifiable need for this policy," he said. "... I'm concerned about creating another level of bureaucracy. ... I think if we pass this, it'll have a necessary delay or discourage projects."

Robson ended his spiel with: "If it ain't broke, why fix it? So at this point, I can't support this pol-

icy."

Denner again expressed his concern in shutting down the possibility for the city's acceptance of anonymous donations.

"I think we should be allowed to accept anonymous donations as a city for a number of good reasons," Denner said. "In the case of some donors that wish to remain anonymous, they have great intentions but they would prefer not to have recognition."

"In fact, in cases where we've referred it to go through the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, not all gifts and donations would be suitable to go through the Park Foundation, at least based on the traditional history and policies of the foundation, which focused on capital programs, capital improvements. For example, there might be an anonymous donor that wishes to financially support a recreation program that rec would like to do or offer to our residents on a no-cost basis. The way that the draft reads, that is not the kind of project that typically the foundation would want to deal with — it's program support — but the city maybe would like to accept that, but the donor may not like to be public."

Five votes were taken at the end of the discussion. Denner's motion to allow anonymous donations to the city did not pass, with Hodges, Robson and Denner voting to pass it and Councilman Vikas Relan, Read, McConnell and Fluitt voting to fail it. A changing of the term "residents" to "donors" in a sentence passed 6-1, with Fluitt giving the nay vote. Read's suggestion to remove "time" and "time, effort or gifts" from donation language to reflect solely tangible contributions passed 7-0. The adoption of the remaining changes made by city administration prior to the discussion passed 5-2, with Robson and McConnell voting no. The entire policy barely snuck through as the city's official gift and donation acceptance policy with an approval of 4-3. Relan, Read, Hodges and Fluitt voted to adopt the policy and Robson, McConnell and Denner voted not to.

"As was pointed out by council member Read, if we so wish we can revisit this at a future meeting to add some more changes," Denner said.

Aftermath

On how this will affect most projects in the Park moving forward, it could be a negative for benefactors; however, some private projects may benefit in the meantime. According to Jaime

Rae Turnbull of the Schaap Center project, the new donor policy has actually encouraged donations to the project.

"Regarding the donor policy and the Schaap Center," she said, "the donor policy has actually encouraged some people to give to the Schaap Center because they don't have to deal with city council. The Shields family might have considered something to the municipality, but because of the onerous donor agreement and community engagement that they're trying to force into play, it was easier for them to just give to the Schaap Center."

While avoiding dealing with city council was a plus for some to give donations straight to private entities, others are afraid of joining the controversy.

"There are community members that are reluctant to give to a project that is getting some pushback from members of city council," Turnbull said. "There have been residents that want to contribute or participate but have been reluctant, because they don't want to be part of a controversy."

For any project that has yet to start, the new donor policy could be problematic.

Grosse Pointe Park Foundation meeting minutes indicated mem-

bers discussed the decision of city council. They were not happy.

"Vice Chairman Lavins expressed his disappointment that the relationship with the foundation and the Park council has always been both productive and positive but is now broken," the minutes read.

"As a trustee of the foundation, we are very disappointed with the city council's decision," former president and current Treasurer Barbara Detwiler told Grosse Pointe News.

Detwiler defined the new policy as a controller over the foundation and stated it would impact any future project the foundation considers. Projects the foundation currently is considering include a new playscape at Patterson Park, pergolas at Windmill Pointe Park, a commercial kitchen, a new gym for the public safety department, renovations to the concession stand and three more pickleball courts at Patterson Park.

"With the relationship that we have with city council, I doubt that I can get anything through," Detwiler said.

Detwiler said the difficulty future foundation projects will have is particularly sad, because "the reason people move to Grosse Pointe Park is because of all our amenities."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 12

- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation trustee meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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Get to know Brandon Wheeler, new AD at Grosse Pointe South

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In June, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved Brandon Wheeler as the new athletic director for Grosse Pointe South High School. With years of teaching, coaching and administrative experience under his belt, Wheeler is ready to bring everything he has learned so far into his new role.

"I'm fortunate for the opportunities I had there that really bolstered my background in terms of experience and things that I'm now able to do and do with confidence," Wheeler said. "I've been really fortunate to do a lot of things in education and really look forward to those things translating into this administrative role."

Wheeler takes over for former South AD Chris Booth, who resigned at the end of this school year. The Michigan State University alumnus began his teaching career at Mason High School, where he began to turn his love for sports into a successful coaching career.



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Brandon Wheeler will take over as the athletic director and assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South High School at the start of the new school year. He is pictured with his wife, Cassie.

In 2015, Wheeler began teaching and coaching in Leland. Coaching everything from boys and girls soccer to basketball and even golf, his passion for sports and education has driven him throughout the years.

"Athletics has been my life," Wheeler said. "I played just about every sport my high school offered. Soccer was kind of the one that rose to the top in terms of what I was best at. ... I've kind of done a little bit of

everything in a lot of ways."

Wheeler received his master's degree in administration from MSU in 2018, and began gaining experience in more administrative roles in Leland shortly after. Doing everything from serving as student council adviser to filling in for the principal, Wheeler has experience doing it all.

Going from a district such as Leland to one like Grosse Pointe is a big step. As he prepares

to take over as athletic director and as an assistant principal at South, Wheeler believes what he learned from those he looked up to throughout his career will help guide him in this new venture.

"I've had great mentors along the way and worked for really good athletic directors," he said. "Stepping into a DI role is a big responsibility, but I think that kids are kids no matter where you go and the most important thing is, for kids, we're not looking for success on the field as much as we're looking to grow really good people. I've always believed as a coach that if you hold high standards for your players and your coaching staff, they will always rise to meet them and on field, success comes along the way."

When he begins his role at South at the beginning of the new school year, Wheeler knows the athletic program and the community around the school are rich with tradition. While wanting to continue the excellence on which the Blue Devils athletic program prides itself, Wheeler also wants to make sure students and

athletes have the best environment possible around them to help foster that success.

"It starts with a good culture," he said. "Every coach has their own culture, but I think it's a basic thing to ask that it be a culture of excellence and safety. I think students and athletes should always feel safe in the classroom, on the field and around their coaches and that culture of care, building good relationships and holding high expectations, I truly believe those are the most important things and they should be able to look back fondly on their athletic experiences and feel that it shaped their character."

In the coming weeks, Wheeler, along with his wife, Cassie, and newborn son, Jonathan, will move into their new home in Grosse Pointe Woods. As he moves to the Pointes for the first time, Wheeler said he is grateful for the amount of support he already is receiving from the community and his colleagues.

"I've felt really, really welcomed by the community so far," he said. "I've had students, ath-

letes, teachers, coaches, other administrators and ADs from across the MAC reach out. It's been quite overwhelming, the support I've gotten already. Even though I've been up here in this little corner of our state, Grosse Pointe has always been on my radar as a place that values tradition and excellence."

Grosse Pointe has been on Wheeler's mind quite some time, since as early as his college days. What sets the Pointes apart and makes them unlike other towns, in Wheeler's mind, is the strong sense of community.

"I've had friends and colleagues from the area and actually had several friends in college who went to South and I've always been really intrigued by the excellence and the standards the school has held itself to," Wheeler said. "What's super valuable about the community is there's so many post-graduates that still live in the community and care about the school. ... Everybody talks about the small town they've got to move out of and get away from and Grosse Pointe's not that kind of place."

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permanent home at the Schaap Center, since leaving The War Memorial. Recent donations bring funding to \$29,110,301 toward the capital goal of \$33 million.

"The Shields have given because they see the arts center as being an economic driver for not only Grosse Pointe, but Detroit and the region," Interim Executive Director Jaime Rae Turnbull said on behalf of the family. "(The Valade family) gave that contribution

because they were pleased with the progress we already made in our business plan to support DEI," Turnbull said. "That is from a hiring standpoint, programming standpoint, audience development, attracting a diverse group of people to attend, not just the per-

formances, but also (to) see the visual arts. We have a programming and DEI committee that is led by a resident and we're very proud of the work that we're doing in that area."

Molly Valade responded to an email request for comment by expressing her enthusiasm for the project.

"We are excited to help bring more art experiences and creativity to our community," Valade said. "What better way to bring people and communities together. We look forward to the Schaap Center's completion to see this all come together."

On top of the large donations, the Schaap Center project team confirmed recently they will not take funds from the Downtown Development Authority, will pay for the demolition of the old Department of Public Works building and are undergoing a parking study with MKSK, a community planning organization also being used by the city for the master plan update, to

determine parking needs.

As the project grows closer to its opening, hiring initiatives and partnerships are being made.

The Schaap Center will permanently house Grosse Pointe Theatre and Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, which currently are without a performance home. Administrators also are in discussion with some Detroit-based organizations, including Michigan Opera Theater, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Concert Choir, Detroit Medical Orchestra, Sphinx Organization, the Carr Center and more organizations to enhance performances and galleries.

"The diverse programming partners that we have are really going to help us expand the number of visitors to Grosse Pointe Park and certainly going to attract many people around the Schaap Center," Turnbull said.

Tickets will be affordable at \$30 a piece.

In an attempt to ensure sustainability, the

Schaap family committed \$500,000 per year for the first three years to ensure operating expenses are covered as the center gets on its feet.

The center is looking for residents to get involved and will develop several committees using residents' skills, which will help attract "incredible artists" from across the community, according to Turnbull.

The center hopes to move forward with a ground-breaking date in the first quarter of 2022, depending on DPW movement and funding raised.

"(The Schaap Center) has the potential of being such a remarkable unifier," Turnbull said. "We are encouraged by the overwhelming support from the community."

Anyone interested in donating to the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery may contact Turnbull at jrt@jrturnbull.com.

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Everstream is live in GPPSS

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

After several years of planning, approvals and installation, the Grosse Pointe Public School System is officially operating on its new fiber network.

Everstream, an enterprise-grade network provider based in Cleveland, completed the installation of 40 miles of new fiber network that connects 14 Grosse Pointe public schools and Wayne State University.

The provider, which acquired the original company hired for the job, Rocket Fiber, started and completed the project from spring to fall 2020.

"Everstream did everything they were supposed to do," GPPSS Superintendent Gary

Niehaus said.

This project was part of Niehaus' "vision," according to Christopher Stanley, GPPSS director of instructional technology.

The system increased internet speed, will adapt to future technologies and offers 20 percent more bandwidth than the previous network provider.

"We're future-proofing our district," Stanley said.

The district, which previously used Comcast, would pay up to \$25,000 monthly for services.

Stanley did not provide a monetary value of the new system as of press time, but did confirm it was paid for through general funding and the district did not receive any incentives from the government for imple-

mentation.

GPPSS is not completely eliminating its contract with Comcast and will continue to temporarily use the service for three district buildings, but the monthly cost has decreased greatly.

The feedback has been positive, according to both Stanley and Garret Kelley, GPPSS senior network supervisor.

"We have the bandwidth now to be able to do anything inside our buildings that technology can provide for us," Niehaus said of Everstream.

Other businesses have since followed suit and also are switching to Everstream, including the Grosse Pointe News, which made the switch in 2020.

Over the past year

Everstream has gained additional business customers in the market.

According to an Everstream spokeswoman, "Everstream is working on putting together a broader update for the greater Detroit area."

As far as the transition to the new system for the district, which officially was made in January, "it has been seamless," Stanley said.

The fiber network offers optimal use of technology throughout the district today and for years to come.

Everstream said in a document the network makes its users, "prepared for the future today."

Kelley said Everstream will provide maintenance and service for the district for 20 years.

GLWA attempts to explain power failures

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A week after a deemed "1000-year storm" flooded areas of Detroit and the Grosse Pointes, leaving residents clearing sewage backup out of basements, the Great Lakes Water Authority held a news conference Friday, July 2, in an effort to explain power failures at its pump stations.

CEO Sue McCormick began the conference by acknowledging "the significant impact this rain event has had on the lives of so many through all of our community."

The night of the flood, Grosse Pointe Park released a statement on Facebook, which read: "Around 1 a.m., GLWA at Conner Creek Pump station in Detroit had failed causing major flooding in Grosse Pointe Park and the neighboring Grosse Pointes. ... The GLWA station is back online and the water is receding."

GLWA officials refuted the statement, saying the station did not fail.

"In plainer terms, the flooding was caused by the amount and the intensity of the rain,

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City of Grosse Pointe

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen catalytic converter

Between 8 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, the catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked in a lot in the 200 block of Chalfonte Avenue.

The owner thought he simply had a bad muffler, until taking the vehicle into a shop last week.

Soliciting without permit

Following a company's denial of a permit to solicit in the Farms, a 20-year-old Algonac man was found going door to door soliciting the company's services in the area of Moross Road and Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 3:10 p.m. Monday, June 28.

As the company manager was warned in the past, the man was cited for soliciting and further warned that all other employees would be issued citations if the company continues to solicit without a license.

Dog trouble

A Farms mother and daughter said they were driving in the 300 block of Ridgemont Road at 7:08 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, when they saw an unsecured dog in the middle of the street. Upon stopping to secure the animal, it jumped into the vehicle on its own.

The two stated a

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41-year-old Farms woman then appeared and shoved the 14-year-old daughter into the side of the vehicle, where her head made contact, accusing the two of trying to take her dog.

The mother intends to press charges for assault.

Hospital threats

When a 31-year-old Lansing man, insisting he needed pain medication but refusing evaluation, was not prescribed the medication at an area hospital Tuesday, June 29, he threatened to physically assault the emergency room doctor.

Traffic violations

Upon running into a 35-year-old Detroit man who had run out of gas on Provençal Road and accidentally locked the keys in the car at 7:27 p.m. Thursday, July 1, officers discovered he was unlicensed, did not have vehicle insurance and the vehicle's temporary registration expired. The vehicle was impounded.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Bike accident

A 16-year-old Farms boy riding his bike to work and crossing Briarcliff Place on the Lakeshore Road sidewalk, was struck by a vehicle at 4:09 p.m.

Thursday, July 1, when a 62-year-old Dearborn woman failed to stop at the stop sign.

The boy sustained minor injuries.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Car damage

A resident in the 700 block of Lakepointe heard his 2017 Jeep Wrangler car alarm going off at 1:50 a.m. Tuesday,

June 29.

Upon investigating, the resident witnessed two suspects in and around the car. They fled the scene.

The car sustained damage to the door lock and steering wheel column. Nothing was taken.

Auto financing

A resident in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe fell victim to identity theft Wednesday, June 16.

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Madison Heights and Walled Lake.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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OUR VIEW

Back to school, back to normal?

The major decisions about the next school year are in place, thankfully, for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Barring major change — such as specific, statewide orders to do otherwise if the pandemic surges again — schools will open on Tuesday, Sept. 7, for face-to-face learning for all students.

There will be no option for virtual learning, given lack of sufficient interest to sustain a separate district for remote learners, as was successfully available for the 2020-21 school year. Nor will teachers be expected to work with video to reach students who are not in the classroom.

Among other answers, barring changes in state rules, that parents have been waiting for:

- ◆ COVID-19 vaccinations will not be required for students, although available to those ages 12 and up, because the shots are not on the state list for entry into school.
- ◆ There will be no separation of students into pods or cohorts, by vaccination status or any other method.
- ◆ Contact tracing will continue, as required under health department rules.
- ◆ Athletes will not need to be tested to participate in their sport. The district will continue to align its practices with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The use of masks remains an open question, incoming Superintendent M. Jon Dean said during the June 28 Board of Education meeting as he described the decisions already in place. He said he's optimistic that the district will be unmasked, but he also noted how fast things can change: 12 weeks earlier, for example, people were asking whether children should be in school at all.

We sincerely hope that the No. 1 "What I did during my summer vacation" response by students will be "I got vaccinated."

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Vaccinations: Take the plunge

Despite excellent vaccination rates throughout the Grosse Pointes, some people do remain unvaccinated. It's time for them to take the plunge(r).

For starters, it's never been easier. Walk-ins for vaccines are welcome in many local drug stores, or appointments can be scheduled in relatively short order. Shots can be timed so that a potential bad reaction will fall on a quiet day.

Six months of vaccine distribution should have allowed skeptics to observe what kinds of reactions their friends and relatives have had. It's also plenty of time to explore — and discount — the unfortunate misbelief that some of the vaccines can alter DNA.

When the Grosse Pointe Public School System

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No doubt many Grosse Pointers were among the throngs visiting the Eastland Mall in Harper Woods and featured in the July 1, 1957, issue of The Detroit News.

OUR VIEW

Eastland: Jobs, but no hotel

No matter what the fantasies were for the Eastland property, area residents probably didn't envision three buildings designed to become distribution centers or light manufacturing facilities. The plan laid out late last month in Harper Woods is not the stuff of a glorious destination.

So, yes, people will be disappointed if they dream of a nice hotel or a thriving residential complex or even a swath of inviting green space with or without a new civic center tucked inside.

But what shouldn't be disappointing about this plan is that it seems realistic and, given its better shot at success, a solid addition of jobs and growth in the city's tax base.

The Eastland of baby boomers' memories has been gone for years. Gen-Xers probably have some fond memories, too, even if they weren't ordering Maurice salads at Hudson's with their moms.

But the shift away from department stores and malls has been underway for decades, dating back at least as far as the arrival of big box stores or so-called category killers. More recently — and it hardly qualifies as recent anymore — online options took another slice out of in-store retail.

The build-out of distribution systems for online sales and delivery seems to mark the current retail wave, and the Eastland site is well-positioned with its ready access to I-94. Although traffic patterns must be studied and managed, even the existing Eastland still bears traces of the loading docks that allowed service by semi-trucks and other delivery vehicles — and the vast parking lot certainly testifies to the customer traffic it was expected to serve, especially during the holiday season.

NorthPoint, a Kansas City-based developer, has listened to the initial feedback to its plans and will

return to the Harper Woods Planning Commission at month's end with revisions. Besides concerns about traffic — trucks in particular — the city needs assurance that other safety concerns will be addressed, that landscaping will enhance the site and that noise controls will be adequate.

Besides the multiple residential areas nearby, the area between Beaconsfield Street and Kelly Road hosts schools that will need to be well buffered from any daily hubbub and kept separated from the increase in traffic, especially big trucks.

NorthPoint's proposed investment is sizable: \$94 million to erect the three buildings that will total 1 million square feet. Construction jobs are estimated at 250, with a potential for 560 permanent jobs once the site is built out. Demolition is scheduled for early 2022, so the remaining retailers can finish out the holiday shopping season. Construction would be completed by mid-2023.

Harper Woods officials have been decidedly upbeat about the possibilities. Mayor Valerie Kindle discussed how the project "will create good paying jobs, increase funding for schools, police and fire, and provide a strong tax base to allow us to potentially cut taxes to our citizens."

Those who are old enough will remember how Hudson's big new shopping malls of the 1950s — Northland and Eastland being the epitome — eventually deflated the company's flagship store downtown, a wonder in its own right. Eastland has lasted longer than Northland, and other area malls have said farewell, too. They've had their day.

Sadly the site along Vernier Road now borders on being ugly — not to mention almost undrivable and apparently a brownfield, to boot. Almost any well managed project promises to be an improvement.

LETTERS

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Gratitude in the Park

To the Editor:
 As president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, I would just like to take a moment to recognize the outstanding job City Manager Nick Sizeland, his assistant Leah Smith, and the entire staff at the City of Grosse Pointe Park have done in the

recent year and currently. Leadership like this should be applauded not criticized, especially considering the numerous challenges we have been facing. Communication flows freely and there is a clear effort to help the businesses in Grosse Pointe Park, which serve the community as a whole. Multiple businesses

were contacted by the City Manager and staff shortly after the flood to offer guidance and assistance. The city manager also asked the association to reach out to business owners as well in distributing other helpful flood claim information to help get the businesses the help they need to continue to thrive. Additionally, City Manager Nick Sizeland as well as his assistant Leah Smith have repeatedly contacted myself asking that I also contact them if I am aware of any business that have flood damage, need help, and don't know where to turn.

Frankly, most or nearly all business owners in the Park are becoming increasingly exhausted and disappointed at the amount of time being wasted by

certain council members constantly criticizing and talking about the City manager and what they "think" he isn't doing, instead of actually producing something themselves. They should be taking notes from Nick Sizeland and supporting him. Productive people and leaders simply do not have time for this behavior and certainly not at a time like this! Thank you, Nick and staff!

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I SAY By Whitney McDonald

Picking up pickleball



This year we upped our game and host weekly games with friends and family. Skill levels vary, but everyone plays and learns from each other.

The sport combines some of my favorite things: getting outside, socializing, exercising and competing.

This summer, with almost a year of pickleball experience under our belts, my mom and I decided we were ready to enter our first tournament.

I must add that my mom and I are both competitively driven; in other words — we don't like to lose.

Preparation for the tournament was lacking. We had been playing weekly and had a good grasp on the rules, but our skill still needed to be developed.

Although we knew we weren't very good yet, we still decided to go for it.

We put together head-to-toe matching outfits and were ready to hit the courts.

Little did we know, our coordinated outfits would be the best thing we did in the whole tournament.

At the end of the tournament, we had not won a single match and ended the night in dead

last. However, we did not go home empty handed. We won best dressed by a landslide.

Coming in last is not ideal for two people who like to win, but it has only set the fire for us to get better.

After playing with people at a much higher caliber than us, we have noted where we need to improve, which happens to be in every aspect of the game.

Although we didn't play our best, playing pickleball with my mom is one of my favorite parts of the week and spending time together is a win in my book.

What we thought was going to be our competitive debut ended up being an embarrassing defeat.

We would both agree there is room for improvement and we need to up our practice and playing time. What we thought would be a fun hobby has quickly turned into a competitive feat in which we want to excel.

Although we haven't reached expert level quite yet, the sport has allowed my mom and I to meet new people and explore a new sport.

My mom is a tennis player and I was a cheerleader all through high school and college and pickleball has reintroduced the ability for both of us to compete again.

The sport can be

played by anyone — all skill levels, ages and abilities.

We have faced all ranges of competitors from college boys to couples in their 70s. The game is not limited to a specific demographic.

Pickleball is a growing sport and its popularity is increasing right here in Grosse Pointe.

Those interested in playing in the community can find courts at Lake Front Park, Patterson Park, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and courts are coming soon to Osius Park.

I'm looking forward to improving my game and my mom and I are already preparing for a comeback season next summer, including new matching outfits of course!

VACCINATIONS:

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gets underway Sept. 7, it would be great to have even higher vaccination rates. Going back to school each year marks a major community turning point in indoor activity. With no vaccines available as yet for the under-12 age group, schools may turn into the COVID-19 hotbeds that so many people initially feared when the pandemic arrived in early 2020.

And the first day of school is just two months away — not to mention sports, registration and other activities that students engage in before Labor Day.

For those who want a two-shot vaccine sequence, the schedule requires a three- to four-week wait in between. Then there's the two weeks needed to reach full immunity. Even those who get a first shot tomorrow won't reach that level of protection till mid-August.

Younger adults, in particular, have seemed least interested in immunization, perhaps believing they're less likely to get seriously ill. But as variants emerge from the original strain of COVID-19, that may not continue to hold true. If the unvaccinated are parents of young children, or friends of parents, they also need to ponder whether their potential vulnerability could spread harm to the small fry — or vice versa, once school resumes.

There's also the need to consider the delta variant, which initially took hold in India. It has been found in Michigan and elsewhere, and proven to be more contagious than both the original virus and the already more contagious alpha version from Great Britain. Michigan's notorious spike in cases this spring — mirrored by hundreds of cases in the Pointes — was largely attributed to the alpha strain.

By one estimate, Michigan will take until December to reach the 70 percent vaccination rate that the nation is also aiming for. That may be why Gov. Gretchen Whitmer put \$5 million in prizes on the line for anyone vaccinated by Aug. 3, including college scholarships for those ages 12-17. (Information at www.mishottowin.com.)

For anyone motivated by money, the time is now. Maybe the Grosse Pointes can even celebrate a winner or two!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

FANTASTIC BIDS POSTPONE NEEDED RELIEF PROGRAM: With the lowest bid from five contracting firms of \$31,357 for the construction of a four-room temporary Quonset Hut addition to the Vernier School, the Board of Education was inclined to believe that all bids should be rejected, but felt that further study should be given to the question. The amount bid was \$10,000 to \$15,000 higher than estimated, even after due allowance was made for increased building costs.

PRIMORDIAL URGE OF KIDS PLAGUES LAW ENFORCERS: The combination of the hot weather and the primordial instinct of all boys to go in swimming as soon as the ice moves out of the ol' swimmin' hole gave police of the Park and City a busy weekend last week. Complaints poured in from lakefront dwellers that boys were out in force with complete disregard of private rights, presenting a nice social problem as well as a legal one.

1971

50 years ago this week

WATER PUMPAGE RECORD SHATTERED: The Farms Water Filtration Plant at 29 Moross pumped an all-time record of 10.2 million gallons of water for any 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight, on June 28. The previous high was 9.14 million gallons in June 1959. The record pumpage was due to the high temperature, which was recorded at 102 degrees, and the abnormally low rainfall through April, May and June.

DODGE ESTATE ITEMS BOUGHT: The Detroit Institute of Arts did not come away empty-handed against international competition in the London auction of items from the Grosse Pointe estate of the late Anna Thomson Dodge. Four scenes of country life by 18th century French master Jean-Honoré Fragonard were purchased by the Founders Society Detroit Institute of Arts for \$252,000, a little more than a fourth of the \$1 million cash given to the

philanthropy by Mrs. Dodge.

Obituaries: Christina Muir Van Husan Newberry, Martha W. Becker, Jack Warren Stephenson, Robert P. Snyder

Hyde, Leonard M. Padmos, Florance Jackman Zens, Wilbert J. Schulte, John Filmore Woods, Robert D. Keating, Gari Stroh

1996

25 years ago this week

RICHARD PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, MCMILLAN CLOSING SET: Take a long last look at McMillan Road between Kercheval and Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms. It's about to change. A few minor details were being worked out at press time, but if all goes as planned, the asphalt road will soon be replaced with a playground and a cul-de-sac.

WOODS APPROVES MOVING FARMS HOUSE TO CITY: While it's one thing to move the contents of a house, local real estate renovators Albert Shaheen and Louis Gormely will, in the next few weeks, do some major moving as they relocate an entire house from 427 Moross in the Farms to an empty lot at 1565 Oxford in the Woods.

Obituaries: Richard L.

2011

10 years ago this week

SHORES CELEBRATES 100 YEARS: A military fly-over could be part of this weekend's centennial festival in Grosse Pointe Shores. The Shores three-day, 100th anniversary birthday party includes a parade, live music, the dedication of the Schroeder Field House, a splash party and more.

STORM SLOWS PARK: Saturday night's powerful thunderstorms brought down trees, power lines and holiday plans throughout Grosse Pointe Park. DTE Energy reported about 2,500 customers in the area were without power immediately following the storm, with several blocks in the Park still affected at press time Tuesday.

Obituaries: John Anthony De Foe, David Miller McDonald, Milton Anthony Meininger Jr., Mardene Galanos Morykwas, Julia McMahon Tyler



LETTERS:

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Thanks from Roland Court

To the Editor:
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Eastside Dermatology celebrates 25 years

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

After finishing her dermatology residency at Henry Ford Hospital, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac knew she wanted to work in the community in which she lived.

The board-certified dermatologist opened her private practice, Eastside Dermatology, in a small office in Grosse Pointe Farms with just two part-time employees July 1, 1996.

She quickly outgrew her first office and relocated Eastside Dermatology to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1998.

In 2003, she opened her second office in Chesterfield, where many of her patients and staff live.

The growth is a tribute to her commitment to excellent patient care.

Over the years she implemented the Ritz Carlton's "Gold Standard" philosophy of customer service.

"It's a privilege when patients choose our

office," she said.

Eastside Dermatology prides itself in meeting and exceeding patient expectations. Through customized treatment plans, the staff works with each patient to achieve their desired skin care goals.

She now has more than 25 staff members, including two other dermatologists, Dr. Natalia Filipof and Dr. Michael Piernick, providing quality patient care.

Services

Eastside Dermatology offers not only general dermatology services, but also cosmetic procedures including Botox, injectable fillers, laser treatments, sclerotherapy for spider veins in the legs, chemical peels and acne peels.

In addition to seeing her patients, Manz-Dulac is passionate about skin care education within and beyond the Grosse Pointe community.

"A well-educated patient will be their own best advocate," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eastside Dermatology Drs. Michael Piernick, Lisa Manz-Dulac and Natalia Filipof.

For example, she teaches Grosse Pointe South High School students about teen skin care through a "Dermatology Jeopardy" talk.

Outside of Grosse Pointe — and before the pandemic and political unrest halted the trips — she did five medical mission trips with the Haiti Africa Relief Team to

offer dermatologic care in the poorest communities in Haiti.

Eastside today

To celebrate the milestone and commitment to patient care, the practice will host a party at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in August, COVID-19 regulations permitting.

She credits her success to the implementation of

the highest patient care standards and expresses much gratitude for the support from her patients, the community and her staff over the years.

"It's a privilege when patients choose our office and it is our obligation to give them the best care," she said.

In addition to serving her patients, Manz-Dulac

is a devoted mom of three sons and has a passion for health and wellness. She can be found running as she trains for the Boston Marathon this October, using her ElliptiGO bike, swimming, skiing or traveling.

Eastside Dermatology's Grosse Pointe office, 20030 Mack, can be reached at (313) 884-3380. The Chesterfield office, 32743 23 Mile Road, can be reached at (586) 716-1291.

To maintain healthy skin, dermatologists recommend the following tips:

◆ Wear a broad spectrum SPF 30 or higher sunscreen daily.

◆ Stay out of tanning beds.

◆ Simplify your skin care routine and choose skin care products formulated for your skin type.

◆ Keep your hands off of your face.

◆ Check your skin regularly for new or changing growths.

Artona Custom Tailoring bids farewell to GP

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Artona Custom Tailoring will close its doors after more than 50 years serving the Grosse Pointe community.

Owner Vince Bonasso brought his tailoring expertise to the U.S. in 1968, when he worked for both Carl Sterr and then Hickeys before going off on his own.

His tailoring apprenticeship began when he was just 12 years old back in his hometown of Calabria, Italy.

The community will be missed by both Bonasso and his wife, Fausta, who worked beside him since the '90s.

"It's bittersweet," Fausta Bonasso said, looking ahead at their retirement, but reminis-

ing on the many years of business.

Artona

Artona Custom Tailoring was known in the Grosse Pointe community for retail, alterations and most famously custom clothing.

Bonasso has served second- and third-generation Grosse Pointe families and has been a part of many of life's occasions for his clientele, including weddings, business, galas and even day-to-day attire.

Located at 17834 Mack, the old-world shop operated with a small team of three. Two of those key players were the Bonassos themselves.

The third is Vasiliki Michalos, or "Betty," as they call her.

"She's family," Vince

Bonasso said.

Betty was with Artona 35 years. She was part of the Artona experience and became one of their own.

Artona clients were offered endless options of Samuelsohn suits and worked with each person individually to discuss fit and customized apparel that would look good on them depending on body type and stature.

Bonasso said one thing he prided himself on was honesty. If something didn't look right on a customer, he would tell them.

He wanted to not only make the customer happy, but also create apparel he was proud to see walk out of the store.

Bonasso would occasionally do house calls and was proud to work with families, including

the Fords and the Fischers.

Memory lane

The memories made at Artona have been endless for the Bonassos.

When asked what they will miss most, they both said, "The people."

"They're not just customers, they're family," Fausta Bonasso said.

The tailor-client relationship is one that is very personal and allows for conversation and small talk, and eventually those moments lead to deeper discussion and over the years, friendships.

The clients trusted the Bonassos and that was one of the biggest parts of Artona.

Vince Bonasso said he trusted clients and they trusted him, not only with their clothing but with their personal stories and life experiences.

Fausta Bonasso shared the special bond she formed with clients. They would share photos of grandchildren and one customer even brought a baby gift when one of the Bonassos' grandchildren was born.

"That was not expected," Fausta Bonasso said.

Vince Bonasso shared his experience with 15



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Vince Bonasso is retiring after more than 50 years serving the Grosse Pointe community.

minutes of fame when Artona was featured in Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino" in 2008. He even landed a small speaking role for the film.

He also made an appearance in a 2013 Lincoln MKZ advertisement explaining the vehicle felt tailor-made.

He never sought the attention. In both cases the media came to him and both opportunities are highlights from over

the years.

The next chapter

As the business winds down, the Bonassos have taken time to reflect and appreciate all that Artona and its customers brought to their lives.

"This was his startup baby from day one," Fausta Bonasso said. "It's going to be hard."

The couple is looking forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren and hope to travel more, especially back to Italy.

To give thanks to the community and their loyal clientele, they are planning a retirement party.

"We couldn't have made it if it wasn't for them," Fausta Bonasso said.

They said they are emotional and so are customers. One said, "I'll follow you wherever you go."

The party date and location have not yet been determined.

As this chapter closes, a new one awaits the Bonassos where they can enjoy the fruits of their labor.

They reside in St. Clair Shores, but their retirement might lead them back to Grosse Pointe to be closer family.

The sale of the business closed Thursday, June 24, and the store will officially close within 30 days.

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STORM:

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watched the top third of her neighbor's large silver maple tree fall into her yard and take out the power lines.

"I've been through a tornado before, but I was just a kid," Bush said, "and I don't know if it was a tornado or straight-line winds, but I remember that rumbling sound and that whistling and the debris in the air, so whatever it was, it was really serious."

Kip Godfredson, who also lives on Rivard, recalled a similar experience. As he was walking the 10 feet from his garage office to the house, the sky turned black, the wind picked up and he watched two trees more than 100 feet tall come crashing down.

"It really came out of nowhere," he said of the storm, also adding it looked like a tornado. "It was fine before and then it immediately turned black and the wind was whipping and it was gone five seconds later."

With wires down on Fisher, Neff and Kercheval at University, many of the affected areas of the City, includ-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A live wire on Vernor near Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park lay across belongings lost in the flood during a second round of storms Tuesday, June 29.

ing city hall, did not get power back until late Thursday afternoon.

In what Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame called "extremely bad timing," the storm came just three days after a significant flooding event throughout the Pointes. The outage at city hall delayed administrations' ability to send out claim forms for the flooding.

"For people who were dealing with mounds of garbage and flood-damaged goods, trying to get them out of the house, and there was no way to run their pumps or air conditioning or dehumidifiers ... it was probably the worst time for a freak storm," Dame said.

Grosse Pointe Farms was not hit severely, City Manager Shane Reeside reported, with damage largely confined to the

border with the City of Grosse Pointe along Fisher.

One downed tree took out a DTE Energy street light on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Fisher, while isolated power outages included The War Memorial, which remained out of power until Wednesday afternoon.

Grosse Pointe Park released a statement at 3:51 p.m. Tuesday regarding fallen trees around the city.

"Please be advised that the city is aware of numerous trees (and) large limbs that have fallen down and are working on getting them removed," the statement read.

Staff Writer Kate Vanderstelt contributed to this report.

GLWA:

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which was more than typically falls in the month of June, overwhelming the system," McCormick said. "It was not caused by any single pumping station or any single element within the regional system. The Conner Creek Pump Station did not fail."

Two stations operated by GLWA impacted the Pointes in Friday night's storm: Freud Pump Station and Conner Creek Pump Station. McCormick explained that both had their malfunctions.

Freud was tripped by an attempt to get a third pump online, causing the first and second pumps to go offline for two minutes. The station also incurred an interruption of power supply from Ludden Substation. At 6:52 a.m. Friday, June 25, the provider notified GLWA the substation was "damaged and out of service." The problem was not resolved before rain began pouring that night.

Conner Creek lost house power — which supplies energy for

operations such as building lights, access gates and control systems — due to a leaking vacuum priming pump. The pump sprayed water on the circuit breaker. The electrician assigned to the case confirmed the loss of house power did not interrupt service from the first and second pumps, but it delayed the start of the remaining pumps. Operators eventually were able to get five of six pumps online at Conner Creek by 1:53 a.m. Attempts to get the sixth pump online were unsuccessful.

"As with the Freud Pump Station, the Conner Creek Pump Station faced operational challenges, but I want to reiterate that it did not fail," McCormick said.

Between the two stations, eight of 12 pumps were operational the night of the flooding.

McCormick later said, "I'm not trying to be evasive. ... The station did not fail. Did we have some failures to be able to operate certain pumps as soon as we would have expected to? Yeah, certainly we had

that." When asked why this happened, McCormick said GLWA will not know until its after-event analysis is complete, though she said, "I don't think in my wildest dreams" could the pumps have completely prevented the flooding.

"We weren't able to run everything that in a perfect world we would have been able to run," she said. "That's very true. What I can't speculate on is what impact that had and we won't know that."

Ultimately, McCormick blamed the weather and the storm's intensity.

"I believe we cannot lose sight of the long view, which is the fact that climate change is having a significant impact on the increased number and intensity of major storms which are overwhelming our current infrastructure, as well as that of cities across the country," McCormick said. "As a regional authority, we have the unique ability to pivot our attention to look at both short-term demands like we have seen this week, but also how do we best prepare for the long term."

LOSS:

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Theater up to the 10th row of seating.

"It's probably the roughest I've seen it since my tenure started here, with just the sheer volume of water that came onto the campus but also into the building," President and CEO Charles Burke said.

Following a state-of-the-art renovation of the theater just three years ago, Burke anticipates it now is a total loss.

Water infiltrated the ceiling and lobby, the floorboards have warped,

every piece of drywall was damp as of late last week and even mold spores were beginning to grow on the speakers.

Artifacts stored in the theater, largely furniture originally from the Fries building and Alger house, are lost as well.

Clean-up efforts were challenged by a washed-out access road to the theater and the loss of power Tuesday and Wednesday due to a second storm.

"We weren't the only ones hurting," Burke said. "There's a lot of families out there. But as a cultural center, I think it's important for our



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Muddy water fills The Patriot Theater up to the 10th row of seats.

community to know that we're with them and we know the pain that other people are going through,

because we're working through it ourselves."

The Patriot Theater will be rebuilt "better than ever," he added, but likely will not reopen until at least 2023.

With only 30 workers able to fit into the construction space at one time, the project will be tacked onto the end of the ongoing large-scale campus improvement construction, which still is anticipated to complete in spring 2022.

Also finding its way into the veterans' room area through the foundation of the Alger house, water and moisture overwhelmed a number of important artifacts, such as uniforms and newspaper clippings. The artifacts still were

undergoing a dehumidification process late last week.

With the loss of the tent, The War Memorial currently is focused on finding ways of accommodating events scheduled the remainder of the year. Along with working to secure a rental tent, it is partnering with other locations to accommodate some private events.

"We're trying to do everything we can to honor those obligations that we have for a community space and we'll just keep working hard," Burke said. "That's what we do as Michiganders, we just work hard."

LAWSUIT:

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in my home since 1996, it's a regular thing. But, when I get 9 feet (of water and sewage) in my basement, that's where I draw the line."

As the managing partner of the firm's Detroit office, Doherty intends to file a lawsuit against the Grosse Pointes, the city of Detroit, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and Great Lakes Water Authority.

"We're paying our taxes, we're doing our thing, taking care of our stuff, and the government is just failing on multiple levels," Doherty said. "And that's frustrating. It's really frustrating. These lawsuits are not only designed to provide compensation for people who deserve it, but to maybe compel the government and the people that run these things to stay ahead of it."

Though the Pointes are pointing to a failure at Conner Creek Pump Station as the cause of the backup that impacted thousands of residents, Doherty is including a lawsuit against the Pointes because of what he sees as their responsibility to residents.

"(The Grosse Pointes) are the front line of responsibility to make sure water from rainfall leaves the city," he said.

"... If you got a problem with somebody upstream, that's your problem. But you still are responsible to us citizens to make sure these systems work correctly."

Ven Johnson Law also was involved in the Flint water crisis and Midland dam failure flooding. Doherty is fed up with Michigan infrastructure.

"Local residents are at the mercy of faceless local bureaucrats who literally put their constituents' safety at risk by not investing in proper infrastructure," he said in a statement. "This flooding has upended lives causing stress and a feeling of powerlessness, and a huge financial strain of rebuilding homes or businesses."

Doherty hopes to help his neighbors, many of whom do not have good

insurance coverage for this type of failure, receive justice for the costly disaster.

"The game plan is to hold the various municipalities and water and sewer system providers responsible for what happened," Doherty said. "There are a couple ways to do that."

Doherty explained the firm will pursue justice through three options: a sewer backup statute, a violation of constitutional rights — or inverse condemnation — and a gross negligence claim against individual governmental employees. The second and third options will be filed immediately, while the sewer backup statute must be filed within 45 days.

"Is this a \$100 million event? Maybe," he said. Doherty encouraged

victims to be aware of the 45-day notice requirement, stating residents must file claims within 45 days. He also said residents should itemize and take inventory of every-

thing lost in the backup, whether or not they intend to file a claim right now.

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Looking back, looking ahead Rotary presidency changes hands

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As a student at Grosse Pointe South High School, Elizabeth Vogel helped found the school's Interact Club. She recalls being invited to Grosse Pointe Rotary luncheons and was on hand when Theresa DiVirgil became the club's first female president.

"I thought, 'Oh my God. I can't imagine,'" she said. "And now I'm going to be president. There's a huge amount of trust being placed on me. It's a huge honor and I'm humbled."

The incoming Rotary president replaces outgoing president Bob Lucas, whose term ended June 30. Due to the aftermath of recent storms, a "passing of the gavel" ceremony set for June 30, was postponed until July 21, at Neff Park.

The inclement weather and its subsequent damages are a fitting end to a year of challenges for Rotary, whose motto is "Service Above Self." Lucas recently reflected on his presidency and club accomplishments, while Vogel discussed her goals and plans for

the year ahead.

Looking back

"The biggest challenge was obviously COVID," Lucas said about his presidency. "Our club is one of the most active in the district in terms of volunteer service projects and just about everything shut down."

The club adapted by shifting its meetings to Zoom. More recently, it began hosting hybrid meetings, during which up to 10 members meet in person at The Village Grill while others join via Zoom.

The club got so good at hosting hybrid meetings, members were called in to assist other Rotary clubs setting up the same.

While meeting virtually stifled the group's opportunities for fellowship, there were a few bonuses that came with it.

"One of the things with Zoom is it expands who you can have as speakers," Lucas said. "It helped hold the club together having outstanding speakers."

Among them, he noted, were Belle Isle Conservancy President and CEO Michele Hodges and Grosse Pointe

Garden Center 1st Vice President Richard Thomas, who spoke about the Oudolf Garden on Belle Isle; Mark Heppner, president and CEO of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House; Dan Carmody, president of Eastern Market Corp.; Marc Pasco with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy; and Heather Eckner with the Autism Alliance of Michigan.

Though all of the club's fundraising activities were put on hold, after being issued a member challenge by the president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, a fundraising drive was held — and its goal exceeded by members anxious to contribute.

"The backbone of our club is service projects," Lucas said, adding the club often supports organizations such as Gleaners Community Food Bank, Forgotten Harvest and Crossroads of Michigan. While in-person support was halted due to COVID, Lucas said club members still participated in non-contact support such as writing thank-you notes, collecting and donating

books and making monetary donations to various organizations.

As COVID restrictions began lifting, club members were able to participate in masked and socially distanced activities, including a food drive through a partnership with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Members also cleaned up the grounds of Second Mile Center in Detroit, planted flowers at Detroit Abloom, volunteered at Detroit's Pingree Farms and helped clean up and beautify the Moross Greenway, among other efforts.

The club maintained its Frank J. Sladen Scholarship program throughout the pandemic; three Grosse Pointe North and three Grosse Pointe South high school students received scholarships.

Other good news came in the form of membership.

"During all of this, we added 10 new members, with an 11th being processed right now," Lucas said. "This district is 50 clubs; the district netted 23 new members. We netted seven (two members passed away, one



Bob Lucas



Liz Vogel

resigned). We had almost a third of the net."

Lucas, who's been a Rotarian seven years, said he's pleased with his year at Rotary's helm.

"It's been a great year given all the challenges," he said. "Holding the club together as a cohesive unit and adding membership was positive. It was a major challenge."

"I want to thank everybody that's made the year successful," he added. "A lot of people stepped up to the plate."

Looking ahead

Vogel, who was a member of the Mount Clemens Rotary Club from 2011 to 2015, joined the Grosse Pointe club in 2016. She is taking her role as Rotary president seriously, but with a healthy dose of optimism.

"We learned a lot of lessons through COVID," she said. "COVID robbed us all of many things, but two things it robbed from

Rotary are planning ahead and fellowship. Fellowship and service are our cornerstones."

One of Vogel's initiatives is implementing an informal meeting the third Wednesday of each month. She said she's come up with some creative ideas for fellowship and service, such as a fellowship picnic the third Wednesday in July.

"I'm bringing back club traditions," she added, "like the McNeill Raffle. The third Wednesday in August, we'll kick off the raffle."

Named for longtime Rotarian Roger McNeill, the raffle honors the legacy of the "fundraiser extraordinaire," Vogel said. Tickets are \$100 each; winners receive big cash prizes. The drawing takes place the third Wednesday in October.

"We're finding ways to get back and see each other again," she added.

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Hall Financial awards inaugural scholarships

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

David Hall, founder of Hall Financial, has fond memories of growing up in Grosse Pointe. During his youth at Maire Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools, one aspect that shines brightest in his mind is his mother, Joan E. Hall.

"I love Grosse Pointe. It's a great place to live and grow up," he said. "My mom was an impactful mom and when I think of my youth and of Grosse Pointe South, I think of her."

In memory of his mother, who passed away 10 years ago, Hall recently introduced the Joan E. Hall Scholarship Fund and its inaugural winners, 2021 South graduates, Alexa Downey and Katie Bennert.

Hall said the scholarships were awarded based on what he called the Big Four: a positive attitude, hard work ethic, being a team player and being totally coachable.

"If you have these four things, it's been my expe-



Katie Bennert

rience, you become successful," he said. "Team player and being coachable, you don't find those every day."

"I always wanted to get something going in my mom's honor, because she was an important figure to me," he added, noting the scholarship qualifications encourage attributes his mom taught him and which he uses in his own business. "These are things that are important in life. ... I want high school juniors and

seniors to be able to look at this and do these things to get the reward."

Downey graduated from South with a 4.26 grade-point average. She volunteers at SOAR Detroit helping young students and is a teacher's assistant at Pepper Elementary School in Oak Park. On the basketball team, she was a multi-year captain, two-time most valuable player and named first team Metro East and Metro Detroit Dream Team. She plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Michigan this fall and work on electric cars with the objective of improving technology.

Bennert graduated from South with a 3.9 GPA. She volunteers at her church, is a National Honor Society tutor and a volunteer swim coach. She was on the varsity

swim team four years and served as captain her senior year. She also held leadership positions with student council. She plans to study chemistry and pre-med, also at U of M, with plans to use her chemistry degree to pursue anesthesiology.

"Both of them are responsible and mature about how to approach their education," Hall said. "Growing up, it's important to be mature enough to be responsible for your own self-determination. ... There were some impressive things that stood out on these early-in-life resumes."

The Birmingham resident said more than 50 students applied for the \$1,000 scholarships. Hall said his goal is to significantly increase the scholarship every year, not only in the amount awarded, but the number



Alexa Downey

of schools involved.

"We just dipped a toe into it this year," he said. "My goal is to give significantly more every year. ... I'd like to get thousands of applications from multiple schools. I thought starting at South, my home base for my education, was a good way to start it."

Details still are being discussed, but he plans to make an announcement in 2022, about what the scholarship will look like moving forward.

Hall said he's happy to help students get to the

next level in their educational journey and hopes the scholarship is a healthy incentive, as well as a suitable tribute to his mother.

"My mom was a role model," he said. "She was very influential in my life and in my friends' lives. She was outgoing, energetic, full of life and had a positive attitude."

"... I'm able to pass those messages along," he added. "And giving scholarship money away is a vehicle to move along those messages to tomorrow's business leaders."

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OBITUARIES

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

James F. Zerweck

James Frederick Zerweck, 67, passed away Saturday, June 12, 2021. He was born March 5, 1954, to Herman and Susan (nee Mercier) Zerweck of Grosse Pointe, both now deceased.

Jim is survived by his children, Jennifer Zerweck, Nicholas Zerweck and Stephanie Zerweck; grandchildren, Benjamin Zerweck and Charles Zerweck; and siblings, Edward Zerweck, Elizabeth Zerweck-Tembo, Marie Zerweck, Jean Hirt, David Zerweck and Sara Shorin. He was predeceased by younger brothers, Stephen Zerweck and John Zerweck; grandparents, Edwin and Edna Mercier, and Herman and Sophie Zerweck; uncles, Thomas Mercier, Christopher (Lawrence) Mercier, Craig Mercier and Peter Mercier; aunts, Dorothy Mercier, Mary Beth Mercier and Anne (Cahalan) Mercier.

Jim grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe before marrying Debra Blondell and moving to St. Clair Shores. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1972, and attended Albion College. He was extremely proud to come from a large extended family. In addition to being the father of three children and grandfather of two, Jim was the eldest of nine children and 29 grandchildren, and was the godson of the late Peter Mercier and Peggy (Mercier) McDonald. Although he led a modest life, he deeply appreciated his Zerweck/Mercier family history and its connections to Detroit, including ties to early real estate development days and Goebel Brewing.

Jim was an avid sports fan and loved competing in many sports. Football, basketball and baseball were among his favorites. He was a field goal kicker at Grosse Pointe South and also competed in shot put in track and field. Jim shared his love of sports by coaching both family and friends, making a difference by motivating the young to do their best.

A kind and humble soul with a big heart, Jim helped many others when he was able and, as a longtime employee of Mt. Olivet Cemetery in

Detroit, took great pride in caring for the grounds and burial of lost loved ones. He also will be greatly missed for his jolly laugh at his annual Santa appearances, where he delighted in the many curious children of family and friends who tugged on his white beard to see if it was real.

A memorial service takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. The service will be live-streamed and available for one month at livestream.stjoan.church. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Salvation Army, salvationarmyusa.org; or the Father Solanus Casey Center, solanuscenter.org/ways-to-help/donations or 1780 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI, 48207-3427.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Marianne Rice

Marianne Rice, 61, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2021, at her home, surrounded by loved ones. She was born Aug. 14, 1959, in Detroit, to Philip John DeMarco and Antoinette Billie (nee Calo) DeMarco.

Marianne was a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and worked for AAA as a claims specialist more than 41 years. In her free time, she loved gardening, never missed an episode of "General Hospital" and spoiled her three cats, Carly, Rory and Tavi.

Marianne is survived by her sister, Sandra Verschaeve; brothers, Philip A. DeMarco (Suzanne) and Anthony Paul DeMarco; many nieces and nephews; stepmother, Hertha "Penny" DeMarco; other extended family and cherished close friends. Lastly, she is survived by her daughter, Mallory Anne Rice; sister, Nicole; and grandchildren, Kayla and Kennedy.

Her parents, Philip and Antoinette DeMarco, predeceased her.

A memorial mass for Marianne will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

Arrangements and care were provided by A. H. Peters Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe.

John Nelson

John Nelson, 93, of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Monday, June 28, 2021. Shortly after his birth in Motherwell, Scotland, July 28, 1927, John was brought by his mother to the United States and joined his father in Detroit. He attended Grosse Pointe High School and graduated in 1945. John entered the U.S. Army and served from 1946-48. After his military service, he attended Hillsdale College.

John married Barbara Woodard in 1949. They had two children, Scott Nelson (Nancy) and Lindsay Pravettone (Guy). Following his first wife's passing in 1955, he later married Barbara Moran in 1956. They had two children, Henry Nelson (Karen) and Elizabeth Breslin (William). After Barbara's passing in 1978, John married Dorothy Singelyn Woodhouse on June 28, 1980. They enjoyed 41 years of loving marriage. He was a dedicated husband and committed father to his children. John became a partner at Bartlett Manufacturing Co., beginning 1972, and in 1981 became sole owner and president until his retirement in 2010 at age 83.

John was a lifelong lover of athletics and excelled in speed skating, tennis, basketball and golf. He was a member of Indian Village Tennis Club, Gowanie Golf Club and Bayview Yacht Club and Bayview Yacht Club.

Along with his wife, children and spouses, John is survived by his sister, Bette May; many nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He also has three stepchildren, Kathy O'Connell (Terry), the late John T. Woodhouse IV and Brian Woodhouse (Marie) and their two children.

The memorial service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Check verheyden.org for updated information.

Send memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org; American Cancer



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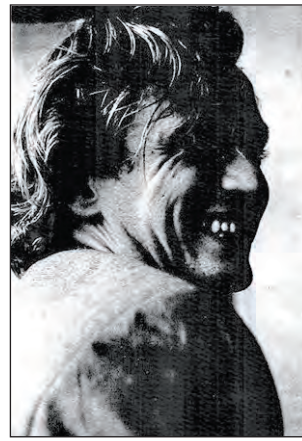
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Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Robert D. Wandschneider

Robert D. Wandschneider, 88, of Tequesta, Fla., passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 22, 2021, surrounded by family.

Bob graduated from Milton College in Milton, Wis., and was an avid motorsports fan who renovated classics through his last years. Also an outdoorsman, he looked forward to Hunt Camp each year with his family and friends. Bob spent much of his career as a commercial insurance agent both in Michigan and Florida, founding several agencies.

He was the beloved son of Alvin and Mary (nee Crites) of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; beloved husband of the late Sue and devoted companion of the late Lazelle Grothe. He was the dear father of Steve (Trish) of Lake Orion and William (Elizabeth) of Holt; proud and loving grandfather to Bradley, Brian, Eric and Alex (Autumn); great-grandfather to Jay; and master to three German shorthairs. He also is survived by hunting buddies, Dave C., Dave B., Dave J., Chris and Dana.

Bob was an excellent cook and published several cookbooks based on recipes of family members and friends. Those who knew Bob will be comforted by his long, well-lived life and marvel at his upbeat attitude and zest for life, his family said. Bob will be greatly

missed by the many whose lives he touched.

Bob will be remembered at a Celebration of Life gathering later this summer at St. Mary's in the Hills Episcopal Church, Lake Orion.

To share a memory, visit obituaries.neptunesociety.com/. Memorials in his name may be made to St. Mary's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

David R. Cockell

David R. Cockell, 64, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2021. He was born Feb. 21, 1957, in Detroit, to David and Gwendolyn Cockell.

David graduated from Vidal Sassoon Academy in London, England, and opened his own salon, David the Salon, where he was the lead stylist. He also was interested in philosophy and fitness.

David is survived by his daughter, Scarlet Cockell; son, David Cockell; and brother, James Cockell.

A memorial gathering takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Chas. Verheyden, 16300 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Park.

Jana L. Deron

Jana L. Deron, 75, died Tuesday, June 29, 2021. She was the beloved wife of Edward M.; loving mother of Susan Hedemark (Peter) and Michael Deron (Ashley); proud grandmother of Carly, Holly McCartney (Andrew), Meghan (fiancé Joshua Guske), Iris and Eve; and dear sister of Brian G. Berlenbach (Suzanne) and Paula Lybeck (Jon). She was predeceased by her parents, Alma and Carl Berlenbach. She also is survived by many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Jana was born in Grosse Pointe Farms and grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. When she was ill as a child, her mother had her blessed by Father Solanus Casey at the Capuchin Center in Detroit. She attended St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. She graduated in 1964, from St. Paul High School, Grosse Pointe Farms, and attended Michigan State University. She had a long career working in medical care facilities, holding a variety of positions including at one stretch a management



Pamela Ann Sorensen

position. She started at Doctor's Hospital in Detroit, then, in sequence, Bon Secours Hospital (now Beaumont Grosse Pointe), Eastlake Cardiovascular and lastly the office of Dr. Michael J. Dionne, M.D., before retiring at age 62. She also worked a number of years at the Village Toy Store and did volunteer work at what is now ShorePointe Nursing Center and St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

A memorial Mass takes place at 11 a.m. Monday, July 19, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Charitable contributions to honor Jana's life may be made to the Capuchins, thecapuchins.org.

Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, dignitymemorial.com.

Pamela Ann Sorensen

Pamela Ann Sorensen was born Oct. 23, 1945, and passed away Sunday, June 27, 2021, in St. Clair Shores. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

She leaves her son, Christopher (Jaime); granddaughters, Olivia and Julia; sisters, Maryann Anders and Sandy Fournier (George) and many loving family members and friends. She was predeceased by her mother, Betty; father, Wilford; brothers, Charlie and Tommy; and sister, Sharon.

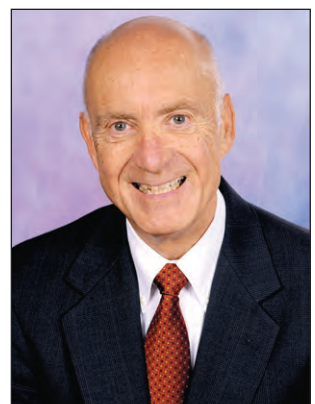
Pamela was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Park who had a long career as an executive secretary for Stroh Brewery Co. and Soave Enterprises. She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, long swims at Windmill Pointe Park and love of animals and music.

A memorial service takes place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, at Walter Scott Skupny Funeral Home, 28605 Gratiot, Roseville.

Wayne Law professor honored for community leadership

A Wayne State University Law School faculty member has been honored by the university for his contributions to the community.

Professor John Mogk of Grosse Pointe Park, an expert on urban and regional development, housing, property and local government law, has been named Distinguished Service Professor of Law. The classification is used only in rare instances to designate senior members of the university faculty who have made



Professor John Mogk

extraordinary contributions outside their disciplines or who, by service outside of the university, have brought great

honor and recognition to the institution.

Mogk's contributions are far-reaching but rooted in Detroit. As chair of the Jefferson-Chalmers Citizens' District Council, he helped launch the neighborhood's redevelopment program. As a member of the Detroit school board, he created Detroit's school breakfast program. After a federal court found that Detroit school authorities had engaged in historical discrimination against black children, Mogk

actively was involved in designing a remedial desegregation plan. As vice chairman of the Michigan Construction Code Commission, he facilitated new Michigan building regulations that removed obstacles to increased affordable housing. As chairman of Habitat for Humanity Detroit, he helped build the organization into one of the most successful in the country.

Mogk's leadership, including two decades

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Golf outing supports St. Clare athletics

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The 12th annual St. Clare of Montefalco golf outing may be sold out, but there are still ways for supporters to get involved.

A variety of sponsorships, starting at \$100, are available through Wednesday, July 14.

Additionally, an afterglow at Cadieux Cafe is planned, featuring live music, dinner and raffles,

including the popular Basket of Cheer, donated by a St. Clare alum.

"It's a great event," organizer Clare Conway said. "You don't have to be a golfer to be part of it."

While 144 golfers will hit the links at Chandler Park Golf Course the morning of Friday, July 16, the afterglow is open to non-golfers as well. It takes place 5 to 8 p.m. and includes a presentation at 6:30 p.m. by Bob

Conway, St. Clare athletic director. In addition to announcing longest drive, closest to the pin and raffle winners, he'll discuss the athletic program at St. Clare.

Proceeds from the day's events benefit the St. Clare athletic department.

"This is St. Clare Athletics' largest fundraiser of the year," Clare Conway said, noting sports at St. Clare are open for the religious

education programs at St. Clare, as well as St. Ambrose. "We have the lowest registration fees around compared to other Catholic schools... We're able to do that because we're able to fundraise."

For example, the school recently hosted a three-session basketball camp for \$10. Another basketball camp takes place later this month for \$25.

"We never want to turn

anyone away because they can't afford it," Conway said, adding proceeds also go toward upkeep of the gymnasium and grounds outside the Sweeney Center, as well as the purchase of uniforms.

Tickets for the afterglow are \$40.

"It's a great event at the Cadieux Cafe," Conway said, noting venue co-owner John Rutherford attended St. Clare and was coached by her

father. "A lot of people in the Grosse Pointe area have ties to St. Clare. When you walk in there, you're going to know somebody. Once a Falcon, always a Falcon."

For tickets or to sponsor the event, visit stclarem.org/athletics or email bconway@stclarem.org.

"This is truly the biggest party of the year," she added. "It's all for the kids. You don't want to miss it."

AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

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

◆ Myth Crackers with the Howell Nature Center, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 8, via Zoom.

◆ Pocket Friend or Fiend — Sloth or Zombie Kits, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, July 12, via Zoom.

◆ All-day Storytime Wednesday, July 14, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15, via Zoom.

◆ Singin' in the Street, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ The Future of Movement: The College for Creative Studies Transportation Design Exhibition, through Aug. 29.

◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 17, for ages 8 and younger.

◆ Teen Workshop, 1 p.m. Fridays, July 9 to Aug. 13.

◆ Science Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, for ages 6 to 15.

◆ Fresh Air Painting Club, 10 a.m. to noon, July 11 and 25, and Aug. 8 and 22.

◆ Edsel Ford and The

Continental, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15.

◆ Meadow Games, 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, July 16 and July 30.

◆ Maker Studio, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, July 24 and Aug. 21.

◆ Family Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, for ages 6 to 12.

◆ Explorers, 3 p.m. Thursdays, for ages 6 to 10.

◆ Fitness, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, for all fitness levels.

◆ Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, for all fitness levels.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The Helm

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

◆ Watch the movie "Minari" at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 9. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Succulent Jewelry Workshop, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Detroit Abloom. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers.

◆ Birdhouse Painting Workshop, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 21, with instructors Catherine Poleski and Larry Sullivan. Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers.

◆ Fresh Cut Flower Bouquet Workshop, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Detroit Abloom. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

◆ Watch the movie "The Father" at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 23. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for

nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Plein Air Painting Workshops, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 28 and Aug. 25, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, per session.

◆ Personal Action Toward Health, or PATH, virtual class, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 28 to Sept. 1, with facilitators Margaret Cooper and a member of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging staff.

◆ Creating Confident Caregivers, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 to Sept. 2, with facilitator Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited.

◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 30. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.

◆ Canasta Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays.

◆ Texas Hold'em Poker, 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays.

◆ Knitting for Charity, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

◆ Bridge Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

◆ 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.

◆ Coffee Connection, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Catch up with old friends or meet new ones while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea.

◆ Chess and Checker Club, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays.

◆ Sole Mates Walking Club 8 or 10 a.m.

Wednesdays, weather permitting.

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

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, July 12, Gilda's Club Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, July 16, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 20801 Lennon, Harper Woods, offers the following camps and programs:

◆ July Art Pop Up, 11 a.m. Monday, July 12. Cost is \$50.

◆ July Weeklong Half-Day Camp, noon Monday through Friday, July 19 to 23. Cost is \$150.

◆ American Girl Doll Art Pop Up, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 26. Cost is \$60.

◆ July Two Full Day Art Camp, 9 a.m. Tuesday,

July 27, and Wednesday, July 28. Cost is \$115.

◆ July Art Pop Up, 11 a.m. Thursday, July 29. Cost is \$50.

◆ Slime Workshop: The Basics, 10 a.m. Friday, July 30. Cost is \$30.

◆ Kinder Camp, 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, and Tuesday, Aug. 17. Cost is \$60.

◆ August Art Pop Up, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18. Cost is \$50.

◆ Tie Dye Camp, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. Cost is \$28.

◆ August Weeklong Half-Day Camp, noon Monday through Friday, Aug. 23 to 27. Cost is \$185.

Cadieux Cafe

Grosse Pointe Woods resident John Karabetsos will premier his film, "Vincent Van Gogh: 70 Days in Laos," at 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 12, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Cynthia D. Greening, president of Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence, will present an overview of client services and programs. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Whistle Stop

Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, 21714 Harper, St. Clair Shores, hosts Pirate and Princess Play Day, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17. This free outdoor event includes Anna, Elsa and Pirate Pete, as well as a bouncy princess castle and bouncy island adventure. Call (586) 771-6770.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts Self-Defense Training for Women from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 18. The class includes awareness, risk reduction, posture and verbal skills, as well as physical fight skills. Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Registration is required by July 15 at neighborhoodclub.org.

The Neighborhood Club currently is hiring lifeguards, front office staff, personal trainers and fitness class instructors. Those interested should call (313) 885-4600.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month, at St. James Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

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Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, "Ask the Therapist," from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and "Coffee Break Chat with Rachel," with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

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Pointer granted two prestigious communications awards

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michelle Martin, an account director at Mort Crim Communications Inc., was recognized for her work on a statewide marketing and communications campaign which encouraged historically undercounted populations to complete the 2020 census.

Martin worked alongside MCCI President Rich Donley to strategically create a campaign that reached undercounted groups for their client, Michigan Nonprofit Association.

The targeted groups include ethnic and minority populations, immigrants, families with young children, seniors, those living in poverty, people in rural communi-



Michelle Martin



Rich Donley

ties and those experiencing homelessness.

Michigan Nonprofit Association, along with MCCI, recognized that an inaccurate census count can lead to the risk of losing millions of dollars in federal support programs.

The campaign kicked off in 2017 with a two-tier approach: reaching non-profits and reaching con-

sumers.

"We employed a fully integrated, hyper-targeted communication campaign," Martin said.

The first step was recognizing and breaking down the barriers that stood in the way of census participation.

The barriers included lack of knowledge, apathy and lack of efficacy, confidentiality and pri-

vacy concerns, fear of repercussions and general distrust of government.

Martin said in an age of mistrust between media and government alike, it was important to not only send the right message, but also the right messenger.

They found that communities were more receptive to those who they recognized, trusted and respected delivering the message.

The campaign used 23 distinct media avenues: billboards, bus ads, TV, radio, digital advertising, social media, video and advertising on the back of cash register receipts.

They also created two websites, one for non-profits and the other for consumers, MiVoiceCounts.org and BeCountedMI2020.org.

The websites offered

accessible resources and also provided example questions to break preconceived ideas related to the census.

"There was no one-size-fits-all approach," Martin said.

The results of the campaign showed more than 200,000 website visits, 309 million digital impressions and 38 million earned media impressions.

Through her work over the three-year statewide project, Martin won an International Association of Business Communications Gold Quill and an Award of Excellence in the Public Relations Society of America Silver Anvil awards.

The success not only led to Martin's prestigious awards, but also to improved standings in Michigan's national par-

ticipation rankings.

Michigan landed fourth in the nation in census response, was the first state in the nation to match its 2010 census response rate, had a higher state self-response rate than the national average and had a higher internet self-response rate.

The campaign also resulted in a partnership between Martin and Donley and IABC Detroit and PRSA Detroit to create a webinar sharing the learned communication strategies.

The webinar, "Rebuilding Trust in Your Communications: The Medium, the Messages and the Messengers," focused on educating communicators on how to overcome misinformation, ensure trust and accurately target audiences.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Playwriting Workshops teach the art of storytelling

All playwrights and those interested in becoming one are invited to participate in Grosse Pointe Theatre's Take Ten Playwriting Workshops, which will be held virtually from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, from July to October.

Registration for the four-workshop series is open and costs \$25. However, the workshops are complimentary for Grosse Pointe Theatre members, so all participants are welcome to become GPT members. Membership information is provided on the registration page.

The workshops teach skills in storytelling through playwriting, specifically the 10-minute play format. This year's playwriting theme is, "While You Were Out," similar to the message slips used in offices and the twists and turns that can happen communicating the message. The virtual workshop format will make it easy for playwrights around the state to participate.

By the end of the workshop series, participants should have a finished 10-minute play they can submit to Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Take Ten, Ten-Minute Play Festival" competition. The competition is open to all playwrights. The workshop series will be a worthwhile educational exercise for newcomers, as well as those who have experience in playwriting.

Play submissions to GPT's playwriting competition will be accepted through Dec. 31, and the winning submissions will be performed next spring.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's 10-minute

play festival, now in its eighth year, is the brainchild of longtime GPT member Mary Lou Britton, who has been leading this program as its executive producer since it began. After assuming many technical and administrative responsibilities at GPT through the years, Britton honed-in on her writing skills creating 10-minute plays. She has written several short plays since. Having spent her career as an executive communicator and editor, and now playwright, Britton is excited to share her skills and enthusiasm for playwriting with other playwrights and newcomers. Britton will team-teach the workshops with Stella Woitulewicz, an actor and theater buff who got hooked on comedy writing at Second City Detroit. She has written and co-directed numerous short plays since.

"Playwriting has grown in popularity through the years and it's exciting to see someone take a story idea and create a plot, characters and a setting that audiences can relate to," Britton said. "Playwriting opens up another dimension to storytelling, connecting each character's experiences in a believable and entertaining way — in this case, all in 10 minutes. We look forward to working with this year's participants and seeing their creative process develop into a finished 10-minute play."

For more information about Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Take Ten Playwriting Workshops" and "Ten-Minute Play Festival," visit gpt.org. Additional questions may be addressed by emailing playfestival@gpt.org or calling (586) 779-8974.



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From left, Liam Ferguson, Ben Kocik and Leslie Wagner pose for a selfie.

Helping hands

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society recently received help from two local youths, who jumped at the chance to clean up the historic Provencal-Weir House.

"Post-pandemic, things are starting to happen again and we gave our first tour and had some of our first guests at the GPHS," wrote Leslie Wagner, new GPHS president, in an email. "It makes us so happy to see the PW House as a community gathering spot. And we love that the kids hang out there."

Wagner and Mary Lighton Shafer were bringing gala materials back to the house from the three galas Shafer chaired, when Wagner asked Ben Kocik and Liam Ferguson for a hand picking up "baseball cards and bubble gum and candy wrappers and water bottles and broken glass that had accumulated," Wagner wrote, "and the two young men ... sprung into action."

"Ben even used an old-fashioned broom and spent 20 minutes sweeping and using a makeshift dustpan, taking care of our community treasure," she added. "It means a lot that these boys cared enough to help."



Kocik and Ferguson take a break from cleaning.



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as the head of the Michigan Energy and Resource Research Association, has led to many hundreds of millions of dollars in funding in Michigan and Detroit, for everything from energy research to high-tech development. As chairman of the

state's Council on Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, he helped lay the foundation for expanded renewable energy in Michigan.

Mogk has received special commendations from the Michigan Legislature, Detroit City Council and Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit. During his career, he

was recognized as one of "Ten Outstanding Young Men in the United States" by the U.S. Jaycees and one of four Outstanding Volunteers in the United States by the National Center for Voluntary Action. And for more than 50 years, Mogk has been an exemplary scholar and teacher to generations of Wayne Law students.

Fair Lane estate receives historical preservation award

Fair Lane: Home of Clara and Henry Ford in Dearborn was honored with the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation during a virtual ceremony hosted by the State Historic Preservation Office, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Now in its 18th year, the Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation program was created to celebrate outstanding historic preservation achievements that reflect a commitment to the preservation of Michigan's unique character and the many archaeological sites and historic structures that document the state's rich past.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to recognize the recipients of the Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said. "These historic places, spread across the state, demonstrate our state's unique past and reflect the innovation, resiliency and pride we all share in calling ourselves Michiganders."

Henry Ford Estate Inc., along with its partners, Quinn Evans Architects, SmithGroup Inc., The Christman Company, National Restoration Inc., and Historic Surfaces, LLC, were recognized for the award-winning restoration, now underway at Fair Lane in Dearborn. Four other statewide projects also were recognized by the governor, including the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, the birthplace of the Model T.

Fair Lane was the home of Henry and Clara Ford more than 30 years. One of the first historic sites to be designated a National Historic Landmark, Fair Lane is an eclectic mix of English castle and prairie style, mixing European grandeur and Midwestern charm. Esteemed landscape architect Jens E Jensen designed the grounds and gardens.

More than just a magnificent residence, Fair Lane was a private laboratory space for Henry's tinkering and discoveries, a canvas for Clara's love of gardens, a retreat to discuss ideas with friends like Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs, a hall for favorite pastimes like music and dance, and a place to gather the grandchildren to share their passions and dreams.

Built on 1,300 acres of farmland, just miles from Henry and Clara's birthplaces, most of the estate's original structures stand today, including the main residence, the powerhouse that supplied energy to the estate, the greenhouse for Clara's extensive gardens, the boathouse and the stables.

Located adjacent to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Fair Lane was operated by the university until 2013 when the estate, collections and related items as well as 17.1 acres were transferred to the newly formed nonprofit organization, Henry Ford Estate, Inc.



COURTESY PHOTO

Fair Lane: Home of Clara and Henry Ford recently was honored with the Governor's Award for Historic preservation.

Edsel B. Ford II, great grandson of Clara and Henry, leads Fair Lane's Board of Trustees that includes family members, Cynthia Ford, Lynn Alandt, Elena Ford and community members, Donna Inch, Evan Lyall, Mark Petroff and Michael Ritchie.

"We are extremely pleased and honored to be selected for this prestigious award," said Bob Bury, Fair Lane president and CEO. "Our amazing team of conservators, preservationists, gardens and landscape professionals and others continue to work to bring Fair Lane back to its original state."

Director of Preservation and Operations Annie Rubel, Preservation Project Manager Austin Eighmey and Head Conservator Tamsen Brown, all of Detroit, constitute the core restoration team at Fair Lane and were vital to Fair Lane's nomination for this award. Additionally, other colleagues, including the late Dr. Kathleen Mullins, previous president and CEO of Historic Ford Estates; the late David Miller, vice president of special projects of Historic Ford Estates and Mark Heppner, past vice president of Historic Resources at Historic Ford Estates and now president and CEO of Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, provided invaluable leadership and direction to the project.

Ongoing restoration continues at Fair Lane and the residence, the historic power house and other structures remain closed to the public. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the beautiful gardens and grounds free of charge, seven days a week 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit henryfordestatefairlane.org for additional information about Fair Lane, upcoming special events, membership and volunteer opportunities.



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All of the funds raised benefit "Elizabeth's Courage Fund," a fund the Sheerens established with C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Elizabeth's honor. The fund is dedicated to Palliative Care. Claire and Elizabeth Sheeren direct where the money will be used based on suggestions from the team.



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Elizabeth Sheeren listens to the speeches.

Taking steps

More than 350 people participated in third annual Run, Walk and Roll, including participants from across the state and country, as well as Lithuania, Scotland, Australia and Nova Scotia. The more than \$86,000 raised during the June 19 event benefits Elizabeth's Courage Fund, established at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in honor of Elizabeth Sheeren, who has fought a chronic, progressive and incurable immune disease for nearly a decade.



Left, Riley Slattery and Evelia Messenger are ready to roll during the Run, Walk and Roll event. Riley has undergone several tests and surgeries at Children's Hospital herself, so she and her parents and friend showed up to support the Sheerens. Below, Elizabeth Sheeren, with her mother, Julie Sheeren, and father, Chris Sheeren, welcomed the crowd before the race while her palliative care physician, Dr. Ken Pituch, looks on.



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"... Sometimes it's hard to commit to a service project on the weekends or during the day when we're at work. It's nice to do this on a Wednesday, because we've already got it blocked off for Rotary."

Vogel said another plan she has for the club is finding a permanent home. The group previously met at The War Memorial, then moved to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, but its home there was short-lived due to the pandemic.

"I want this year to be a transitional year," Vogel said. "Fellowship opportunities, service projects, a forever home — I'm going to stay positive no matter what happens and keep moving forward."

Vogel said part of the plan includes hosting hybrid meetings until Sept. 22, then transitioning into entirely in-person meetings.

"But I don't know what the future holds," she

added. "We need to be flexible and ready to course correct if necessary."

Vogel said having Zoom to fall back on could come in handy moving forward, if there's a snow emergency or heavy rains.

"Instead of canceling, why couldn't I just say, 'Hey, everyone, stay home. We're going to meet on Zoom,'" she said. "I'm not going to lean on that, but it's a tool in the toolbox."

"Zoom is here to stay, so let's embrace it," she continued. "We got 10 new members all during Zoom. What does that tell us about the convenience of technology?"

While meetings thrived during the pandemic, a proposed community building at the "re-imagined" Rotary Tot Lot in The Village has been tabled. The timing just isn't right, Vogel said, but the project will be revisited.

"This will be a year of managing expectations," she said. "It's going to be a transitional year. I've fully embraced that."

Among her goals for the year are retaining current members, getting to know new members and continuing efforts to help the club grow.

"If every year, every president can build up membership, I could see this club being a 100-member club in five years," she said.

One of the reasons Vogel feels blessed to be part of the global organization is, "You're a Rotarian wherever you go," she said. "With the

local organization, it's great to make a huge impact on the local community, but with Rotary International, you have over a million brothers and sisters worldwide. You're welcomed to clubs around the world. ... You can be among likeminded individuals that value service. It's heartwarming in a world that's unpredictable. There's comfort in Rotary."

Vogel, who developed a calendar for the year ahead, said there's plenty

to look forward to, including 35 years of women in Rotary; the anniversary is May 4, 2022.

"There are lots of good things happening," she said.

The Grosse Pointe

Rotary Club currently meets at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at The Village Grill, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, and on Zoom. To learn more or become a member, visit grossepointerotary.org.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from Eastland Center Mall Realty Holding LLC, to re-zone 17830 E. Eight Mile Road, Parcel #42-009-99-0003-008 and 17860 E. Eight Mile Road, Parcel #42-009-99-0003-724, commonly known as Family Dollar and Jimmy Jazz from RS-1, Regional Shopping District, to C-1, General Business District. The public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, 48225.

The lot requested to be re-zoned is located south of Eight Mile Road east of Kelly Road and west of Beaconsfield. An area map and legal description of the proposed parcels to be re-zoned are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested parties who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before July 28, 2021.

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Ford House launches new concert series

Evenings of lively music are planned at the Ford House during its new Tunes on the Terrace summer concert series.

The series kicks off Saturday, July 24, and continues throughout the summer until Saturday, Sept. 25, on the lakeside lawn of the Fords' historic home.

Concerts feature local artists and bands from across metro Detroit, including:

- ◆ Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations, playing Motown music Saturday, July 24;
- ◆ Gabriel Brass Band, playing New Orleans-style jazz Saturday, Aug. 7;
- ◆ Michigan Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra, performing classical music Saturday, Aug. 21;
- ◆ Devin Scillian and Arizona Son, playing country/folk music Saturday, Sept. 11; and
- ◆ Opera MODO, performing opera music and vocals Saturday, Sept. 25.



Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations perform July 24.



Gabriel Brass Band performs Aug. 7.



Michigan Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra performs Aug. 21.



Devin Scillian and Arizona Sun perform Sept. 11.

From opera and classical music to jazz and country, there is music for all ages to enjoy. July and August con-

certs take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. September concerts take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available online at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222. General admission lawn seats are \$20 for adults and

\$12 for ages 6 to 12. A chair may be reserved in premium seating for \$50.

Grounds open at 5 p.m. before the shows. Guests may bring their own picnic or visit one of Ford House's new dining options — a

to-go picnic, beer and wine from The Speedster quick-service counter, or a sit-down lakeside dinner at The Continental. Reservations are required for the latter by calling (313) 884-4222.



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Opera MODO performs Sept. 25.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Alisa Nelson

Dealing with basement flooding

Q: My basement flooded during the recent storms and I lost everything. I'm feeling overwhelmed and irritable. How do I handle this?

A: The recent flooding has left many families scrambling to empty out their basements and crawl spaces. After over a year of uncertainty due to the pandemic, your resources and coping skills may be drained and you may be feeling burned out.

If everything in your basement was a loss, you and your family may be experiencing some symptoms of grief and loss as well. Initially, denial is typical. It is usually quite brief, often momentary; however, it can also lead to avoidance. Anger also is common. We want someone or something to blame for the crisis and sometimes we lash out at others. You also may feel a great sense of sadness over all that was lost.

Many of us are in the practice of storing less-used but more sentimental belongings in our basements, such as holiday decorations, our children's outgrown clothes



and toys, or baseball cards from our youth. Although these are all "just material possessions," they also represent memories from times long past. Remember that your children also are going through something similar as they struggle with letting go of long unused toys. Allowing yourself to feel these sentiments actually prepares you for the process of letting go. You may eventually find healing in helping neighbors or even relief to let go of excess belongings.

Everyone experiences loss differently. Give yourself, your family and your neighbors some compassion as they cope with their emotions. If you find you are having difficulty doing this, or are "stuck" in one of these emotional states, consider reaching out to

a professional. You may be experiencing some deeper depression or anxiety and may benefit from professional guidance.

Alisa Nelson is a psychotherapist and owner of Nelson Family Services, LLC in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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by Amy Alkon

Fly in my soup kitchen

I'm a 30-something woman questioning the long-term viability of my relationship. I work for a nonprofit in a community with a high level of volunteerism. My boyfriend is a therapist, so I think he wants to help others. He's kind and thoughtful toward me and his friends. However, he does no volunteer work or charitable giving. He'll sometimes offer a lower rate for people who can't afford therapy, but he'll qualify it by saying he needs to get people talking about him to

generate more business. I'm put off that his ego and career advancement are motivating the only signs of charity I see from him.
—Disturbed Altruist

As you see it, he's got a charity deficit on his human report card, and you'd like to fix that.

Boyfriend: "It's date night. What are we doing, sexy?"

You: "I thought we'd go spear trash in the park."

You, as a person who values charitableness, seem to have a pretty uncharitable view of your boyfriend. You

see him as stingy, cash-grubbing, and egocentric simply because his job is a for-profit thing and making money and getting noticed are important to him.

The reality is, therapist burnout is a serious concern, because it's emotionally draining to be a big ear for other people's anguish all day long. Meanwhile, sure, you work at a nonprofit, but -- just guessing here -- you probably spend your days cradling a phone receiver, not dying orphans from the developing world.

It's also important to

rethink the notion that those who do volunteer work are giving selflessly -- getting nothing in return. In fact, if you're sacrificing for somebody related to you, it benefits your genetic line -- possibly helping at least some of the genes you share totter off into the next generation. If the person you're helping is unrelated, you'll likely get reputational props from others witnessing your generosity. And research by psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky and her colleagues finds that there seems to be considerable

feel-good in doing good.

Participants in her research who did five acts of kindness in a day (like you surely would while, say, volunteering at a soup kitchen) experienced a big bump in their own happiness.

It's reasonable to want a good, kind, generous partner -- but maybe you already have one. Maybe the actual problem here is that you have a rigid idea of what generosity looks like. Be open to understanding where your boyfriend's coming from, which starts with asking him about his values (and sharing yours) instead of guessing and convicting him in absentia.

Also, just because he

doesn't take the initiative on volunteer work doesn't mean he's opposed to it. Maybe invite him to join you. He might go just to be with you or to please you. But it's possible he'll find it rewarding and want to go back. If, on the other hand, he's all "Talk to the hand, poor people!" well, maybe you two don't belong together.

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

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Living lives with true grit

We rarely hear about women (or men) who have made exceptional achievements in careers, perhaps because there are so few.

We know both women and men can be highly intelligent, but more than intelligence enters into why some achieve unimaginable goals while most do not. Since intelligence is only one factor, perhaps it is due to the messages young girls receive growing up.

Shannon Huffman Polson, after serving as one of the first women to fly the Apache helicopter in the U.S. Army and becoming an attack aviation leader for nearly a decade; earning her MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and an MFA from Seattle Pacific University; working in the field at Guidant in cardiac rhythm management; and leading teams at Microsoft, wrote "The Grit Factor: Courage, Resilience, and Leadership

in the Most Male-Dominated Organization in The World." Polson wanted to find other women with comparable achievements.

Some of the inspiring women featured in "The Grit Factor" are: retired Maj. Gen. Dee McWilliams, who spent 29 years in the U.S. Army and commanded four companies and a training battalion; retired Lt. Col. Amy McGrath, the first woman to fly in the F/A-18 in combat in the Marines; retired Coast Guard Cmdr. Alda Siebrands, the first woman to complete the course from the all-male Army Special Forces and teach the Jumpmaster school; Lt. Angel Hughes, whose classmates were all graduates with engineering degrees from the Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force, became the only woman -- and a woman of color -- to become an aircraft commander for flying search-and-rescue missions;

retired Cmdr. Karen Fine Brasch, who spent 29 years in the Navy; retired Maj. Heather Penney, an Air Force F-16 fighter pilot; Christine Callahan, the first female F-35 pilot; Sara Faulkner, a Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer who outperformed all other applicants; and retired Maj. Katie Higgins, the first woman to fly with the Blue Angels.

These women had the grit to go above and beyond the requirements and compete in a male-dominated world, and according to Polson, grit can be learned.

Finding one's purpose -- the why -- and then connecting the head to the heart is critical for success. Finding the "why," or the "Five Whys" is a technique created by Taiichi Ohno, founder of the Toyota production system. (In today's society, where students choose careers based on the highest salary, a large portion of the population

will likely never develop grit.)

Mindset is the next factor to consider. The Army worked with the Positive Psychology Center at the University of Pennsylvania to develop the Master Resilience Training course.

The training teaches its students to connect with their own stories through six core competencies: self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental

agility, identifying one's own and others' character strength, and connection.

This training can help one overcome "learned helplessness," a trait most people have witnessed in certain types of people. One of the requirements for strong leadership is the ability to analyze a situation and take action at the right moment.

In the military, making the right decision at the moment can mean saving lives (and it is perhaps a skill that should be required in college courses).

Mental agility is part of resilience. In the military and throughout life, a helpless mindset could be fatal. This means one has to have a Plan B. Some common and highly negative pitfalls are "Dismissing the grain of truth, minimizing the situation, rationalizing or excusing one's contribution to a problem, and weak responses."

Individuals can retrain

tences, such as "A more optimistic way of seeing this is ..." which helps a person find the positive aspects of any situation.

Another sentence is, "The most likely implication is ..." which helps a person see a broader perspective. A sentence to prompt a person to prove their assumptions is, "That's not completely true because ..." which also

requires the person to come up with evidence instead of using emotionally based fears and opinions as a foundation for argument.

Many may go through life without ever knowing what it is to embrace grit, but everyone can benefit from the practical exercises presented in "The Grit Factor."

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their brain -- their mindset -- by using reframing exercises. Some examples of mindset reframing involve completing different sen-

Woman can't accept ex's new girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: I've been divorced from my husband of 18 years for two years, separated for three. I have encouraged my ex to get out and meet new people. (He stayed home and alone for about two years.) It must have been a New Year's resolution of his because I no longer receive random texts to ask how I'm doing or to make casual conversation.

When I asked him who she was, he replied, "Nobody." Of course, I know him well, and I knew he wasn't being truthful. He's 50; she's 25. I'm grossed out, mostly because our older daughter is 27. The younger one is 22. I know I should be happy for him, but I'm not.

We still celebrate holidays as a big, old, happy family, which I don't mind. We have grandchildren, and I want the

holidays to be special. But I have no desire to celebrate them with someone who is barely older than my younger daughter. I know it likely won't go anywhere, but what the heck?

I'm in a happy relationship. Granted, I'm enjoying life and not planning my future or anything like that. My mind says one thing; my heart says another. Do I need therapy? Are these normal feelings? -- THROWN IN MONTANA

DEAR THROWN: It would be abnormal not to have "some" reaction to the new woman in your ex's life. That he's obscuring the truth from you tells me he may feel guilty about the age difference or worried you will be judgmental. Therapy may help you accept that he's now the cap-

tain of his fate, so it's no longer necessary for you to help him navigate the seas of life. It would be cheaper to simply let go, allow him to make some mistakes along the way and focus instead on your own present and future.

DEAR ABBY: My heart is heavy for my sister-in-law, "Becca," and her family. Her brother recently passed away. He'd been ill, but no one expected his death. To make matters worse, his wife didn't contact his family about his death for several days and had him cremated without notifying them. They learned about his death when his obit was posted on Facebook.

From what I've been told, his wife has had little to no contact with his family. Becca can't understand what could have been her problem.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

He was an only son and brother. They didn't have an opportunity to say goodbye; therefore, they don't have closure. His sister and mother are grief-stricken and angry.

I can only offer words of comfort and prayers. With so many unanswered questions behind all of this, what is the best way to offer comfort and support? Or should I just give them time? -- SO MUCH PAIN

DEAR SO MUCH PAIN: Please accept my condolences for your family's loss. Call Becca and her family often. Even better, deliver your words of comfort by visiting in person if she would appreciate the company. Offer to help with shopping for groceries, laundry -- whatever she might be too

depressed to do herself right now. And THEN give her time to heal.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I used to be very close to another couple in town. Before the pandemic, they caused quite a bit of pain and drama among our friend group, so we decided to add some distance. The pandemic provided the perfect excuse. We exchange texts every few weeks, but otherwise we don't interact much. The problem is, now that we're all vaccinated, they want to be friends again and we just aren't up for it. We don't know the best way to clearly end the friendship. How do you break up with friends? -- MOVED ON IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MOVED ON: If

you want to end the friendship, a way to do that would be to be "busy" and not available to them. If you are asked for an explanation, tell them the pandemic forced you to rethink your schedule, that you see fewer people than you did before it happened -- and therefore you are no longer available to the extent that you were. It's kinder than saying you think they are troublemaking drama queens, which would be unkind and cause hurt feelings.

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

Dear Ann Landers: You once printed an essay about how to raise your children to be losers. I thought it was one of the best I've seen on the subject.

With the terrible trouble teenagers are getting into these days, and with more of them in juvenile detention centers than ever before, it might be a good idea to run it again. -- Schenectady, N.Y.

Dear Schenectady: Thank you for asking. I printed that essay in my column many years ago and was told it was prepared by the police department of Houston. Here it is, for those who may have missed it:

Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way, he will grow up to

believe the world owes him a living.

2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also

encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait till he is 21, and then let him "decide for himself."

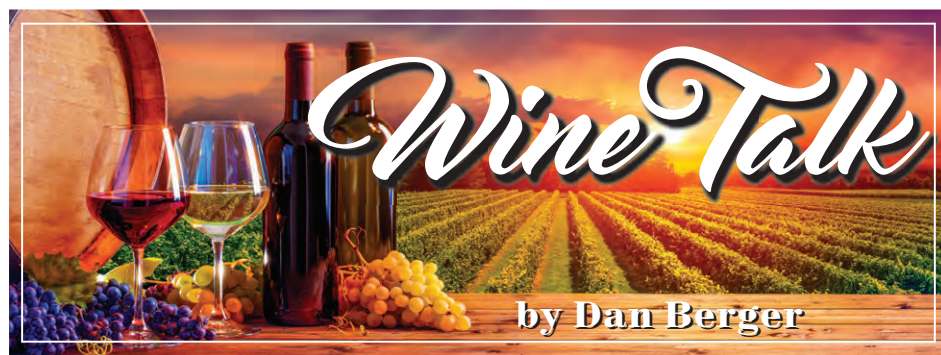
4. Avoid use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe, later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is

against him and he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around - books, shoes and clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility onto others.

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Classic Ann Landers



All the same?

Shortly after I began writing a wine column in 1976, a friend teased me about my avocation.

We were journalists working at the Associated Press, and he probably didn't mean to be disparaging when he said, "All red wines taste the same." Not a very journalistic approach.

Since I had never known him to take even a sip of wine, I assumed that he reflected millions of others who had the same observation, which was they never saw much difference between any of the red wines to which they had been exposed.

I didn't think much about the remark at the time, though I found it naive. But he may have been right. In 1976, many of the wines were homogenous. There probably wasn't an awful lot of difference between the numerous varieties to which we were all exposed.

By the mid-1980s, as wine quality began to improve markedly, I began to see major differences between cabernet, zinfandel, pinot noir, petite sirah and many European wines from districts that previously had only been rumors, such as Cahors, Bordeaux, the Rhone Valley and Tuscany.

My friend's remark made an impact in one way: I began to seek terms that separated each of the different grape varieties. I wondered how each fared in different regions of the world.

His remark made me realize that someone who wasn't paying attention might easily draw the same conclusion. And it became evident that the distinctive aromas and flavors found in one grape variety differed from those in other grapes.

Sure, there were similarities between a winery's cabernet and that same property's merlot, but it was occasionally evident that that particular house dictated the style of both and liked those similarities.

I also knew that subtle differences may matter for wine lovers, but I saw esoteric distinctions as inappropriate for a newspaper wine column. To keep things simple, I ignored geeky explanations and

focused more on issues directly related to how people purchase wine.

Inexpensive wine's main responsibility is to taste good. The more we pay for a wine, the more distinctive it should be, I believed. At upper echelons, cabernet and merlot should have unique elements. Indeed, winemakers and growers now know that, ideally, they shouldn't be grown in exactly the same locations, but in places better suited to maximize each variety's best attributes.



Cabernet, for example, prefers warmth and, at its best, has traces of dried herbs in its aromatic signature -- sage, thyme, even tarragon. Once many also displayed traces of bell peppers, but in later years, that element was disparaged by some wine critics who felt it to be inappropriate.

By contrast, merlot prefers slightly cooler climes and has more black olive, green tea and leafy aromas.

Contrast that to the strawberry of pinot noir, the earthiness of shiraz, the gooseberry-lime of sauvignon blanc or the gardenia-carnation of gewurztraminer.

Over time, I developed terms for each grape variety, and although they often didn't describe

the exact aromas or tastes, they allowed me to make distinctions about how closely each wine came to its theoretical paradigm.

But a varietal glossary wouldn't work because each region has its own unique expression for each grape variety. This changes from year to year, giving meaning to the notion that vintages differ. Nor do two adjacent vineyards always make similar wines.

Today, I'd never agree that all red wines taste the same, though high-alcohol reds can be alike. Many 15%-16% alcohol wines can have an almost raisinlike aroma. The best expressions of varietal character often show up in lower-alcohol wines of about 13%. A few are far less than that.

Wine of the Week: 2019 Clean Slate riesling, Mosel (\$12): The classic lime, tropical fruit, pear-tangerine aromas in this German white wine help to define this grape alluringly. Recently, drier versions of riesling have found a great following worldwide, and some of the best now command prices from \$50 to \$150 a bottle. This delightful, slightly sweet riesling has a prototypical aroma, only 10.5% alcohol and is a delight to sip on a warm patio.

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Muffaletta Sandwich Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

The muffaletta originated in New Orleans in 1906 by Italian immigrants, and in true Italian fashion it looks like a work of art. It's a sandwich that's weighted down and marinated in the fridge for 2 hours. It's best served cold which makes it a perfect picnic addition.

I have made this on countless family hikes. It's hearty and yet somehow refreshing - and a wonderful reward after burning some calories. If you don't like olives, use pesto and mozzarella. The options are endless. This is such a step up from your usual Italian sub.

You want a tall round loaf of bread. The marinade is an olive salad that is fast and easy to make in a food processor. It's briny, salty and so fresh tasting.

You can find a jar of giardiniera in any grocery store. It's usually next to the jarred olives. It's a mix of crunchy, pickled vegetables that are a bit spicy.

This sandwich is different and so flavorful. Any leftover olive salad, serve up as an appetizer with pita chips.

I used the USA sheet pan to weigh the sandwich down. The sandwich was served outside on Atelier's beautiful Pillivuyt Brasserie plates (ateliergp.com).

Olive Salad

- 1 cup pitted green olives
- 1 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 1 16oz jar giardiniera
- 1 roasted red pepper
- 2 tbsp capers



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- 3 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 large round bread loaf

- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar

- 1/4 cup olive oil

Add all ingredients to a food processor and pulse until it's coarsely chopped. Set aside until you are ready to assemble the sandwich.

Muffaletta Sandwich

- 1/3 lb ham
- 1/3 lb salami
- 1/3 lb capicola
- 1/3 lb provolone

Cut the bread horizontally and remove some of the inside of the loaf with a knife, creating a space for all the ingredients.

Start by spreading each side with a thick layer of the olive salad. Layer each side with provolone cheese. It really is about your preference. I used 6 thinly sliced cheese slices on each side.

Next start layering the meat. Put the top on the bottom and use a sheet pan with heavy cans on top to weigh it down. Put in the fridge for 2 hours to marinate. Slice into wedges and enjoy.

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
"American Folk"
2017 - 1hr 39min

Anyone who was 5-years old or older remembers what they were doing when September 11th occurred. It was a powerful event that is deeply engrained in our collective memories. The period right after it was a time of uncertainty, dread but also a coming together as a nation.

istry on screen, play the two.

What unfolds is a remarkable road trip. While they're driving, we hear radio reports of the events unfolding back east. In the days following 9/11, very little was known, and this adds to the eerie vibe of their journey. However, as they grow comfortable with each other's company, they not only open up, they begin to make music together.



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Amber Rubarth and Joe Purdy, real life singer/songwriters playing Joni and Elliot.

This time is the setting of the film "American Folk". It's a perfect title in that it not only refers to the musical genre, but the spirit of the American people and all its quirky manifestations.

The movie opens on a flight from California to New York just as the events of 9/11 unfold. Two folk musicians, Elliott and Joni are seated next to each other when it's announced that the plane has to return to L.A. They both need to get to NYC, and Joni has a family friend who's willing to lend them her beat up old microbus to take them on their trek. Joe Purdy and Amber Rubarth, who are singer/songwriters in real life, and have a natural chem-

It's such a joy to see two talented musicians interact like this.

The movie slowly progresses and we're treated to all the natural beauty this country has to offer. Our travelers also encounter numerous characters along the way. They include a young gay couple that hitch a ride with them on their way to meet their family, and ultimately, come out to them. We also meet Fargo, an old coot who lives out in the desert and helps them repair their vehicle.

It's a gently paced film that I found quite haunting. It gives you a sense of the compassionate nature of Americans and displays the powerful

effect of music. If you're looking for something that's both entertaining and inspiring, add this little gem to your queue. 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:

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Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making decisions until 10 a.m. EDT today, 7 a.m. PDT. The Moon is in Cancer.



CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Keep an eye on your money and your possessions, because something unusual might occur today. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Do what you can to protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Respect your money-making ideas! Tonight: You're lucky.



LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you seek excitement and stimulation through your relationships with others. Because of this, you will be more likely than usual to get things out in the open and tell it like it is. You also feel quite flirtatious today. Basically, you're looking for some fun, thrills and adventure! Tonight: Enjoy solitude.



VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a restless day, because something going on behind the scenes is really starting to percolate! An unexpected situation regarding a secret love affair might happen. Or perhaps a different kind of secret will be revealed. You are definitely restless for adventure. Tonight: Talk to a friend.



LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A friend might surprise you today, especially someone who is artistic, creative or connected with the arts. An unexpected flirtation might arise with this person, or perhaps a secret crush. In fact, a friend could become a lover. Tonight: Important people notice you.



SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You make a great impression on bosses, parents, teachers and people in authority today, including the police. In fact, something unexpected might suddenly promote your good name in their eyes.

Whatever happens could even trigger a romance with a boss or a secret crush. Tonight: Do something different!



SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Similarly, surprising opportunities might open up in higher education, the law, medicine or publishing and the media. Stay flexible so you can act fast if something presents itself. Tonight: Tidy up paperwork.



CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Unexpected gifts, goodies and favors from others might come your way today. If you hear news about this possibility, you will have to act quickly because this window of opportunity will be brief. Oh yeah, you snooze, you lose. Tonight: Cooperate with others.



AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Someone close to you might surprise you today, hopefully in a pleasant way. Many people are looking for a few thrills and chills today -- fresh adventure! This is why a friend or partner might throw you a curveball or do something just to see your reaction. Tonight: Help someone.



PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

A work-related romance might begin today. Others might have an unexpected chance to make your workspace look more attractive. Perhaps good news about your health will please you or something to do with a pet will delight you. Today is full of sudden, fun surprises! Tonight: Romance blossoms!

BORN TODAY

Actor Milo Ventimiglia (1977), actor Lance Gross (1981), actress Sophia Bush (1982).



LANDERS:

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- 6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
- 7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your child. In this way, he will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.

8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?

9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.

10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced

against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be apt to have it..

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Contract Bridge

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East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	7 5 4 3 2	♠	J 9
♥	6	♥	A K 10 9 7 4 2
♦	7 5 4	♦	9 3
♣	K 7 3 2	♣	10 5
WEST			
♠	—	EAST	
♥	Q J 8 5 3	♠	J 9
♦	K Q 8 2	♥	A K 10 9 7 4 2
♣	J 9 8 6	♦	9 3
SOUTH			
♠	A K Q 10 8 6	♣	10 5
♥	—	♦	A J 10 6
♦	A J 10 6	♠	A Q 4
♣	A Q 4		

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3♥	Dble	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	6♠		

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

"For the want of a nail, the kingdom was lost" might well apply to many bridge hands where a seemingly insignificant card makes all the difference between success and failure for declarer.

If declarer doesn't have the critical card, then he can't be held accountable for the outcome. But if he has it when play begins and misuses it, he has no one to blame but himself for an unsatisfactory result.

Take this deal where South wound

up in six spades after a highly competitive auction. Pleased with his prospects, he ruffed the opening heart lead with the six, drew trump and then played the A-Q-K of clubs, setting the stage for an endplay.

If the clubs had broken 3-3, or if West had started with only two clubs, the plan would have succeeded. South would then have led a diamond to the jack, forcing a diamond return from West into the A-10 or a ruff-and-discard, either of which would have yielded the slam.

As it was, though, when declarer led a diamond to the jack, West won and exited with his remaining club. South ruffed and had to lose another diamond for down one.

As the cards lie, declarer could have made his contract by ruffing dummy's club and leading the jack of diamonds from his hand. But this would not have worked out well if East had started with one of the diamond honors. However, given that the slam was a sure thing from the start regardless of how the opposing cards were divided, that declarer misguessed how to play at the end at least served the interests of justice.

To assure the slam, all declarer has to do is ruff the opening heart lead with any spade higher than the six. After drawing trump and cashing the A-Q-K of clubs, he ruffs dummy's last club high and then leads the six of spades to dummy's seven. Now a diamond to the jack truly endplays West.

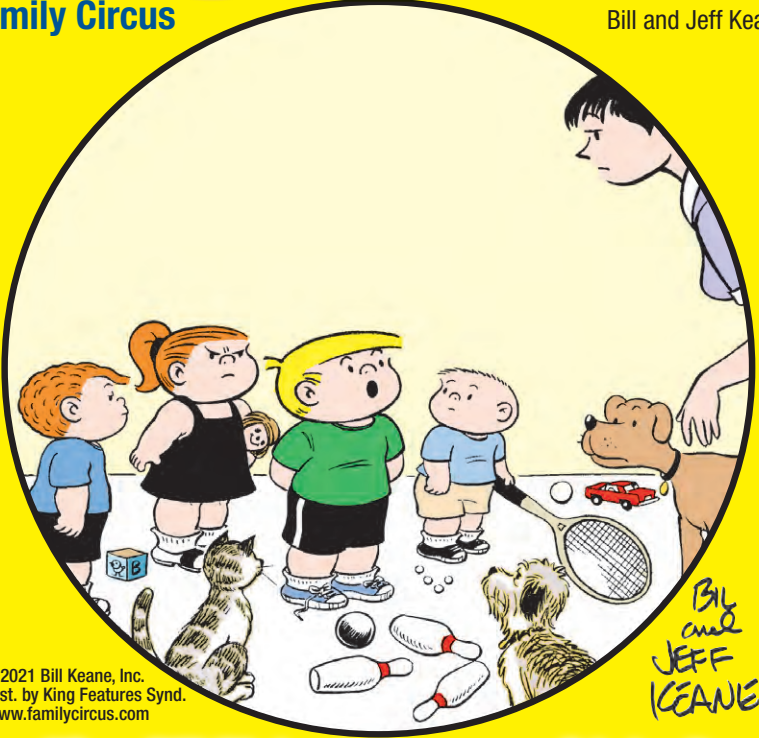
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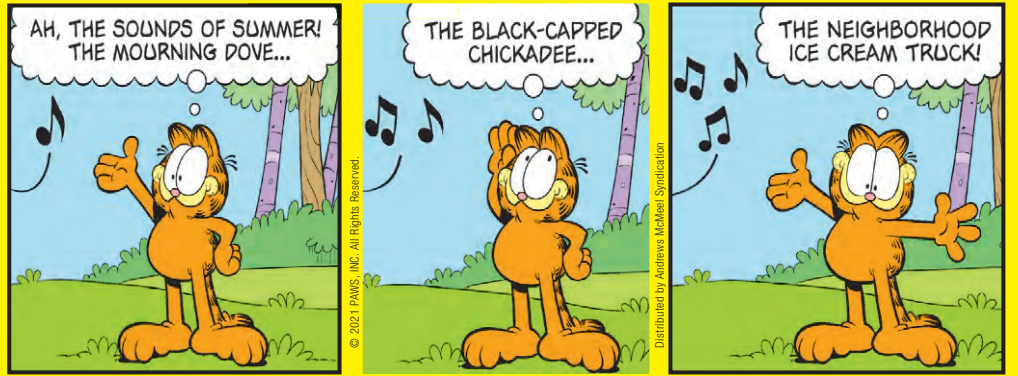


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"Can Bill Richert come over? I don't have anybody to play with."

Garfield

Jim Davis



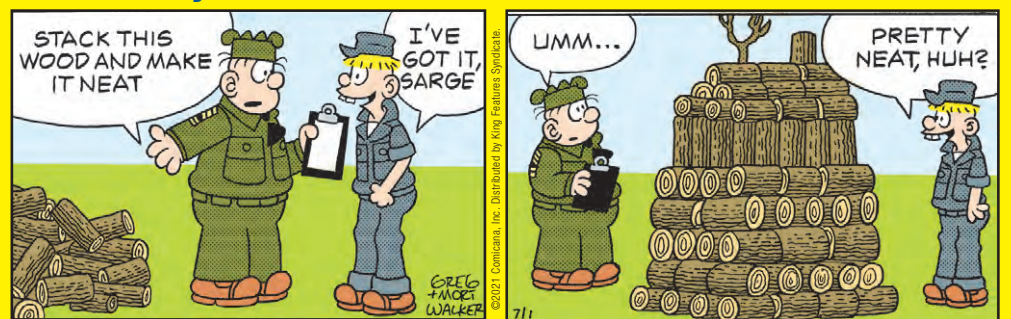
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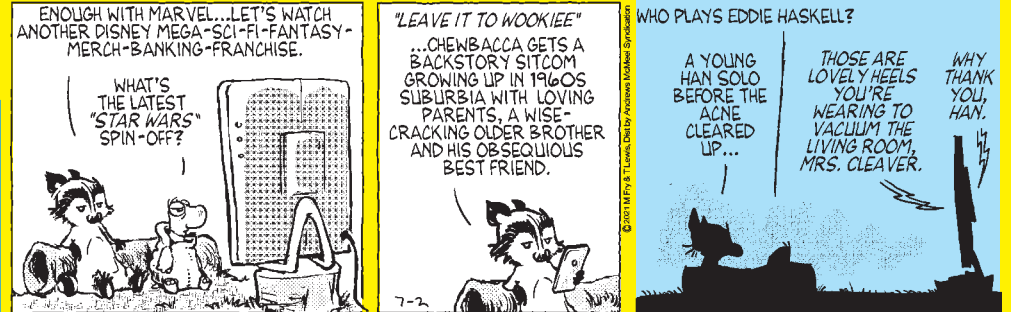
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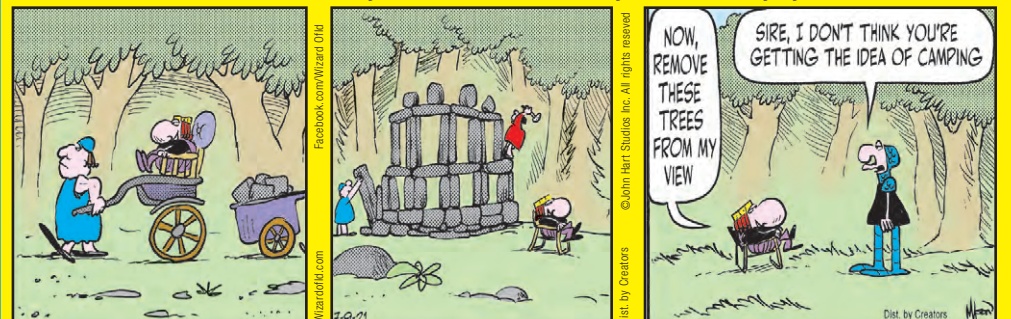
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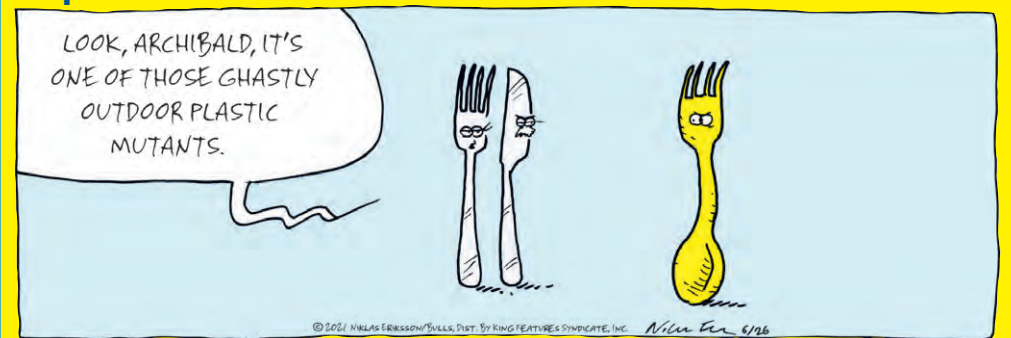
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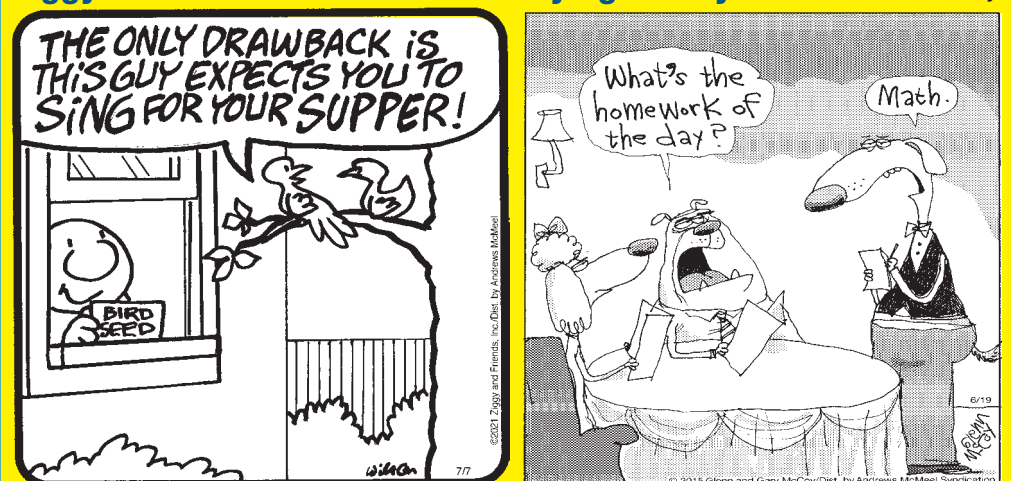


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

7				2				1	
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8		3							
				4	5	9			
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		8		9	5			3	
9	7		2		3				
	5	7							9

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

Previous puzzle solution

4	9	7	1	3	8	6	5	2	
6	5	8	7	2	9	4	1	3	
2	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
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7/8 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★
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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 8, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Faux pas
- 6 Tollbooth feature
- 10 Fictional pursuer of a white whale
- 14 Place for a white whale
- 15 "The ___ for home lives in all of us" (Angelou)
- 16 Teaming (with)
- 17 Tenderizer?
- 19 Site of the Taj Mahal
- 20 Small dish
- 21 Cross off
- 22 Inapt rhyme for "adore"
- 23 Some have lattice crusts
- 25 "Groundhog Day" director Harold
- 27 Organizer?
- 32 What to give to a giver?
- 33 Extra NBA periods
- 34 Fashion style inspired by a music genre
- 35 People may drop them subtly
- 36 Verbal facepalm
- 37 Lawyers' businesses
- 39 Word after an Oxford comma
- 40 Joined up with
- 41 Actress Fawcett whose name is alliterative
- 42 Digitizer?
- 46 Cheesy Mexican munchie

- 47 Word with "fine" or "visual"
- 48 Unremarkable
- 50 What a rolling stone eventually comes to
- 52 Tough
- 56 Over yonder, at sea
- 57 Itemizer?
- 59 ___me (small clone)
- 60 Flour for naan and chapati
- 61 Flared dress style
- 62 Valuable metal container?
- 63 Darling
- 64 Button on a library's website

DOWN

- 1 Tons
- 2 Berry in a rain forest
- 3 Ward (off)
- 4 Tricky fourth-down play
- 5 Doc treating laryngitis
- 6 Half a wet-weather pair
- 7 Rights advocacy org.
- 8 What we're told to tell
- 9 Suffix for "auction"
- 10 Language with no capital letters
- 11 MacOS version named for a California mountain range
- 12 Hairstyle that's grown out
- 13 Withstand
- 18 Cream of the corp.?
- 22 French friend
- 24 Really gets to
- 26 Stubborn animal
- 27 Asian country where ice cream was invented, many say
- 28 How a parent and child may walk
- 29 Foot "insertion point," at times
- 30 Capital of Jordan
- 31 Eat between meals
- 32 Better (superior to)
- 36 Confer a Medal of Honor upon, say
- 37 "It's true!"
- 38 St. Patrick's Day brew
- 40 Tepid reaction
- 41 "The King's Speech" actor Colin
- 43 Metcalf of "Lady Bird"
- 44 "31 Days of Oscar" network
- 45 Daytona 500 org.
- 48 Website code
- 49 Louisville's river
- 51 James with six Grammys
- 53 Related (to)
- 54 Artist Magritte
- 55 Doodled
- 57 Outraged
- 58 Ding or scratch

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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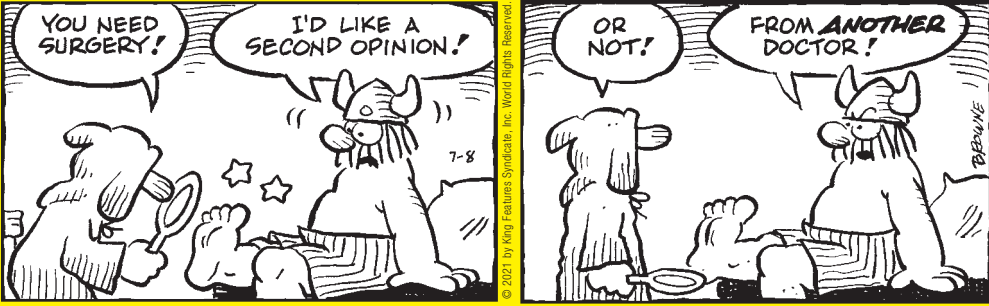
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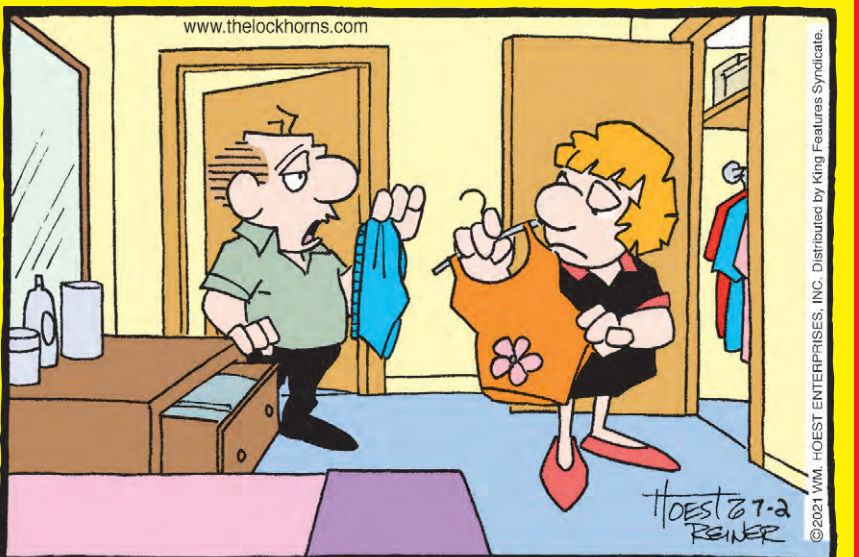
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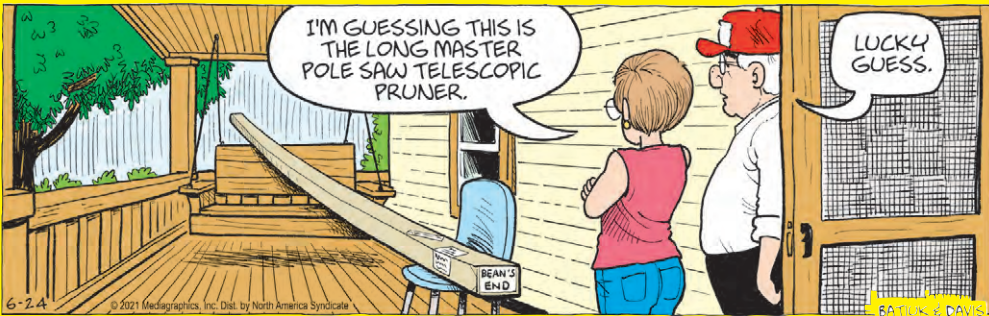
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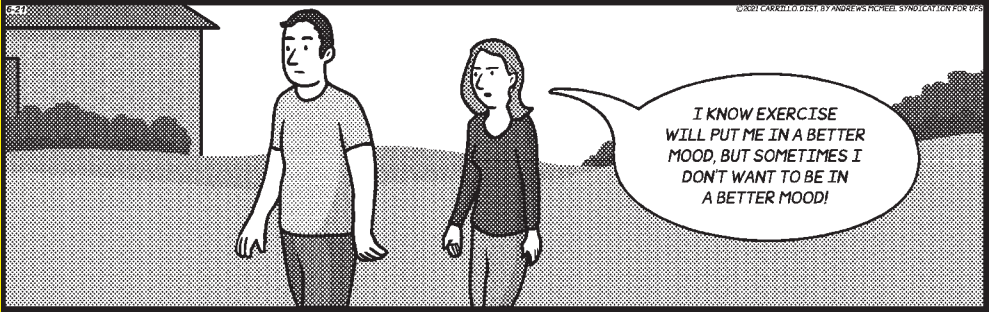
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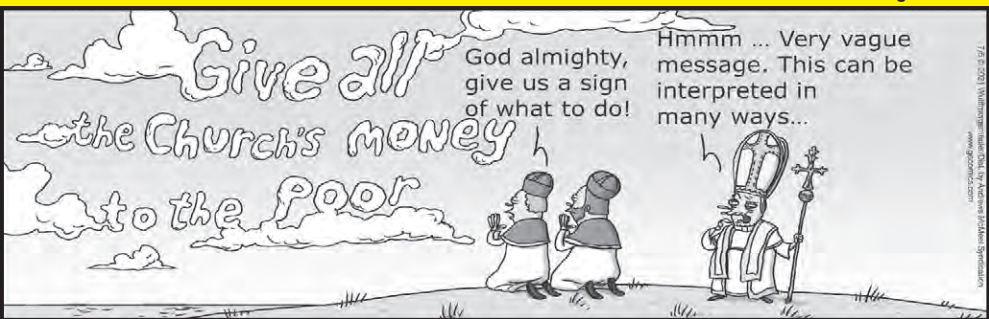
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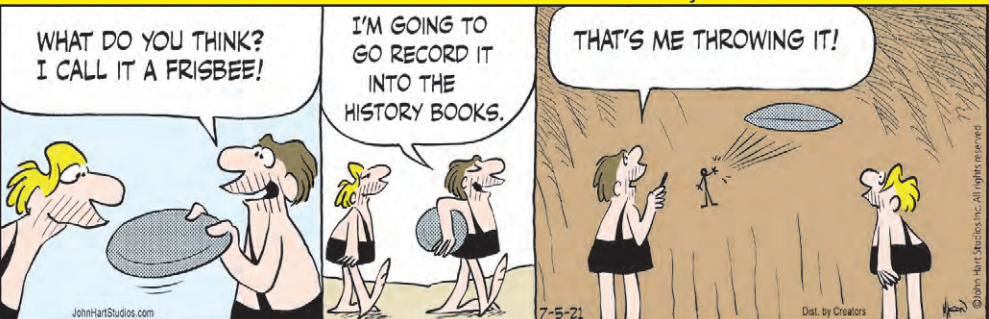
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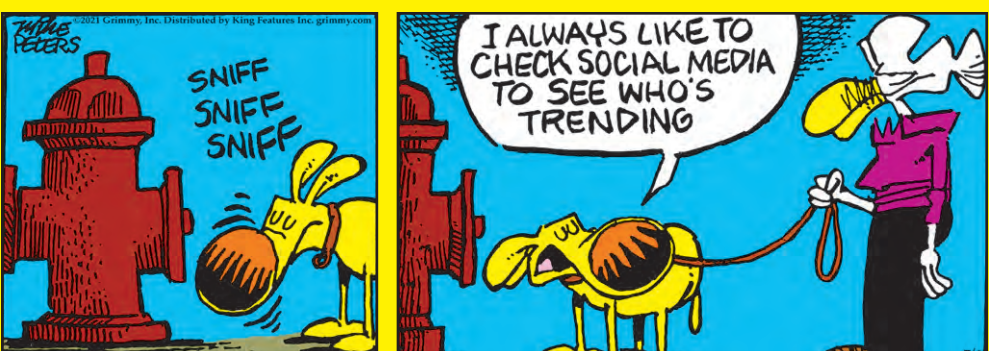
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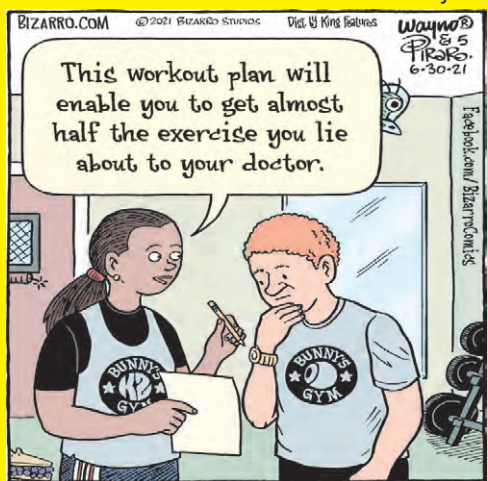
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Roose ready to lead

Liggett QB puts in summer work to prepare for big fall season PAGE 2D

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Sullivan gets redemption, wins Michigan Amateur

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Two years ago, Patrick Sullivan came so close to achieving his lifelong goal of winning the Michigan Amateur Golf Championship as the runner up in the 2019 tournament. On Monday, Sullivan finally fulfilled his dream of lifting the trophy, earning the Grosse Pointe native the title of Michigan Amateur champion.

"I learned from my mistakes then and capitalized this time," Sullivan said. "It was unbelievable. It came full circle. ... This time I had my eyes tunnel visioned on winning it. I was one down for much of the match, but on the back nine I just kicked it into another gear, made some putts and once the final putt dropped and the hats came off, it was a crazy good feeling."

Sullivan currently competes on the Wolverines men's golf team at the University of Michigan after a decorated high school career at Grosse Pointe South. He helped the Blue Devils to a 2018 Division 1 state championship, was a two-time All-State honoree and was named the MIGCA Mr. Golf for

2018.

Going into this year's Michigan Amateur Championship at Cascade Hills in Grand Rapids, Sullivan held himself to high expectations. Making it back to the finals like he did two years ago was not an easy road, especially with weather conditions delaying the tournament, but Sullivan's focus and determination kept him in it to the end.

"Going into stroke play, I went in with the mindset that I wanted to win the stroke play, because once you start thinking about just making the top 64, then next thing you know you're right on the cutline," he said. "Tried to just focus on winning it and ended up playing well. ... Once match play came around, the bad weather came in. ... I just took it match by match and all of a sudden I was just in the finals."

Sullivan finished stroke play at one under par, enough to earn him a five seed in the match-play tournament. After battling his way through his match-play bracket, Sullivan faced off against Tyler Rayman of Eastern Michigan University in the championship match. Being one down after

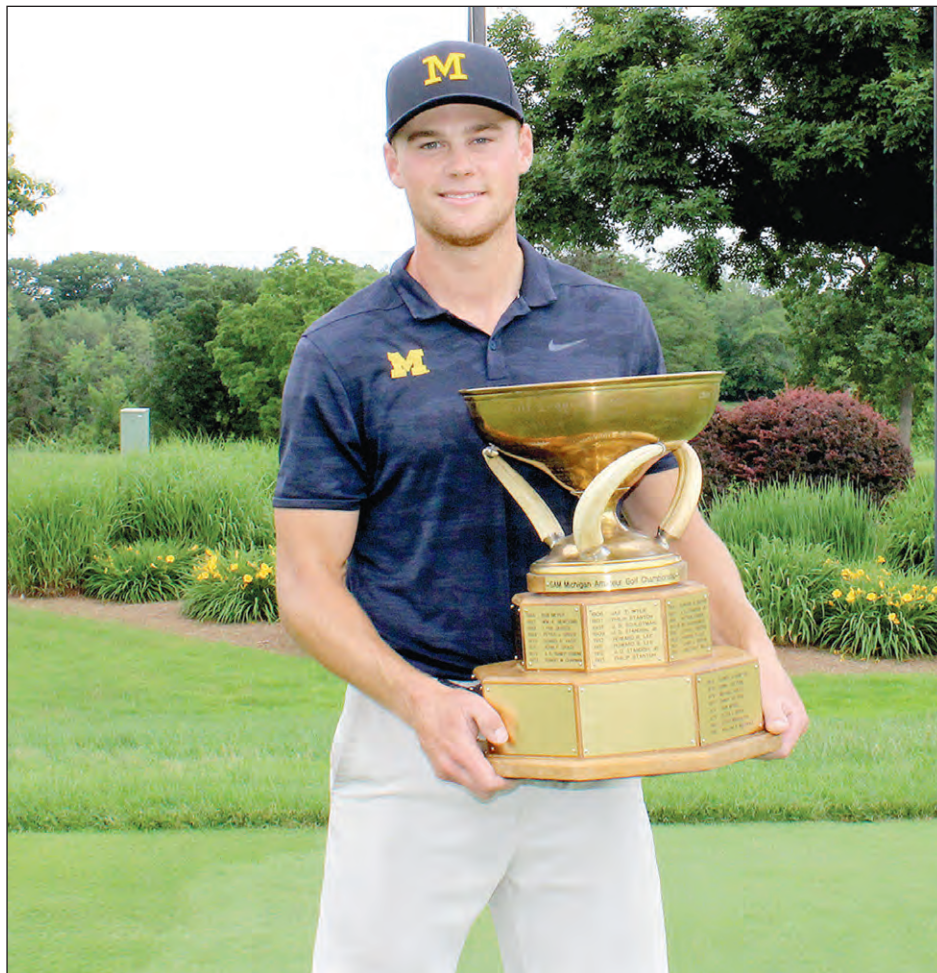
the first nine holes, Sullivan fought back to win the championship match 2 and 1. Finally capturing the championship in 2021, the former Blue Devil feels like just making it to the final match a second time is a testament to how hard he has worked throughout his career.

"I felt like I earned it and worked for it and was just very, very grateful that I had that opportunity again," Sullivan said.

Winning the Michigan Amateur has been a dream come true. Competing amongst the best amateur golfers in the state and emerging with the title, lifting the trophy is a special feeling for Sullivan and those around him.

"I'm playing in a tournament that I grew up dreaming of and qualified for it four years ago as my first time, so just getting into it was great," he said. "Holding that trophy was mind blowing. Growing up, my dad was always telling me the weight that the tournament holds around Michigan."

Sullivan will return to U of M next season and wants to one day turn pro after completing his collegiate career.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PATRICK SULLIVAN

Former Grosse Pointe South golfer Patrick Sullivan was crowned the champion of the 110th Michigan Amateur Championship.



Patrick Sullivan shakes hands with opponent Tyler Rayman after their championship match.

Cooksey takes top spot in tennis; more Pointes athletes honored

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week, the Detroit Free Press released its annual list of honorees and winners of the Detroit High School Sports Awards. Some familiar faces from around the Pointes were honored, including one taking the crown as top in their sport.

University Liggett School tennis star Will Cooksey was named the winner as the top high school athlete in boys tennis. Cooksey was the Division 4 state champion in tennis in 2020, making him only the fifth tennis player in pre-state history to win an individual championship in all four years of high

school.

Cooksey also was the 2020 Bob Wood Mr. Tennis Award winner. Leaving his high school career with a stacked trophy case, Cooksey knows his career would not be the same without those who helped him get this far.

"I'm thankful I got the chance to play all four years and do it for my teammates and my coaches and everybody, to make them proud," Cooksey said. "And it's cool that I'm getting recognized on the high school level, because it's a team environment."

After graduating from Liggett, Cooksey is preparing to continue his tennis career at the University of Michigan

this year. After earning another honor as the top high school tennis player in the state, the future Wolverine is working hard knowing there's always room for improvement.

"I'm really working on playing aggressive," he said. "I've been growing and putting on muscle a lot lately, so the best game style for me is coming to the net, finishing points quickly and just imposing my power on a lot of guys because I'm so strong now. ... Mentally I'm just being positive with my body language and not really worrying about the results right now and just trying to focus on getting better."

Other athletes from the Pointes also were highlighted on the list of honorees in their respective categories. South football star Will Johnson was an honoree in football, as well as named a finalist for Boys Athlete of the Year.

North senior Cate Gagnier was among the honorees for gymnastics. Gagnier was named All-State in each of the four years of her high school career and finished seventh overall at this year's Division 1 state meet.

Liggett shortstop Jarren Purify made the list of honorees for baseball. The sophomore was a key figure in the field and at the plate for the Knights this year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KALLI COOKSEY

Liggett's Will Cooksey was named Boys Tennis Athlete of the Year.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett shortstop Jarren Purify was one of the honorees for best athlete in baseball.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILL JOHNSON

Will Johnson of South was among the honorees for best football athlete and was a finalist for Boys Athlete of the Year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY HAMIDI

North's Cate Gagnier was among the honorees for best gymnastics athlete.

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Roose ready to lead Knights in senior season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The 2020 high school football season was unlike any other due to the challenges and uncertainty brought on by the pandemic. What made it even more challenging for University Liggett School quarterback Carson Roose was having to adjust to a new school and new system alongside everything else.

Roose transferred to Liggett from De La Salle Collegiate High School last year before his junior season. In a new program with a new head coach, the QB had to learn quickly to get to know his new teammates, new school and new playbook. Through all the difficulties last season presented, Roose knows in the end, he learned a lot about himself and his team.

"I was new to everything and so was Coach K. I didn't really know anyone, maybe a few kids from playing against them in grade school," Roose said. "It was just a whole different setting and with the pandemic, we didn't even know if we were going to play. ... It was really tough at first, but last year was a big learning year for us."

Last season, Roose started six games under center for the Knights. The junior threw for a total of 1,867 passing yards (about 311 per game) and 23 touchdowns.

The numbers are more than enough to give Roose and the rest of the Liggett team confidence

that he is capable of carrying the Knights far at the QB position. Also, Roose was not alone in having 2020 as his first year with the Liggett program; head coach Tarif Kumasi also took over the helm for the Knights last season.

"We were both thrown into the fire with COVID and a new team, but any questions I have, I feel completely comfortable asking (Kumasi) about anything," Roose said. "I'm very confident in Coach's ability to play call and get us ready week by week and he's a great mentor."

After a year for both quarterback and coach to adjust to the new program, Roose is looking forward to the growth Liggett's team can see coming up this fall. With what should be a full, regular high school football season on the horizon, the QB can feel the buzz building in the Knights locker room as they prepare for the fall.

"We've been working since November and I have a lot more confidence going into this year because of the amount of work we've done over the off-season," Roose said. "It's really exciting. I was just kind of thrown onto the scene with a brand new offense, brand new coach and new teammates that I didn't know, and just having this one year to get to know everyone in school and at workouts, it's exciting now going into this year."

Throughout this spring and summer, Roose has been attending several QB camps to work on

growing his game and showcasing his skills to potential college coaches and scouts. Roose has attended camps hosted by Butler University, Valparaiso University and more, along with being invited to the ELITE 11 camp in Indianapolis.

Camps like these are a good place for Roose to show off his abilities at the quarterback position. They also serve the important purpose of letting Roose work with and learn from other high school and college coaches, as well as other QBs to help him grow as a player.

"They've really shown me what I need to work on comparing myself to other quarterbacks and shown me what other coaches want," he said. "It's been good getting out and seeing some competition and it really makes you better by seeing your weaknesses and what you need to work on."

When it comes to his style of play under center, Roose is primarily a pocket passer who prides himself on being able to read defenses. Playing in Kumasi's five-wide offense, Roose gets plenty of opportunities to throw the ball, which he knows is bound to lead to mistakes, such as the 17 interceptions thrown during his junior season.

As he prepares for a full season as the focal point of the Knights' offense, the senior QB knows there are still plenty of areas of his game he has to continue working on and improving.

"My speed, I really didn't focus much on it," he said. "Now I've gotten a lot faster since learning that being a pocket passer, I need to improve my movement around in the pocket. Also my weight and strength: I've put on about 15 pounds since last season. ... That was one of my biggest things, just getting stronger in the weight room and faster on the field."



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARSON ROOSE

After transferring from De La Salle, Liggett QB Carson Roose threw 23 TDs in six games last season.

Liggett pitcher Barr headed to Michigan

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Before his first season with the University Liggett School Knights baseball team this spring, pitcher Kurt Barr already was seen by his coaches as one of the key players who could lead the Knights to a state championship. Their predictions were not wrong, as Barr was the go-to guy on the mound for Liggett all year. Now, the junior has made his decision to go from powder blue to maize and blue by committing to play college baseball for the University of Michigan.

"Over the past two or three months I've gotten a lot of interest from schools in and around the Midwest, but mostly in Michigan though, and within the past month or so I was able to visit some of those schools and talk to my parents and evaluate all my options," Barr said. "Michigan kind of came in very late ... but I knew from the start if I could go anywhere it would be Michigan."

Barr, a native of Canada, joined the Liggett program this season for his junior year. With a fastball that can reach up into the high 80s or even 90 mph, there seemingly was never a doubt Barr could help the Knights prevail in big-game scenarios.

Barr focused on getting bigger and stronger not only physically, but mentally throughout his first year with Liggett's program.

"I was really working hard trying to put on weight and get my velocity up," he said. "But the main thing I focused on going into the season was the mental side of things.

I talked to Coach Cimini a lot about kind of keeping my confidence up. ... My first two outings of the season were kind of tough, but after that I didn't lose a game and I think I can give a lot of credit to the way I prepared myself."

Liggett coach Dan Cimini already has experienced a legendary career, bringing the Knights five state championships during his tenure. Barr came to Liggett this season knowing that having a coach like Cimini would be invaluable. The confidence Cimini and the rest of the Knights coaching staff had in him has helped him grow immensely.

"I cannot give him enough credit for how much he's helped me this season, not only developing as a player and as a pitcher, but the connections he has in recruiting is incredible," Barr said. "I met him for the first time in March and he told me he can envision me pitching at Michigan State in the final four and that happened."

Barr did get to pitch at

Michigan State University at the end of this season. Getting the mound in the state semifinals against Buchanan, Barr gave another stellar performance, going seven shutout innings, allowing just two hits and striking out 10 batters.

Even after countless stellar performances on the mound for Liggett in 2021, Barr knows what he needs to do to keep improving as he gets ready for next season with the Knights and beyond.

"I'm trying to really hammer down my slider and my curveball, because sometimes one will be working and next game the other will be working," he said, "so to step my game up to the next level, those need to be working for me all the time."

Barr, part of the class of 2022, will head to Ann Arbor following his senior season next year. He will eventually be joined by fellow Knights Jarren Purify (2023) and Reggie Sharpe (2024), who also are committed to play for the Wolverines.

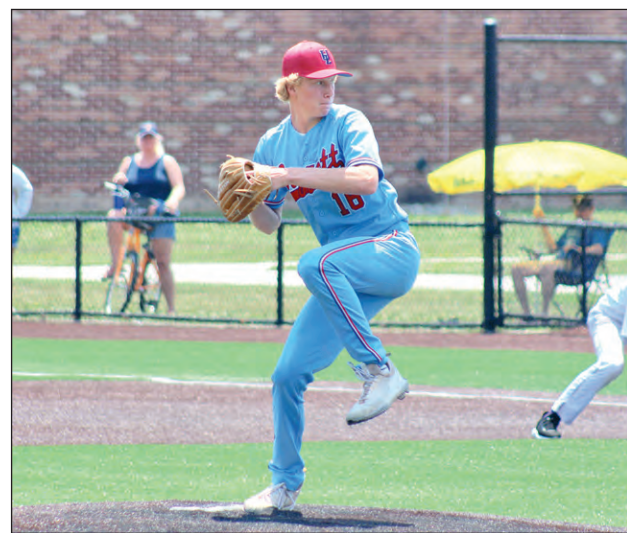


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Liggett pitcher Kurt Barr announced his commitment to play college baseball at the University of Michigan.

Sailing race results

Lakeshore Sail Club Spring Series

Class C

1. Solo Cup
2. Courage
3. Quadrophenia

3. J Hawker

- PHRF Spinnaker 1
1. Advanatage
 2. Bad Habits
 3. Manitou

Spring Series class results

Class M

1. Hardly Tri-ing
2. Unleaded
3. Morticia

Spring Series Division Results

1. Solo Cup
2. Just Chill
3. Phoenix

PHRF Spinnaker 2

1. Eliminator
2. Regardless
3. Pirate

Class A

1. Phoenix
2. Brandilee
3. Jalapeño

Wednesday Night Spring Bandaid Series

June 30

- J-120
1. Hot Ticket
 2. California Girl

Non Spinnaker

1. Perversion 5
2. Bubba

Multihull

1. Unleaded

— Peggy Walsh-Samecki



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Lost Boys, My Way Too, and Courage.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN

Due to the unprecedented precipitation events on June 25-26, 2021, The City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan has rescheduled the public hearing that was to be held on June 28, 2021, to July 12, 2021. The public hearing on proposed improvements to the City's water distribution system will be held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The City will be applying for a low interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for FY 2022. The purpose of the proposed project is to design and replace water main, water meters, and existing lead water service lines. Hydrants and valves located along the length of the water mains would also be replaced. Dead-end water mains would be looped as feasible. The water meters installed in residents' homes are also nearing the end of their useful life and require replacement. Additionally, a large percentage of the City's residential water services are made of lead. The projects would increase the reliability of City's water system by decreasing water main breaks, protect public health by replacing lead service lines, and maintain compliance with EGLE's revised Lead and Copper Rule.

The projects would take place over 5 years from 2022 through 2026. Construction-related impacts during water main replacements would include temporary lane closures, noise, and dust generation. Short term water service disruptions would also occur. The City is proposing to fund the project with money collected from user charges. The estimated cost to users for the proposed projects would be a total increase of up to \$66.00 per bimonthly billing cycle. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$27,700,000.

THE RESCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DATE: Monday, July 12, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Zoom Telephonic Meeting
Public Call-In Number: 1 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 874 0505 6781
Passcode: 293127

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed projects continue to be available for review on the City of Grosse Pointe Parks website. Written comments received by 5pm on Sunday, July 11, 2021, will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments are limited to 250 characters and can be submitted via email to clerk@grossepointepark.org or smithl@grossepointepark.org or mailed to:

Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk
15115 East Jefferson Avenue
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Little League softball continues to grow

In recent years, Little League softball has seen tremendous growth among youth sports in Grosse Pointe. One of those softball teams helping the sport grow is the Cleveland Comets.

The team was led this year by experienced players such as Sophia Galdoni, Andee Baker and Mackenzie Simon, as well as first-time major softball players like Mackenzie Waterson, Victoria Mangol and Elen Czarnik. With the

exciting season the Comets experienced this year, their coach is confident softball will continue to see growth in the area.

“Girls softball in Grosse Pointe is the fastest-growing sport in the Pointes,” Comets head coach Mark Czarnik said. “Ten years ago there was no Little League softball in Grosse Pointe and girls had to play boys baseball. Now the girls and the community are really embracing softball.”

Another big step for Little League softball in the Pointes was made at the beginning of the season when the new Elworthy Field 3 was unveiled as a state-of-the-art softball diamond, a project led by Grosse Pointe Little League Softball board member Tim Lindow. Czarnik hopes playing host to next year’s 12U state tournament will be the next step to putting softball on the map in Grosse Pointe.

— Mike Adzima



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The Cleveland Comets of Grosse Pointe Little League Softball.

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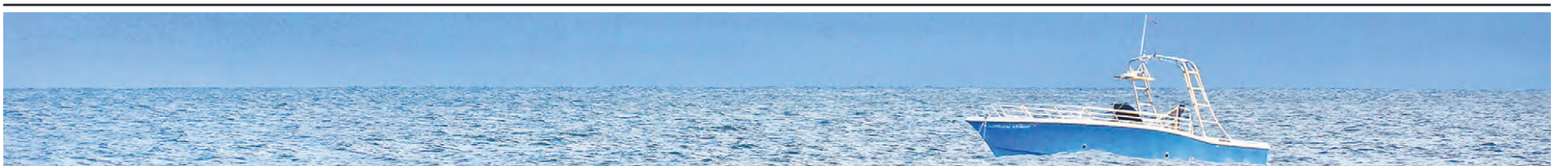
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<p>211 HELP WANTED MANAGEMENT</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">HELP WANTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIRCULATION/CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING MANAGER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Customer service and inside sales experience required. Must have strong computer skills, highly proficient in Microsoft Office software, and ability to problem solve and multi-task.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Send resumé and salary requirements to: publisher@grossepointenews.com</p> </div>							
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WANTED
Baseball and all sports cards. Any time period. Not a dealer. Call Jason (313)502-6594

409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE

YARD SALE
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 9- 11 from 9- 4. 1422 Nottingham, Grosse Pointe Park
Quality housewares, planters, electric snow blower, books, clothes, wooden toys, cloth diapers.

409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE

GARAGE Sale
Friday and Saturday 9th and 10th. 9am- 3pm. 2049 Vernier road. Grosse Pointe Woods
Household items, furniture, rugs, wall art, bike, miscellaneous quality items.

409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE

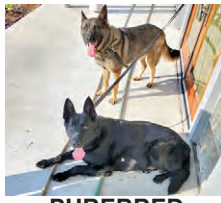
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Will reopn on Wednesday July 21, at 10am. Donations are limited to two boxes, trash bags will no longer be accepted.

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