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Central library plans addition

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With the completion of Grosse Pointe Public Library's phase one improvement plans in 2020, the organization now is ready to move on to the second and final phase of recommendations borne from comprehensive community feedback.

While this phase includes enhanced outdoor and indoor spaces — a makerspace for music, culinary arts, crafts and more is planned — at the Woods branch, extensive planning also is going toward a 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition to the south portion of the Central branch building.

The addition will allow the library to nearly double the children's space, add a second program room, incorporate an elevator and create additional restrooms with better accessibility. Also included in the plans is a reversal of the current direction of traffic to accommodate a drive-up transaction window on the south side of the building, the addition of a fire-suppression system to the entire building, the loss of three parking spaces and relocating the loading dock to the west facade.

In keeping with the Central branch's recent National Register of

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Summer sun & sailing

Maurice Prendergast's "The Balloon," circa 1901, helps us usher in summer with a brilliant, bustling beach scene reminiscent of Grosse Pointe's beautiful parks and the sailboats that dot Lake St. Clair this time of year.

Discharging into lake spares much of the Shores

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Because the city's sewage infrastructure uniquely does not connect to the Conner Creek Pump Station, the Shores experienced a significantly different event from the City, Farms and Park amid the heavy rainfall June 25 to 26.

Recording about five inches of rain in a three-hour period, approximately 150 homes in the 1,100-home city saw anywhere from a couple inches to four feet of either sewage or storm-water back up into basements.

With a separated system throughout the city, the Shores' sewage See **SPARED**, page 10A

Park looks to outfall as flooding solution

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Due to a push from city council members desiring to address resident concerns regarding the flood event of June 25 to 26, Grosse Pointe Park hosted a virtual town hall Thursday, July 8, giving residents a chance to ask city administrators questions. Roughly 400 residents logged onto Zoom and Facebook to hear the

Park's response to the flooding event. City officials presented a PowerPoint and a frequently asked questions sheet before the public voiced their concerns.

A common thread from residents: What is the city going to do?

In 2016, a massive rain event logged 5 inches of rain in 12 hours in the Park, causing flooding of many homes' basements. See **OUTFALL**, page 11A

The War Memorial offers relief grants

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Industrial fans continue to dry out sections of The War Memorial following late June storms that caused severe water damage at the institution, as well as to basements across the Grosse Pointes. Despite facing the multi-million-dollar loss of its Patriot Theater and construction setbacks, The War Memorial is pressing forward with its mission of serving U.S. military members.

"People are hurting; we're hurting," said Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial. "But it's the

responsibility of this institution to take that step forward and ... put our mission first. We're blessed as an organization. It's our responsibility to take that blessing and amplify that goodness and impact our community."

The War Memorial officially launched its Veterans Storm Relief Fund on Monday, offering 100 \$500 grants to veterans who experienced losses from storm damage June 24 to 27. The \$50,000 comes from its Patriot Initiative Fund.

Veterans, their widows or widowers and current service member house-

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Potential federal relief coming

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — At a press conference Monday, June 28, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said, "The big issue for flooding is that you really need help from the federal government."

Now, help from the federal government may be on its way to relieve Grosse Pointers of their economic burdens caused by severe rain, flooding and sewage backup June 25 to 26.

As one of the first steps toward the state requesting a federal disaster declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Two FEMA representatives, a representative from the U.S. Small Business Administration and two state police officers with the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division talk with a homeowner on the 1000 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park.

and the U.S. Small Business Administration visited all five Pointes Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, for a joint preliminary dam-

age assessment. By visiting a sample of the homes reporting damage to collect disas-

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Jane Schmidt

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Long time Grosse Pointe South High School staffer reflects on her career as she enters retirement.



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Flooded basements, no relief in sight

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Who'd have thought singer Amy Winehouse's refrain, "no, no, no," would be the fed and county's answer to the Grosse Pointes' need for diverting overwhelming volumes of backed-up, untreated storm and sewer water into Lake St. Clair instead suffering foundations overflowed with a flood.

"I don't think any of us are willing to put anyone's health at risk to cut corners," said Michael Regan, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, touring flood-damaged metro Detroit Friday, July 9.

Discharging backed-up sewage may lessen prob-

lems in one community while adding to them in another.

"Every pipe, every drain system that travels throughout this area impacts other communities," added U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, representing the Pointes. "When I was mayor (of Southfield), I had flooding because of all the waste coming from the Lansing area. So, we have to be very sensitive to that."

Emergency discharges won't be considered even during increasingly common severe rains, the likes of which operators of the region's water-handling grid admit are beyond the current infrastructure's capacity.

"We've done a lot to

protect our Great Lakes, but we have more to do," said Sue McCormick, CEO of the Great Lakes Water Authority, which handles wastewater services to 125 southeast Michigan jurisdictions, including the Pointes. "We have about 97 percent treatment of everything that goes into our system today, but 3 percent yet we're trying to address so we don't have untreated discharges to our waterways."

Bans on emergency discharges are theoretical at present in four of the five Pointes, because the cities can't divert sewage to the lake. The restriction is likely to become more debatable as heavy rains become more common. (Grosse Pointe Shores is permit-

ted to discharge heavily stormwater-diluted effluents from its sanitary sewer system into the lake during extreme rainfall, as it did June 25 to 26.)

"What we're seeing is happening all across the country," Regan said. "These storms are becoming more intense. From 2010 to 2020, Michigan alone experienced 19 extreme weather events costing the state up to \$5 billion in damages."

"The infrastructure in this country was built for the climate of the 20th century," Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said. "It is not built for what we have today. The storm sewer system in Detroit

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Grosse Pointes' voice in Congress, Brenda Lawrence, gestures to a point made by Michael Regan, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, about basement flooding caused by rain June 25-26 too heavy for the Great Lakes Water Authority system to handle.

FEMA takes hardline on flooded man caves

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Qualifying a flooded man cave for federal relief isn't as straightforward as a bedroom or kitchen.

"FEMA covers essential living space," said Jann Tracey, a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "A basement may have a recreation area, maybe a pool table. FEMA doesn't consider a recreation room an essential living space. So, probably it would not be covered."

A darkroom in the basement might. It depends.

"A darkroom could be a different story if that's your business," Tracey said.

As could a basement,

depending.

"If you had a bedroom in the basement, which many people do, and it was used because you don't have enough bedrooms for the family in the upstairs, then it becomes essential living space," Tracey said.

Now flooded homeowners know how to answer that one.

"Other things often essential in the basement are the furnace, hot water heater and electrical system," Tracey said. "All of that is essential for living. These are the kinds of things that would be covered, but none of this happens until you actually have a federal disaster declaration."

Tracey and about six colleagues were in the

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Sewer politics: EPA visits Detroit, solons talk up Biden, infrastructure

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Three members of Congress, a political appointee to the nation's top environmental agency and the mayor of Michigan's largest city stumped for the president's trillion-dollar infrastructure bill during a tour last week of metropolitan Detroit's flood zones.

Comments occurred during short introductory statements and a Q&A session at the Great Lakes Water Authority wastewater resource recovery plant in southwest Detroit Friday, July 9.

The officials cited the bill directly three times, said "infrastructure" another two dozen times at least, talked about the need for bipartisanship and working together seven times and twice — once by the addition of the regional water system head — touted President Joe Biden's measure as a maker of "good-paying union jobs."

"We see a prime example of what water

infrastructure means to communities and we see the need to replace and upgrade water infrastructure to revitalize those communities for the next century," said Michael Regan, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. "We need to invest in our aging water infrastructure."

Regan continued, "President Biden has put water infrastructure and climate resilience at the center of his build-back-better agenda. The bipartisan infrastructure framework makes a transformational \$50 billion in climate resilience and \$55 billion investment in our nation's water infrastructure. By putting dollars into our communities, we will create good-paying union jobs and strengthen the future water workforce that our nation so badly needs."

The federal officials are alike with administrators of Grosse Pointe municipalities in saying existing wastewater systems are inadequate to handle the type of heavy, concentrated, up to 8-inch local downpour that overnight June 25 to 26 caused

water backups on roads and in basements.

"Literally, the water couldn't get down catch basins in the street; it came down so fast," Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said. "The infrastructure bill, I'm really pleased to see the bipartisan support. Republican houses in Grosse Pointe lost just as much in their basements as Democratic houses in Detroit."

"Recent flooding in Michigan underscores the urgent need for our country to invest in infrastructure," said U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, representing the Grosse Pointes.

"We have a broken infrastructure in this county," said U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn. "Once money is appropriated, we have a strategic plan to request funding, which is why it takes planning and working together to get that done."

"This is why we have this bipartisan infrastructure plan," Regan said. "We need Congress to get together and appropriate resources the president has requested so these resources can be allo-

cated to agencies like the EPA."

U.S. Rep. Rashida Taib, D-Detroit, centered on drinking water quality and the allegedly unjust location of the water authority's nearly 100-year-old main wastewater treatment station on West Jefferson across the Rouge River from Zug Island in southwest Detroit.

"Don't always think about this as an American issue, but also as an environmental racism issue that has yet to be addressed, because many of these infrastructures are in the backyard of communities of color," Taib said. "They have to pay the brunt. They have to smell it. They have to live with it."

Sue McCormick, CEO of the water authority, gave a background presentation about the wastewater plant's construction being funded partially by the federal Works Progress Administration during economically challenging times of the Great Depression.

"Ninety years later, we're at a point where we have another great challenge," she said. "We have the challenge of renewing our infra-

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Park council, candidates weigh in on flooding event

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe News asked current city council members and council candidates the following question regarding the flood:

Given the large-scale impact of the June flooding event, what needs to be done to prevent a similar occurrence in the future? What do you think should be done at the city council level?

Below are their responses.

Current council members

Mayor Bob Denner: No response at press time.

Aimee Fluitt: Council needs to work with the city manager to deter-

mine 1) where failures occurred and 2) identify and then prioritize short-term and long-term solutions. We'll need expert advice and creative thinking, but this will be our focus now. An audit of our system is necessary. I hope that some of the changes we'd already planned to make as part of our water infrastructure upgrades will also address the flooding problem, since those expenses were already being planned for. Long term, we'll have to work closely with our surrounding communities because this is a regional problem and it's not going away. I don't think each city is going to be able to solve this independently. That's going to take a while, but in the

meantime, I hope to identify other steps we can start working toward immediately. I have a lot of questions and ideas that arose from our town hall that I'll be putting forward.

Michele Hodges: In working with City Manager (Nick) Sizeland, I've learned the city's pumps and infrastructure worked correctly and as intended during the rain event. At this point, it is our understanding that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and/or Great Lakes Water Authority experienced several failures with their systems that caused various levels of damage to many of our residents. Working with council, the administration is continuing to

engage in an exhaustive investigation and evaluation of this event. As additional information is available, it will be shared with our residents.

As an individual member of the city council, I know people want answers, they want accountability, they want to know what happened, they want to know it won't happen again and they want a clear path forward. I will continue to work collaboratively with my colleagues, our administration, neighboring jurisdictions and complementary agencies to apply careful and strategic pressure that brings resources and solutions to the table. Residents must know their long-term investment in this

community is preserved and that the city of Grosse Pointe Park remains an outstanding choice.

Darci McConnell: Residents need to know that council members share their sense of urgency, are here to help and are working toward a solution when it comes to crises like the storm event. Here's what I am doing and will continue to do:

Advocate that a portion of the \$1.1 million in rescue fund dollars be used to assist residents and businesses with storm event clean-up and for short-term remedies to minimize flooding.

Continue to champion and prioritize infrastructure upgrades and adjust our budget as needed.

Research and advocate best practices for flood mitigation, including whether to make Grosse Pointe Park a "soft city," which utilizes tactics such as rainwater harvesting, permeable pavement, green roofs and rain girders.

Use my 30-year communication and crisis management background to help develop a crisis communication plan and provide continuous updates to residents through coffee hours, social media and community outreach.

Research and explore whether new measures are needed to hold landlords and contractors accountable in emergency events.

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Longtime public safety officer retires

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Lt. David Gardzella had no idea when he graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in history he would end up retiring from a successful career in law enforcement 27 1/2 years later.

Gardzella intended to pursue a career in education, potentially teaching history, until he spoke with some relatives and a friend involved in law enforcement.

"I was looking for something that would provide me with a little more variety," he said, reflecting on his decision to shift from education to law enforcement. "I do



COURTESY PHOTO

Director John Kosanke, left, stands by retiree David Gardzella.

thrive on interacting with people and being with the public, and I know that teaching and law

enforcement both offer that."

He switched gears and put himself through the

police academy, graduating in 1993 at 24 years old. He sent resumes around town and received a call from the Woods public safety department.

"I think (this) was just the path that God led me on," he said.

Once hired with the Woods, Gardzella attended the fire academy in January 1994, and was certified as an emergency medical technician shortly after.

Throughout his time with the department, Gardzella moved up through the ranks, from public safety officer to corporal to sergeant to lieutenant, and even worked as a detective four years.

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The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, JULY 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods town hall meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

◆ Grosse Pointe Park paper shredding event, 9 a.m. to noon at Patterson Park. All Park residents affected by the flooding event are invited; limit five boxes per household. Wet documents will not be accepted.

MONDAY, JULY 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 17145 Maumee.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review meeting, 9 a.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA board meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Board of Review meeting, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety town hall meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park.
◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

◆ After Six on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. on Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham.

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holds residing in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods or Detroit's 48215 ZIP code are eligible to apply.

"The form is simple, quick," Burke said. "Our hope is that for anybody who is technologically challenged, it is easy enough that it is approachable for all ages. It is first-come, first-served and we hope to deploy the money quickly."

Applications are available online at warmemorial.org/stormrelief. Physical copies of the

form also are available at The War Memorial's front desk.

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, July 28, in person or online.

"It's a tragic thing," Burke said. "Some people might not have insurance; maybe they have nothing. An elderly widow or widower or veteran who's by themselves will need to hire somebody to rip out moldy carpet. ... This is a small gesture that's tangible, immediate and we hope it makes a difference."

Burke said the grants are possible due to years of generosity from the

community. And while this is not a fundraiser, he said once the \$50,000 is exhausted, if anyone wishes to further the grant program, 100 percent of donations will go directly to the Veterans Storm Relief Fund.

"This is in the spirit of what we aspire to be, not only as an institution, but as individuals," Burke said. "This institution is hurting; some of our staff suffered severe losses, some of our partners suffered severe losses, some of our board members suffered severe losses."

"But this selfless demonstration pales in comparison to what the

names on the walls downstairs represent," he added. "... This is the least we can do in this day and age, when we all seem so divided. Despite these challenges, we have a responsibility — not as Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods, but as one community. The water did not stop at one ZIP code. ... This is a call to action for all to come together to take care of our most vulnerable who've given everything."

For more information about the Veterans Storm Relief grants, call (313) 881-7511.

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Historic Places designation, the State Historic Preservation Office issued a letter endorsing the plan for an addition.

"Through the years, starting in the 1960s even, there have been multiple plans to improve Central and to make it more functional and more accessible," GPPL Director Jessica Keyser said, "and all of those plans have really died because they either weren't in keeping with the neighborhood or they weren't honoring the original design or there were space constraints, so we're really encouraged that this plan that we have seems to be agreeable and acceptable to everybody.



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The 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition is planned for the south portion of the Central branch building.

"It's exciting," she added. "We really feel optimistic that we'll be able to make it happen."

While Farms city

council unanimously approved Central's site plan in late June, the library board still needs to approve the final

design and authorize moving forward. This could take place at the August board meeting, Keyser said.

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Pointer steps into retirement

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Jane Schmidt wears many hats in the Grosse Pointe community, but is best known for her commitment to the athletic department at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident started at South in July 2001, and dedicated nearly 20 years to the public school before her retirement in April.

"I loved the job," she said.

As the administrative assistant for South's athletic department, she worked closely with student athletes and department leaders.

She was known at work as "Mama Jane," because she always took care of everything and everyone.

"When I do a job, I make it part of my life,"



Jane Schmidt is all smiles sitting with her four grandchildren.

she said.

Some of her fondest memories include going to watch the students in playoff games at Michigan State University, which was extra special because she's a Spartan.

During her time at South she made it her mission to improve school spirit.

She took a group of 10 students to an MHSAA leadership conference to teach them the importance of school involve-

ment.

Those students, under her advisement, created the Devil's Den, which was a student section at the school's sporting events. It was one of her proudest moments to watch the section and

school spirit grow, especially during fall sports.

Her involvement in Grosse Pointe public schools started before she got the job at South.

She was very involved in her three sons' education and served as room mom and on the PTO at Poupard Elementary School.

Schmidt also worked throughout the Grosse Pointe community outside of the schools. In 1988-90 she worked on marketing for The Hill and she spent many years working for the family business at William M. Schmidt Associates.

"I wasn't only part of Grosse Pointe public schools, I was part of the community," she said.

Before landing her position at South in 2001, she worked throughout the district doing clerical work at Grosse Pointe North

High School and Monteith Elementary School.

When the position opened up at South, she knew it's where she was meant to be.

"There's just something about Grosse Pointe South," she said.

Her sons didn't give her too much of a hard time for working at South, even though they all graduated from North, she joked.

When she retired, she passed the torch to her trusted coworkers and although it was difficult, she knew it was the right thing.

In her retirement she enjoys walking, riding her bike and doing yoga on the riverfront.

Her favorite thing to do is spend time with her friends, sisters, three sons and their families, including grandchildren and fur babies.

Although she will miss her role at South, she plans to continue to stay involved in the Grosse Pointe community and lead an active lifestyle.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Drink and dash

A 20-year-old Park man was arrested at 4:39 p.m. Monday, July 5, after walking out of a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue without paying.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .259 percent and the establishment was warned for

not checking his ID before serving him alcohol.

Vehicle break-in

Between 7 p.m. Sunday, July 4, and 7:50 a.m. Monday, July 5, a vehicle in the 17000 block of Mack Avenue was broken into. While it may have been an attempt to steal the vehicle, no items

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ter impact information, the assessment is meant to aid the state in determining whether the damage is beyond state and local resources, at which point a federal declaration would be requested.

At press time, the MSP/EMHSD was working to recommend Gov. Gretchen Whitmer review and approve a request for a presidential declaration for individual homeowner assistance, reported Michele Sosinski, assistant division commander.

At the June 28 press conference, Duggan explained the process for federal funding through FEMA begins with a governor-issued state declaration of emergency. Whitmer began the process Saturday morning, directly following the flood-filled night, which prompted FEMA to come to the area and evaluate conditions. Following a state request, President Joe Biden's declaration of a federal disaster would in turn unlock FEMA funds.

Duggan believes the likelihood of a presidential disaster declaration is high; in 2014, President Barack Obama declared a major disaster

for a flooding event of less magnitude.

"If the president declares a major disaster, FEMA funds are unlocked," Duggan said, "and what that means is that individuals who lost property, had damage to their homes, can get a significant amount of federal reimbursement. The major disaster declaration is what triggers your individual help in your home. We're going to do everything that we can to get that done."

FEMA funds fall into three categories: individual, public and hazard mitigation assistance. Individual assistance may cover temporary housing, repairs required to make the home sanitary and, "under rare conditions," replacement of personal damaged property, according to FEMA. Public assistance aims to repair damages to public facilities or infrastructure and may cover debris removal, emergency protective measures, road systems and bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and contents, public utilities and parks, recreational and other facilities. Hazard mitigation funds would cover projects working to lessen future damage in the case of a recurrent disaster. This could cover acquisition and demolition of flood-damaged property, relocating structures in danger zones and elevating or floodproofing homes and commercial proper-

County, community assist with clean out

Wayne County residents who need assistance cleaning debris from flood-damaged homes now can call 2-1-1 to be connected with volunteer and faith-based organizations offering help.

The hotline operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The county also offered flood clean-out kits containing brushes, a mop, gloves, cleaning solution and a squeegee to Pointe public safety departments to be distributed to residents at no cost.

While many communities arrived at the emergency management warehouse with vehicles unable to accommodate the 7-foot-tall pallets, City Public Safety Director John Alcorn said, the City was prepared with a truck borrowed from Grosse Pointe Moving & Storage.

Having found all large public works trucks in use for removing flood-damaged items from city streets, "I called them up and I had an officer driving over to their lot to pick up that truck probably within 15 minutes," Alcorn said, adding the company then sent a roadside crew to help when the truck got a flat tire on the highway.

With some officers carrying kits in their patrol cars to offer to those cleaning out in the community, others helping elderly residents remove ruined items from their basements after work hours and one generous resident donating cases of disinfectant to the City station to be distributed to those in need, the community is united in its efforts to help.

"People are doing that left and right," Alcorn said. "Neighbors are helping each other and that's one of the great things about this community throughout the Grosse Pointes."

— Laurel Kraus



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ties, respectively. Potential federal funds available for residents would be in the form of reimbursements for the cost of repairs, reported Lt. Orville Theaker of the MSP/EMHSD.

"If a declaration is authorized, then (residents) would have to go through the process of requesting assistance,"

he explained. "And then they would be reimbursed only up to the amount that they've used. So it's not like a flat rate where you just get money. They would have to show the amount of money that is spent on the repairs."

Theaker encouraged residents not to wait for potential federal funds to begin cleanup. The Pointes instructed residents to make sure they are extensively documenting flood-related losses.

Moving forward, Duggan and Whitmer stressed the importance of updating the infrastructure of the community to prevent this from happening. Duggan believes climate change is making waves across the country — with wildfires in the west, hurricanes in the east and, now, severe rains locally. "Here in the Midwest, it looks like these huge rain events are going to be our biggest risk," Duggan said.

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from inside were missing.

Stolen plaque

A dedication plaque honoring a former mayor was sheared off the stand and stolen Wednesday, July 7, or Thursday, July 8.

Bomb threat

An unknown person called the emergency department at an area hospital and threatened to blow it up at 3:48 p.m. Friday, July 9.

Stolen Jeep

A dark blue 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee with tinted windows was stolen from St. Clair between 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10.

Drunk and lost

After observing a vehicle parked in the middle of Cadieux Road at 12:32 a.m. Saturday, July 10, the 32-year-old Chicago driver told officers he was in town visiting family and was parking in the road because "his family lives there."

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .225 percent, for which he was arrested.

Stranger danger

After a Grosse Pointe teenager added an unknown person to his Snapchat account and complied with requests to send photos of himself, the suspect threatened to expose the pictures unless he sent \$500 to a Venmo account.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Found bicycle

A Pacific Cycle USA Conquer mountain bike was found at the Kerby

Field House parking lot entrance at 1:57 a.m. Wednesday, July 7.

Drugged driving

After being pulled over for speeding 52 mph on westbound Lakeshore Road at 2:23 a.m. Friday, July 9, a 38-year-old Woods man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs and issued a citation for driving while license suspended and speeding.

Blatant borrowing

A RedMax Backpack Blower was stolen from near a landscaping truck parked in the 200 block of Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 10:42 a.m. Friday, July 9.

A witness to the theft asked the unknown suspect whether he was stealing the item, to which he replied he was borrowing it.

Go your own way

When told to get onto the sidewalk after being spotted walking eastbound in the westbound traffic lane of Lakeshore Road at 5 p.m. Friday, July 9, a 24-year-old Park man refused to do so and began shouting threats at the officer.

After being detained and giving a false name, the man was cited for impeding traffic, giving false information to an officer and possession of another person's credit card.

Lock car doors

Between 1 and 7 a.m. Saturday, July 10, an unknown person entered an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of McKinley Avenue and popped out the vehicle ignition. A small plastic piece stuck inside the ignition mechanism prevented the vehicle from being started and driven away.

Concealed carry violation

After being pulled over for speeding 47 mph and changing lanes without signaling on Lakeshore Road at 4:12 p.m. Sunday, July 11, a 24-year-old

man without a concealed carry license was found to have a pistol with a loaded magazine in the passenger seat, for which he was arrested.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Generator disturbance

A homeowner on Willison Road was cited at 3:08 p.m. Monday, July 5, after several recent complaints of noise disturbance from a generator. A check showed 75 decibels at the nearest property line, which exceeds the ordinance limit of 60, and the homeowner agreed to turn off the generator.

Climbing to new heights

Officers responded to reports of several boys attempting to climb on top of an area school roof at 6:07 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, but were unable to locate them.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Missing items

An elderly woman in the 1100 block of Berkshire reported her cleaning lady allegedly stole from her home between Monday, June 21, and Monday, June 28.

Missing were her late husband's black leather Armani jacket, a Rolex watch, Louis Vuitton purse and Louis Vuitton wallet. The belongings totaled \$13,600.

Headlight out

A 58-year-old Detroit

woman was stopped at Mack and Balfour at 11:20 p.m. Monday, July 5, for missing a front headlight.

She was found to have a suspended license, cited and released.

Missing bike

A girl's bike was stolen between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, while the family was inside a home in the 1000 block of Kensington.

The pink bike was unlocked.

Single-car crash

A 52-year-old Detroit man crashed his Ford F-150 at 4:20 p.m. Monday, July 5, in a single-vehicle accident.

The man exhibited signs of operating while intoxicated. He smelled of alcohol, slurred his speech and proved unsteady. He was transported to Ascension St. John Hospital for nose and mouth injuries.

Further investigation showed he was highly intoxicated.

Walk off with camera

A resident in the 1300 block of Somerset was taking pictures of her flood-damaged property with her Nikon camera at 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 9.

While she went inside for a short amount of time, she set the camera on the ground. In that time, the woman said someone walked off with her camera.

— *Kate Vanderstelt*

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen and found

A resident in the 2300 block of Stanhope reported their maroon 2002 Chevy Impala missing at 10 a.m. Saturday,

June 26. The vehicle was taken sometime after 5 p.m. Friday, June 25.

The car is paid off and was parked on the street. Both sets of keys were accounted for.

Detroit police called Woods public safety Tuesday, June 29, and notified the department they found the car on Wayburn in Detroit, without a license plate, engine and battery.

The dash trim was pulled off and the driver-side window was broken.

The suspect is yet unknown.

No plate

A 20-year-old Detroit man was issued citations for driving while license suspended at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at Vernier and Mack.

The man was driving a 2008 KIA without a license plate. Upon being pulled over, he showed a Michigan ID, which showed his license was suspended and there were three warrants for his arrest. He claimed the license plate fell off on the freeway.

He was issued citations and his vehicle was impounded.

Distracted driving

An 18-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for distracted driving at 11:44 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at Vernier and Mack.

The man was typing on his phone and driving. He was issued a citation and his vehicle was impounded.

Garage fire

Officers reported to the scene of a garage fire in the 1800 block of Littlestone at 5:42 a.m. Friday, July 2.

The rear of the detached garage was fully engulfed in flames by the time officers arrived.

No persons or other buildings were impacted

by the fire.

The cause of the fire currently is unknown.

Three warrants

Officers stopped a van without a license plate at Mack and Norwood at 1:56 p.m. Monday, July 5.

The 28-year-old Detroit driver presented his Michigan ID and told officers he should not have been driving. He had three warrants for his arrest.

He was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license. All departments involved in the warrants declined picking up the driver.

'Alice' in Japan

A resident of Saddle Lane reported fraud at noon Wednesday, July 7.

He said he met a woman online who worked for HSBC Bank in New York City and was interested in crypto currency. She told the Woods resident her uncle also was employed at HSBC and was interested in crypto currency.

He used a website, Owl Lx, to deposit \$1,000. The online woman sent him pictures of herself, which the resident realized were fake.

He will try to get his money back from Owl Lx and was advised to stop speaking with "Alice." He believes she is from Japan.

Stolen plate

A resident in the 1300 block of Edmundton reported their license plate missing at 11:39 a.m. Saturday, July 10.

The resident believes the plate was removed sometime between Wednesday, June 30, and Saturday, July 10. The screws from the plate were placed back on the vehicle.

— *Kate Vanderstelt*

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Pull the plug on flooded basements

As a young reporter covering Grosse Pointe Farms in the early 1990s, I was perusing the city's legal ads in the Grosse Pointe News. One called for a renewal of permits from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for CSO outfalls into Lake St. Clair.

CSO outfalls? What were those? When I called the Farms city hall to inquire and the public services director responded, "You don't want to write about that. It will just get people all worked up," I knew I had a story.

It turned out that the Farms had 14 CSO (combined sewage overflow) outfalls into the lake. They were basically gates that allowed excess rainwater and sewage in the Farms' combined sanitary/storm sewer system to be dumped into the lake rather than backup into residents' basements.

When the story appeared, readers appeared at city council meetings waving the Grosse Pointe News front page and declaring, "This has to stop!"

Thirty years later — at the cost of tens of millions of dollars — the Farms has separated its Lake sewer system and is in the process of separating the Inland portion, Grosse Pointe Park has separated its storm and sanitary sewers and Grosse Pointe Woods has built a huge retention basin at its Milk River pump station and made significant improvements at its Torrey Road pump station.

Harper Woods' founders had the foresight to build separate sanitary and storm sewer systems from the beginning but, ironically, the two systems were merged as they entered Grosse Pointe Woods on the way to the Milk River pump station.

Until now, I have always congratulated myself on using the press to right a wrong. Now I am not so sure. It turns out the CSO outfalls were not a bug, but a feature. They prevented what we just experienced June 25 to 26, and previously in 2016-17 and 2011.

Grosse Pointe Shores was able to mitigate basement flooding this time around because it is allowed to discharge highly stormwater-diluted effluents from its sanitary system during extreme rain events. A mile north, Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller early on began discharging treated CSO into Lake St. Clair at the Chapaton pump station, thus reducing the strain in the Shores and farther "downstream."

Likewise, the Woods is able to discharge into the Milk River.

Grosse Pointe Farms, City and Park were not so fortunate. They have no ability to discharge their sanitary systems — separated or otherwise — into Lake St. Clair. They are forced to send the stormwater-saturated effluents to the Freud and Conner Creek pump stations in Detroit, where Great Lakes Water Authority dumps them into the Detroit River.

Problem was, and is, that below Grosse Pointe Park, the Detroit systems are combined. So when they become overwhelmed by stormwater, there is no capacity for moving the Grosse Pointes and other upstream community's effluents to the Freud and

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Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 7/13	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	591,595	543,474
% of residents 12+	64.4	59.1
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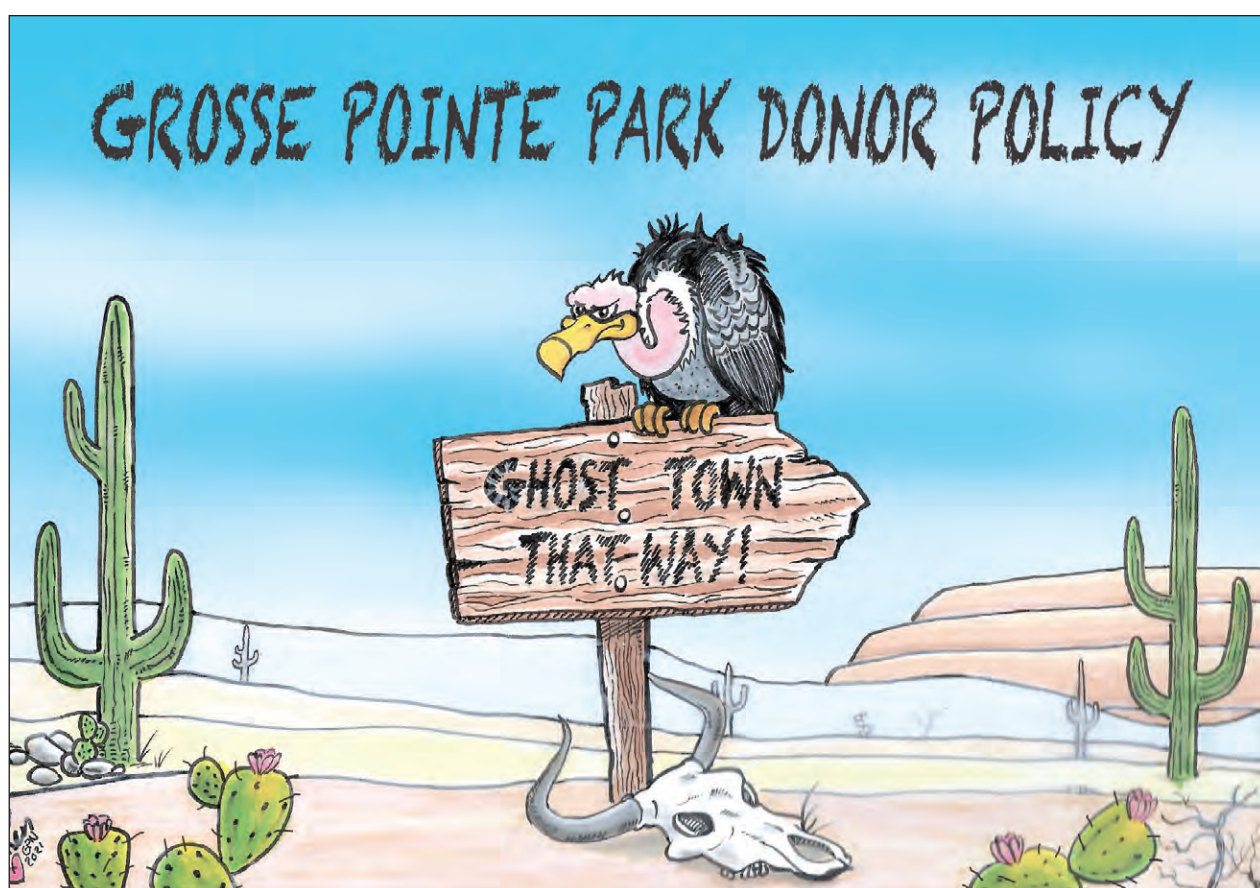


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OUR VIEW

Donor policy's chilling effect

What is it about the gift horse proverb the majority on the Grosse Pointe Park City Council doesn't get?

In January, the majority — Vikas Relan, Lauri Read, Michele Hodges and Aimee Fluit — adopted a donor policy in the Park to bar anonymous donations. The onerous anonymous gift that sparked the debate was for a dog park at Patterson Park. The donor eventually came forward, but he should not have had to.

Proponents of the Donation and Gift Policy say it is necessary in order to prevent conflicts of interest. Huh? If members of the council do not know who the donor is, how can there be a conflict of interest? A conflict only arises if a member of council knows who the donor is and for some reason should abstain from voting but doesn't.

As Mayor Robert Denner and Mayor Pro Tem James Robson warned — as reflected in Grosse Pointe News reporter Kate Vanderstelt's excellent recap of the debate leading up to adoption of the measure — the donor policy may have a chilling effect on donations to the city. Now six months under the new policy, we learn their fears were justified.

Board members of the Grosse Pointe Foundation — one of the oldest and most successful of the Pointe municipal foundations — called the close working relationship between the foundation and

the city and council "broken." That's a shame.

Many of the "extras," the things that add to the charm and exceptionalism of the Park, derive from charitable giving. Examples include the beautiful wrought iron fencing around Windmill Pointe Park, Lavins and Tompkins centers, two movie theaters, the children's pool and fountain, the "Sails of Two Cities" sculpture on Kercheval and the boardwalk, reflection/skating pond and outdoor fireplace for warming at Patterson Park.

We understand proposed projects, including a playscape and pickleball courts at Patterson Park, are in jeopardy.

Mr. Robson made a good point during the debate when asking what was the problem that sparked the call for a donor policy in the first place. There was no conflict of interest. There was no problem that needed to be fixed. And as he said, "If it ain't broke, why fix it?"

We suspect that if the anonymous donation was for something the majority on council wanted, say a Pride flag for city hall, there would have been no call for a donor policy.

No, we fear the real motive here is the new council majority's penchant for micromanaging. They just couldn't stand not knowing who the private donor was. Their solution: tell us; we'll keep it secret.

Yeah, right.

OUR VIEW

Final school bonds to be sold

As the final bonds go on sale this summer for school improvements, Grosse Pointe school district residents can feel a sense of accomplishment in the projects that are resulting from the millage they approved in November 2018.

Scheduled for late August, the bond sale will cover the remaining \$43.1 million available from that vote. The total package, \$111 million, was designed to ensure all the schools have improved safety elements, get modern mechanical systems and remain structurally sound. The campaign slogan was "Safe, Warm and Dry."

That entails new entry vestibules to screen visitors, plus a lot of rather dull sounding projects, such as replacing roofs, protecting foundations and installing new heating equipment. These basic jobs are essential to maintain the pride residents take in the beautiful and increasingly historic buildings that make up the Grosse Pointe Public

School System.

Bond money also went toward installing the most up-to-date connectivity features into buildings, giving each school the capacity for every student and teacher to use a laptop or cell phone for lessons and other online uses. Renovations, such as to the Parcels auditorium, are the frosting on the cake — visual delight resting on a very substantial foundation of structural work.

The district has the good fortune to be selling bonds during an era of low interest rates. The bonds will go on the market with a cap of 6 percent interest and a maximum term of 21 years, but are expected to sell at a lower rate. As a final plus to taxpayers, these bonds fit into the district's debt repayment plan so the current bond levy, 3.14 mills, will hold steady.

Much has changed since the vote, even though it

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LETTERS

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

Silver lining

To the Editor:

Our basement flooded for the third time in 10 years! We live in the "Inland" district of Grosse Pointe Farms and have the combined sewer system

unlike the "Lake" district of the Farms, which has the separated sewer/water system. This time we had over 2 1/2 feet of sewer water, losing much more property than the last two floods combined.

We need to give a huge

shout-out to Red Baron Enterprises who came to the rescue! We called.... they responded. Their workmanship, work ethic and expertise was beyond any of our expectations, meticulously disinfecting every single thing in our basement. They worked non-stop for two days breaking down large items, hauling away everything that was ruined.

Thank you Red Baron Enterprises. They care about our community. No horror stories here! Good, honest people! In comparison from the substandard companies we hired to clean up for our last two floods which ripped us off, Red Baron was excellent.

Thank you Jason, Owen, and Megan, our crew.

BECKY EDWARDS
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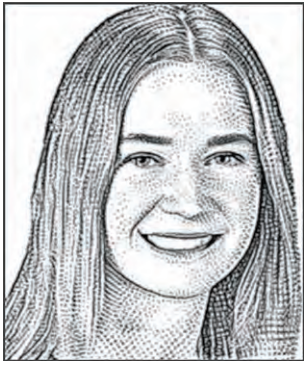
Underwater

To the Editor:

Through a recent Freedom of Information Act request, I have reviewed thousands of emails between Councilmembers Fluit, McConnell, Read and Relan. I have yet to locate any discussions on protecting our city from flooding. It took over four feet of water in many, many basements to finally get this on the council agenda.

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I SAY By Kate Vanderstelt



Lace up your shoes

A retired collegiate runner tries to get back into running

Watching my favorite world-class runners compete in the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Team Trials starting Friday, June 18, for their chance to be designated an Olympian and travel to Tokyo to represent the States had me feeling nostalgic and motivated.

I ran cross country and track and field competitively in high school through college. I grew

up with it; it shaped me into who I am.

When the infamous March 2020 shut down my final season of track, I threw in the towel on the running routine altogether. What was the point in spending so much time and energy running every day when I wasn't training for my beloved Hillsdale College Charger team anymore?

My favorite season was the outdoor track season, too, which included my favorite event: steeplechase. The barriers you have to jump over smoothly created a new level of competition; it was more strategic, more skill-

based and more game-like. I spent extra hours every week trying to fine-tune my steeple abilities so I could glide past my opponents over the barriers. To say the least, I was understandably angry about missing my favorite season. So, I used COVID-19-induced lockdowns and virtual schooling to indulge in an unmotivated version of myself, lazily soaking in last moments with my college best friends.

After eight years of running practically every day, I let a year pass by without owning up to how completely out of running shape I had fallen.

I felt like I could take a

break for a while and jump right back into it. Little did I know — running is actually extremely difficult when you take a long break and you are no longer 15 years old. Your body has a harder time bouncing back the older you get.

I tried to get back into a routine a couple times over the past year of running at least every other day with little luck. I even ran a 5K race a few weeks ago, thinking I'd be able to run 7-minute pace with no preparation. I crossed the line in a personally disappointing 23:55, 7:42 pace for the 3.125 miles.

As I watched women I've always looked up to

compete in the steeplechase at the Olympic Trials, I felt a deep sense of sadness that my life doesn't look like that anymore. I miss the thrill of competing, of putting myself on the line in hopes and dreams of success. It was quite the feeling.

Watching them compete made me realize how much I miss racing. Though I'll never be at that high of a competition level again, I can start somewhere.

I'm aiming to lace up my shoes five times a week by the end of July and get out the door to log some miles. Not just for my physical health — though I do want to get

back into the habit for that, too — but my mental health. Spending time completely unplugged while doing something good for your body is the best feeling. Plus, I'm always looking for an excuse to spend time outside.

It's going to be a tough start, but I'm hopeful that by mid-August I'll find some kind of lowly 5K race to set my sights on. After running that almost-24-minute 5K just a few weeks ago, I'm determined to drop closer down to my 18:20 personal best split from my senior year of college, in 2019.

I've got a long way to go before I get there.

LETTERS:

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I am tired of the bullying and personal attacks by certain councilmembers (and their friends) whenever they are criticized. Their favorite internet sites generate much of this vilification and discord.

I did not vote to have our councilmembers run day-to-day operations — with their constant directives to the staff and requests for personal agenda items. I also did not vote for a closed-door meeting where they attempted to remove the city manager. Or for their shameless disregard of our many donors.

The Park is now bombarded on all sides. Sewer backups, horrible cell phone service, power outages, sporadic mail delivery, a huge deficit and the loss of Trombly Elementary. Residents care about these daily bread-and-butter issues, not the councilmembers' social agendas.

RICHARD SCHRODER
Grosse Pointe Park

Thankful in the Farms

To the Editor:

I want to give a huge shout out to Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside and Public Service Director Matthew Baka for the outstanding communication and curbside pickup the past two weeks.

The flood of 2021 was one for the ages and my conversations with the DPW workers as they disposed of two large piles of paneling and contaminated belongings were upbeat. Each DPW employee had the "this is our job and we work for you" mentality. I'm positive they went home many nights with aches and pains, but their attitude was great.

Also, GPF residents were constantly kept abreast of pickup schedules by Mr. Reeside and I know he'll attempt to secure FEMA funds for the citizens.

Other cities don't have the infrastructure that GPF has and, unfortunately, will be continuing their cleanup weeks after GPF gets back to normal.

In addition, I want to thank Officer Jimmy Corbett of the GPF police department. Last week my mother got turned around on her walk and

ended up on a strange porch. With the neighbor's assistance, Officer Corbett was able to give my mom a ride to my house.

Although she was disappointed about not having the lights or sirens on, she continues to talk about that nice young man who rescued her. Thanks, Officer Corbett, for making her day and returning my No. 2 girl.

DAVID STEVENSON
Grosse Pointe Farms

Open letter from Greenspace

To the Editor:

Greenspace Holdings manages 36 residential rental units in the Park. We have worked extensively with City Manager Nick Sizeland and his staff to remediate the damage that was sustained both by our buildings and the loss to our tenants.

The city administration has helped facilitate getting electricity and heated water to our tenants as well as garbage disposal services and interactions with FEMA. We feel that they have worked tirelessly as our advocates with the county, state, utilities and federal government.

Unfortunately, the flooding was severe and extensive and as such there are many residents in the Pointes that are still without air conditioning or heated water and are experiencing continuing issues with flooding, including tenants of ours.

Sizeland reached out to us to ask that we help soften the burden on our tenants through rent

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

FARMS ACTS TO BANISH FLOODS: The Village of Grosse Pointe Farms has taken the first step to correct its faulty drain sewer system which has brought so much criticism during the recent very heavy rains of the last month. Scores of protests have been heard from residents whose basements have been flooded during both severe and mild downpours.

Obituaries: Albert A. Zeller

1971

50 years ago this week

TENNIS HOUSE TO BE BUILT AT HUNT CLUB: A wide range of sports facilities that make the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club unique as a family social club will soon be expanded to include indoor tennis courts. Plans for construction of a tennis house described as unequalled in the Detroit metropolitan area were announced by the club's president, William C. Beardslee.

Obituaries: William J. See HEADLINES, page 8A

abatements and temporary relocations for affected businesses.

Working with Sizeland we categorized damage into three areas for our residential tenants: water damage to services, loss of tenant property and then continuing loss of utilities and property.

We are giving rent relief based upon the level of damage experienced by our residential tenants.

And we are currently in the process of helping

a commercial tenant get back to up and running in a "pop-up" space on Kercheval Avenue while flood repair and remediation are completed on the permanent space.

This is a time for all Pointers to band together to help each other and we hope that other landlords will consider rent abatements and implement other creative ideas to assist their residential and business tenants as well.

MIKE STINES
On behalf of Greenspace

SCHOOL BONDS:

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was less than three years ago. For starters, two elementary schools have closed; projects originally under consideration for Poupard and Trombly have not taken place, a flexibility that's always written into bond votes.

Also, the cost situation may be changing. The district initially benefited from bids coming in below estimates on its projects, partly because it has managed to get bid solicitations out fairly early during each construction cycle. But the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in some supply and labor glitches; competition among projects also may heat up.

This summer's most visible scheduled projects include a new parking area at Brownell Middle School, roofing work at Brownell, Barnes, Ferry and Kerby, and masonry restoration at four buildings. Then it won't be long before the district's construction advisers announce the final projects for next summer.

As most homeowners know, even a large-scale project leaves other concerns still waiting to be addressed. That's true for the schools, too, and there's a growing list that includes occasional issues contractors have stumbled on but that didn't require immediate action. The district's advisers are already assessing critical needs and desirable improvements — the next chapter in the saga of maintaining buildings that average about 80 years in age.

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OUR VIEW

FEMA: Issue declaration

FEMA teams presumably got a warm welcome as they toured the area in preparation for deciding whether flooded Wayne County communities need a disaster declaration. Note to the Federal Emergency Management Agency: Residents of this community — and many, many neighbors — desperately need and want that declaration.

According to the agency website, such a declaration rests on the determination that a state and its local governments cannot handle the costs of an incident by themselves. That certainly seems the case here in the Grosse Pointes and on Detroit's east side (which shares a retention basin and pumping system with three of the Pointes) and in Dearborn, in particular.

The piles of basement furnishings on curbs in those three Pointes certainly attest to the personal losses that no city or the state is ever going to reimburse — and for which, at least anecdotally, it appears most people had no or minimal insurance coverage. The parade of trucks from furnace companies, plumbers, appliance stores and clean-up firms further attests to the volume of dollars needed to recover.

And that's before cataloguing damage to businesses, cultural oases such as The War Memorial and churches. It's not even clear whether every horror story has yet emerged.

Meanwhile, cities have been spending on overtime and extra help to keep up with the trash piles and other clean-up services, plus in some cases recovering from damages to their own facilities. Costs are far-flung and reach up to the state level: What, for example, did it cost to bring I-94 back into shape, after it went underwater — including an eastbound stretch between Michigan Avenue and I-96 that took nearly two weeks to reopen?

Once a disaster is declared, assistance can cover a broad spectrum of residential concerns, including items that were lost to the water, plus various clean-up and restorations costs and even coverage for some personal needs that resulted from a night when 6-plus inches of rain fell and various pumps shuddered to a standstill. Many small businesses have suffered costs that deserve the kind of help available under a disaster declaration.

For now, damage at The War Memorial especially stands out. Two feet of water pooled in front of the Alger House, seeping into lower levels. Muddy water from construction filled the Patriot Theater up to the 10th row of seats. The theater also was used for storage, which led to the loss of numerous artifacts, as well. Damage to outdoor areas, including a tent, left the staff scrambling to handle or relocate scheduled events.

The June 25 to 26 storm came at a particularly vulnerable time for the site, which is in the midst of a major overhaul.

Other sad stories linger throughout the area and not all of them have a price tag. Wedding gifts, awaiting the new bride and groom, stored temporarily in the basement. Or wedding pictures from multiple years ago. The heirloom wooden rocking horse. Family memorabilia, including the only remaining picture of Grandma. Work files and



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KEN WELCH

Residences were not the only properties that suffered due to flooding following the June 25 to 26 1,000-year rain event. The Village was struck espe-

cially hard. Pointe Fitness owner captured these photos of the flooded intersection at Kercheval and Notre Dame on his way to the gym at 5:40 a.m.



published articles — a career's worth of accomplishment — set up in a retiree's basement office. It's been a hard period of confronting losses and dealing with muck. Money may not ease some of the sadness, but it's still a major compo-

ment of restoring stability. It's important for families and especially to older residents who need extra help to get dried out, cleaned up and fully operational again. FEMA hopefully has gotten the message.

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Conner Creek pump stations. While the Pointes' pumps were churning at 100 percent, there was no place for the fluids to go. It was like pumping into a full straw.

The Park was permitted to discharge into the Fox Creek during extreme storm events. But a lawsuit in the 1990s — filed by the lawyer who is now soliciting flood victims — forced the Park to close the Fox Creek outfall. Now all sanitary waste, regardless of stormwater infiltration, has to go to Detroit — or residents' basements.

There is a solution. Currently, the Park has a pump station at Patterson Park where it discharges stormwater and street runoff into the lake. Under Jefferson Avenue there are two huge retention barrels — like underground fuel tanks — that collect the Park's sanitary fluids. The idea is that the barrels collect effluents during a wet spell and are drawn down afterward.

It turns out one of those subterranean retention barrels is L-shaped, with one end at Essex Road at Patterson Park.

The Park administration has asked the Michigan

Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to be allowed to install a storm relief line from the holding barrel to the Park's stormwater pump station. An extreme emergency relief valve (EERV) could be set up to automatically open and relieve the Park's sanitary system during extreme weather events like what occurred in 2016 and last month and which will occur with evermore frequency. The relief capability also would be available should the Great Lakes Water Authority pumps stations go offline, which we have found, is a likelihood.

During a Zoom town hall meeting last week, Park residents made it clear they are sick of hearing about 100-year vs. 1,000-year storms. They are tired of being congratulated on how they all pitched in to help neighbors. They are weary of losing household goods ruined by backups into their basements. They just want it fixed.

We agree. The storm relief line and EERV is one of many things that have to be done. If Pointe municipalities are to be allowed to discharge during extreme storms, they also need to be able retain and treat it.

We also agree that an independent investigation of what happened at the Freud and Conner Creek pumps stations June 25 to 26 needs to be conducted and a regional approach needs to be taken with city, county, state and federal government support.

Let's not wait until the next 1,000-year storm next year or, heaven forbid, next week.

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Delahanty, Edmund G. Streng, Mabel Hipkins Slocum, Christena May Cruickshank, Bernadine Hutchinson, Joseph Whalen, Angela Donovan, Apolonia "Fannie" Stanny, William H. Ramsay

1996
25 years ago this week

COUNCIL CREATES COMMITTEE TO STUDY FLOOD: Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan extended what he called an olive branch to the residents of Grosse Pointe Park when he invited them to participate in a special ad hoc commit-

tee that will study the reasons for last month's sewer overflow which flooded many basements in the Park. Heenan noted that many residents do not believe the city's engineering report on the cause of the June flooding.

Obituaries: Marjorie T. Herndon, Donald Craigie Longyear, Virginia K. Wollenzin, Harold Zryd Frederick, Richard L. Hyde, Wilbert J. Schulte, Ann M. Dingeman, Sally M. Gavilinski, Charlene M. Prosky, Richard J. Schievenin, Julia Q. Schumacher, James Francis Mary Huxley

2011
10 years ago this week

BOARD REJECTS HEAD START AT POUPARD: To the dismay of Principal Penny Stocks and Grosse Pointe parents who requested the program, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education rejected a proposal to house Head Start at Poupard Elementary School.

Obituaries: Friedrich W. Hooper, Michael M. Kaysserian, Dorothy Morrall Langs, Robert Randall Latham, Shirley Jean Thill

Mason principal Bishop promoted to deputy superintendent

By Michael Hartt
Staff Intern

The vacancy of the deputy superintendent position left by the hiring of M. Jon Dean as superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System recently was filled by former Mason Elementary School Principal Roy Bishop. The Board of Education voted to approve his appointment at its June 28 meeting.

Prior to his appointment, Bishop served as the principal of Mason five years. Before coming to GPPSS, Bishop taught and acted as an administrator in Birmingham Public Schools. In addition, Bishop served on the district's Racial, Equity and Inclusion



Roy Bishop

Committee.

While principal of Mason, Bishop oversaw the merger of many Poupard Elementary School students into Mason following the school's closure, as well as grade reconfiguration

at the school.

Dean, who also came to Grosse Pointe from the Birmingham school district, said Bishop's work during many of these structural changes at Mason is what showcases his abilities as an administrator.

"He really helped to create an outstanding sense of community at Mason," Dean said. "He led Mason during a difficult time because we went through reconfiguration (and) about half of the students from Poupard came to Mason. (However), he really made the families there feel welcome."

As deputy superintendent of educational services, Bishop will take over many of the traditional day-to-day opera-

tions of the position. These include providing professional learning and structure for administrator meetings, developing the process for hiring administrators, supervising the process of hiring administrator candidates, furthering equity work and playing a role in the negotiations team, among other responsibilities.

However, Dean explained the nature of the position has somewhat changed with Bishop's appointment.

"When I took (this deputy superintendent) role nine years ago, I had previously been the assistant superintendent of human resources in another school district," Dean said. "I came with a fairly deep background

in school human resource functions. Roy doesn't have that background. So Nicole Pilgrim, who's our director of (human resources), is going to take up some of those responsibilities."

Along with carrying out the many roles he has to fulfill in the position, Bishop said one of his objectives is to help Dean with his promise of healing the division he has seen in the community recently.

He plans to do this by actively listening to the community in all aspects of his role, with the hope it gives him the understanding he needs to help take action.

"It is really a lot about listening," Bishop said. "We need to make sure that we truly understand

what our community needs moving forward to be able to have some actionable steps and actionable items to make sure that healing is being achieved."

Overall, however, Bishop said he has absolute faith in the school system's continued excellence because of the resources it has at its disposal.

"We have great teachers, we have great administrators and we even have a great community," Bishop said. "We definitely have a lot of resources and we have a lot of people who are here for the right reasons. And, you know, in our school district we prioritize people over programs and we need to continue to do that."

Scholarships awarded

Fifteen Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation applicants each recently were awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship.

Since its inception in 2012, 100 GPYNEF scholarships have been awarded. Ten of those scholarships have been funded in perpetuity. College scholarships are awarded based on a summary of sailing experience in the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association Club Junior Programs, high school or college freshman sailing programs and academic credentials.

The 2021 scholarship recipients were awarded during a May 23 brunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The 2022 GPYNEF Scholarship Application may be found at gpynef.org/scholarships. Applications must be turned in at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club by April 3, 2022.

The 2021 scholarship winners are:

Bridget Clark

Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: Marquette University
Scholarship: Zach Rockwell

Anthony Dzuiba

Graduated: West Bloomfield High School
Attending: Eastern Michigan University
Scholarship: Ray Laethem

Dwight Ellis

Graduated: Detroit Country Day School
Attending: New York University
Scholarship: Edwin and Felicia Shaw

Henry Gonzalez

Graduated: Cranbrook Kingswood School
Attending: College of Charleston
Scholarship: Commodore Ilja and Kelley Vreeken

Michael Gualdoni

Graduated: Grosse Pointe North High School
Attending: Syracuse University
Scholarship: Manuel and Nora Moroun

Ryan Hexter

Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: College of Charleston
Scholarship: GPYNEF

Carly Irwin

Graduated: Eisenhower High School
Attending: Grand Valley State University
Scholarship: DRYA

Michael Kirkman

Graduated: Novi High School
Attending: Boston College
Scholarship: Commodore Sean and Dr. Kristen Schotthoeffer

Samuel Louis Monique

Graduated: Farmington High School
Attending: Michigan State University
Scholarship: Glenn Sheets and Patricia O'Kelly

Emily Pytell

Graduated: Troy High School
Attending: University of Michigan
Scholarship: Commodore James and Patty Anderson

Jacob Schaupeter

Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: Macomb Community College
Scholarship: Commodore Tymon C. and Sheri Tott

Christina Thomas

Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: Harvard University
Scholarship: Commodore James and Sandy Morrow



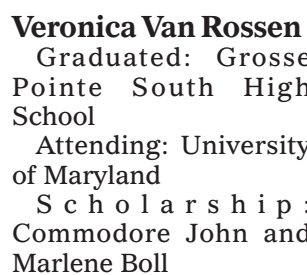
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Michael Gualdoni



Samuel Louis Monique



Veronica Van Rossen
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Attending: University of Maryland
Scholarship: Commodore John and Marlene Boll

William Vogel

Graduated: Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending: University of Michigan
Scholarship: Benno Steinborn

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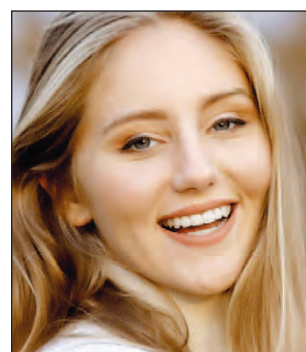
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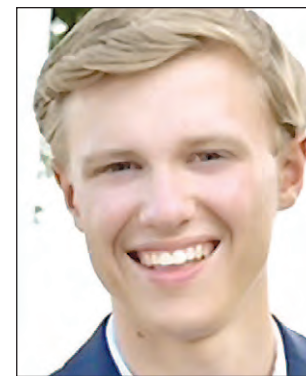
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FEMA:

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Grosse Pointes last week conducting nearly door-to-door assessments of flood damage that occurred during intense rain the night of July 25 to 26. Her team was in the 200 block of McMillan in the Farms at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 10. They were escorted by Farms City Manager Shane Reeside and a public safety officer.

“FEMA is doing preliminary damage assessments,” Tracey said. “We’re not looking at individual homes at this point. Just a sampling.

We’re trying to get an overview of the degree of damage.”

Data the team collects is turned over to the state.

“The state will then have the ability to ask for a federal disaster declaration,” Tracey said. “This is the first step in the state getting a federal disaster declaration. We’ve had six teams out for three days in different areas of Wayne County, going from 8 in the morning to late at night.”

Local officials shepherded federal authorities to areas with the most severe damage.

“In this general area, we’re hearing that some

people had three, four or five feet of water in their basement,” Tracey said.

It’s a familiar story stemming from the 1,000-year flood two weeks ago, so called because it is statistically likely to happen only once per millennium.

“This flooding, it’s absolutely nasty,” said U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, representing the Grosse Pointes, about basement flooding in thousands of houses and commercial structures all over metro Detroit. “Think about other sewer water in your basement. In many cases, in homes I went to, the water came to the

ceiling of the basement.”

“A lot of communities were hit,” Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said. “We just got a 6-inch storm. What’s to say two years from now it’s not a 7-inch storm?”

Eight inches fell in parts of the Pointes, according to local gauges.

Duggan said the region’s waste and stormwater infrastructure needs to be updated, which may include altering building codes to mandate installation of individual sump pumps and other preventive plumbing.

“We have neighborhoods in the flood area

that had sump pumps and check valves built into their basements that were perfectly dry,” he said. “We’re looking at a cost-benefit analysis. My guess is we’ll be looking at a significant retrofitting of houses in low-lying areas to shut off that back flow at the time of heavy rains.”

“I have flooded three times,” said Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn.

This time, she was ready.

“I put in a new sump pump and a backup sump pump and I didn’t flood,” Dingell said.

It is too early in the damage assessment process for Tracey to specu-

late when homeowners can file damage claims.

“Right now, we collect data, get a general overview of how much damage there is in various areas of Wayne County,” she said. “Then, we provide that to the state. The state determines if it has the resources to help in the recovery. If the state can’t do it, they ask the federal government for a disaster declaration. It becomes a presidential disaster declaration. At that point, we kick into gear with people applying for help.”

“Help is on the way,” Lawrence said. “This has to be an expedited process.”

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served us very well when a 3-inch rainstorm was a major event. In 2014, we got a 4 ½-inch rainstorm and many of our basements flooded. I was told it was a once-in-a-100-year event. Then, a week ago Saturday, we had 6 inches. Now people are asking, ‘Can we even use our basements? Are we going to lose our furnaces or hot water heater every time there’s a rainstorm?’”

“We all know what the problem is,” McCormick said. “These systems are old. They were not built to sustain services at the levels we want to have them sustained for all the communities we serve.”

Part of the flooding during the most recent big storm overnight June 25 to 26, which prompted Regan’s visit, was due to failed electrical supply to a water authority’s pumping station to which at least three of the five Pointes send storm and wastewater.

“We’re relying on other utilities that have the

same resilience issues with regard to electric service,” McCormick said. “As a country, we need to step forward on infrastructure improvements.”

Stopped up

Diverting sewage into the Pointes’ greatest natural resource is a reluctant prospect.

“There’s no way for us to dump sewage into the lake even if we wanted to,” said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. “We don’t have a means of doing that.”

“We don’t have any relief,” said Nick Sizeland, manager of Grosse Pointe Park. “Ours was closed off at Fox Creek years ago due to a lawsuit.”

In present form, Fox Creek is a concrete and sheet metal-lined canal in Detroit parallel to Alter Road across from the Park. Generations ago, it was a natural waterway running diagonally through the lower Pointes to the Detroit River.

Sizeland described as “dead wrong” a Friday,

July 9, Detroit News report that the Park “diverted sewage overflows to waterways to prevent ‘catastrophic damage’ to homes.”

“We have the Patterson Park pump station, which is for stormwater,” Sizeland said. “But, when it comes to sanitary, we have no relief. All our sanitary goes down to Conner Creek.”

Conner Creek is the name of one of two water authority pump stations serving the east side. In the 1.1-square-mile City of Grosse Pointe, all sewer water is funneled to a municipal pumping station at the corner of Neff and Charlevoix, then forwarded to Detroit for treatment.

There’s no sewage outflow to Lake St. Clair, emergency or otherwise, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

Rainfall in the southern, or lakeside portion of the City, excluding The Village commercial district, flows by gravity to the waterway.

“I have outfalls all along the lake, but that’s strictly for stormwater,”

said Neal Johnston, City public works supervisor in charge of the water operations.

The system has 11 outfalls into the lake. Most are underwater at the foot of roadways.

In the northern portion of the City, which is of lower elevation than the southern, all stormwater goes to the pump station.

The line of demarcation between inland and lakeside storm water systems is marked roughly by Waterloo Avenue, but is really designated by the underground Fox Creek interceptor, which a century ago was the above-ground stream now visible only as the canal along Alter.

“It’s not physically possible to have an emergency discharge for the rest of the stormwater in the city because it flows the wrong direction,” Dame said. “Gravity can’t beat gravity. There are no pumps or pipes to push it over the ridge so it can be fed by gravity to the other side of Waterloo.”

Early warning

Within a week of June’s flooding, McCormick met with system members. They reportedly agreed there needs to be a system-wide plan of action to prepare for and react to big storms.

“(A) question came up about what can upstream communities do when major rainfall events don’t allow them capacity downstream to get into the GLWA facilities. They have the ability to relieve locally,” McCormick said, regard-

ing communities with the ability to discharge sewage. “But they don’t know yet when they should do that because they can’t see into our system. We’re working to make that visible to our communities so they can see what’s going on in the regional system and can act more quickly to release their storage as quickly as possible so it doesn’t exacerbate things downstream.”

“Increased communication from GLWA and working on a regional disaster plan is something we need to explore,” Sizeland said.

Early warning on storm night convinced Macomb County officials to dump water into the lake.

“We opened our emergency discharge bypass, which we’ve never used since I’ve been here,” said Candice Miller, Macomb public works commissioner since 2017. “That ran that night four or five hours.”

“If they had not done that, the flooding could have been worse,” said Reeside, illustrating how upstream flows have ripple effects on downstream systems. “They had the ability to do some diversion, whereas Grosse Pointe Farms, City and Park don’t. What happens upstream comes into our system.”

“We didn’t just discharge it raw,” Miller said. “We treated it. Our E.coli counts were extremely low.”

“We have been at this with the state for providing a relief system,” Sizeland said. “They said just use GLWA’s

capacity. We just learned we can’t rely on that, so let us cut government red tape and move forward.”

“We have an outdated infrastructure that can compete with any third-world county, which is something we should never be proud of,” said U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn. “We need to fix it, but that means we have to plan as a region. I’ve asked the (U.S. Army) Corps of Engineers to do an independent study to look at what we really need.”

“Discharge isn’t the only option,” said the EPA’s Regan, not being specific. “We are all about thinking about innovative ways that we can protect public health and the environment while we are waiting for the appropriate resources.”

Rebuilding water infrastructure into a fool-proof, never-overloaded system is difficult to achieve.

“It’s a big challenge because there’s always going to be a bigger storm,” McCormick said.

“I’ve had the chance to hear directly from communities and visit infrastructure sites all across the country,” Regan said. “That is what we are doing today, visiting a region reeling from the impact of a so-called 1,000-year flood. Over 9,000 reports of basements flooded.”

“If we keep building the same thing we built before, we’ll keep getting the same thing we’re getting now,” Lawrence said.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 2021**

The regular City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present. And Acting City Manager John Szymanski, City Attorney Sharon DeWaele and City Clerk Leslie M. Frank.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 17, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on April 15, 2021, Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on May 12, 2021 and the Beautification Commission meeting held on June 1, 2021.
- 2) To table the renewal, non-renewal or modification of the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Joseph Rheker for the position of City
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1)approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122054 through 122253 in the amount of \$742,207.71 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2)approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,724.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.(3)approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of June.(4)approve payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, fire hydrant repairs, and speed bump installations.(5)to approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$11,797.02 for the purchase of 3,500 gallons of regular gas and 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel.(6)approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$19,289.19 for professional services during the month of April for the following projects: Kelly Rd Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Pavement Joint Seal, #180-258; Emerg. Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Tim Horton’s, #180-248; Risk and Resil Assess, #180-262; Drinking Water Asset Mgmt Pgm, #180-246; AT&T Cell Tower, 180-261; T-Mobile Cell Tower, #180-254; MCI Metro Fiber, #180-245; Salter Park Basketball, #180-264 and Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263. (7)approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$19,500.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2020 audit. (8)approve the appointments and reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.
- 2) approve the three-year Transportation Service Agreement between the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) and The Helm Life Center that will remain in effect until June 30, 2024, and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- 3) to introduce and place for first reading, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances, and Shall be Known as the Short Term Rental Ordinance, and further that the City Clerk publish a notice of this in accordance with the City Policy
- 4) approve the Transfer Station Disposal Service Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the South Macomb Disposal Authority (SMDA), for the removal of solid waste as set forth in this agreement for a term beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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infrastructure discharges from the Cook Road Pump Station to the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District Grosse Pointe Interceptor, through the Milk River and Kerby pump stations and then downtown.

In a perfect world, a storm wouldn’t affect the sanitary sewer system at all, Public Works Director Michael Way said, but because of aging infrastructure in the Shores, its sanitary system has significant stormwater infiltration.

What changed the game for the Shores was its ability to discharge approximately two million gallons of the diluted sanitary sewage — categorized as such by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, according to Way, because it is mostly rain-

water that happens to be in a sanitary sewer — directly into Lake St. Clair by use of a normally closed output gate.

“(This) is permitted and allowed in extreme cases,” Way reported, adding the city also tried to open two passive output gates, but pressure from the height of lake water on the backside held them shut. “We don’t like to do it, but this was an extreme case that required it.”

If the city had been unable to pump into the lake, he said, the back-ups and flooding would have been far more significant.

As it stood, sewage water flooded inside the pump station to a dangerous level.

“We were about four inches away from the water affecting our electronics where we would have had to shut down the pump station,” Way added, “at which point we would have been

exactly like Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park.”

With the Shores’ pumps performing at full capacity — on top of the two regular automatic pumps, the city also ran one pump used specifically for storms and one portable pump that hadn’t been officially used in around 15 years — the outflow into the lake still was limited by how much the pumps could pump at once.

Nothing failed or went wrong, Way reported; it simply was too much water to be handled.

“EGLE requires pump stations to handle a 10-year, one-hour event,” he explained. “This was a 12-hour, 1,000-year event. There’s not a pump station anywhere that could handle this.”

In early June, Shores city council adopted an intent to issue approximately \$16 million in bonds for large-scale infrastructure work.

FLOOD:

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Advocate for our city at the county, state and federal level. I'm grateful that U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence accepted my request to visit Grosse Pointe Park to talk with city leaders, see the destruction and hear from residents.

Lauri Read: Water and sewer services are core functions of city government. We must demand a regional fix. We need a plan for short- and long-term solutions here in the Park and regionally. I am requesting a standing council agenda item on "water infrastructure" for the foreseeable future. This should be the No. 1 priority for our city and our region. I am asking for a separate task force that meets on a regular basis and is devoted solely to our water infrastructure. And, we must do more than talk about it; we need action.

Emergency communication and disaster planning are also core government functions and we have some work to do there as well. I sincerely hope that we never experience a disaster of this magnitude again, but we must have emergency plans and contingencies in place as if we will.

This will be my focus. To that end, I have already met with Dr. Bill Shuster, department chair and professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Wayne State University and Grosse Pointe Park resident. He had a long career with the EPA, has the necessary depth of knowledge and understanding of the problem and is committed to a regional solution.

Vikas Relan: No response at press time.

Jim Robson: Among other things, the region needs to know what happened at the GLWA Conner Creek and Freud pumping stations on June 25-26. I join with

Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller in calling for an independent investigation into why malfunctions occurred at those facilities. Why did several pumps fail? Did backup generators fail? Were GLWA workers unable to get into the pump stations? Were the stations understaffed?

Another important step is the installation of additional stormwater discharge pumps at Patterson Park. It is my understanding that permit requests were submitted to the state some time ago. Unfortunately the state has not yet responded.

Simply put, there must be a focused effort to prevent a recurrence. City council must come together and provide our city manager and administration the time and resources needed to address the city's significant infrastructure challenges. I firmly believe we have the right people on board and they are up to the task. Council must now give them a clear path and let them do their jobs.

I am happy to see that the entire council has been working tirelessly to assist citizens in the aftermath of this disaster. And I can't say enough about the selfless acts of support by so many citizens.

Council candidates

Brian Brenner: My education background is in chemical engineering. Moving fluids from A to B is a large part of this field, so I have some knowledge on the topic. First, we need honest reporting of failures at Conner Creek. That will guide where additional redundancies, further automation and/or upgrades can be implemented at Conner Creek. GPP is part of a large water system and our basements tell us that, despite the GPP portion of the system working, the system as a whole was a catastrophic fail-

ure. So we need a complete assessment of the water system as a whole from input to output: identifying critical control infrastructure, the capacities/flow rates at the control points, age and functional life of equipment and whether they are able to handle the volume of rain water we are now more frequently seeing. We have great community engagement specialists on council. We need to supplement that with members who are more "nuts and bolts" focused and will work toward getting infrastructure upgrades implemented.

Tom Caulfield: My platform focus has consistently been crisis management and our infrastructure needs. It is obvious that the GLWA cannot handle our capacity. It is my understanding that the state of Michigan has been stonewalling our application for diversion of water into Lake St. Clair. We need a professional assessment of our infrastructure needs. This assessment must include shortfalls of system management and our options to divert treated water into the lake versus our residents' basements (like we once had).

Council should be discussing if a collaborative approach to a solution would benefit surrounding municipalities (The Pointes, Detroit, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores). As a region, we may be able to leverage more resources to design a better system.

During a crisis, city council should support the city manager. Additionally, council should ensure that accurate information is disseminated to all residents and become a resource for the community to relay their needs.

Crisis management and infrastructure needs should have always been council's top priority. These recent events demonstrate what can happen with a lack of

focus and priority. Partisan politics and community division seem to have taken precedence. City council must support our city manager's continued focus on creating infrastructure solutions.

Christine Gallagher: The Great Lakes Water Authority failed miserably. We can no longer rely on them with the same trust as in the past. The Park must take self-reliant measures to reduce the effects of the massive storm surges we now see on a regular basis. This will include increasing our stormwater line capacity and seeking state permission for stormwater runoff. The Woods and Macomb County have already done this.

Furthermore, GLWA must be pursued with all possible legal means to reimburse our city and residents, and be forced to make the changes necessary to mitigate the June 26 lapses (generators, proper staffing, etc.).

Cease the misplaced priorities that plague the current council. Prioritize the basic needs that provide the quality of life our community demands. Stop micro-managing and give our city manager the authority to develop alternative ways to increase our stormwater line and pump capacities. Appoint an ombudsman to assist the many residents who need help with their claims. Know where our most vulnerable residents live. Protect the emergency call-in system from future failure and improve emergency communications. Demand better preparedness from DTE.

Residents now fear every storm. Our health, sanity and home values rely on getting this right.

Jeff Greer: The June 25-26 event was a backup of our storm and sewer systems, not a flood. It was not just a weather event. It was an infrastructure failure.

Because the damage we suffered on June 25 and 26 was more widespread than in 2016, I am deeply concerned the longer we wait to solve the problem, the worse it will become.

Our No. 1 priority must be the city's unseen infrastructure: water, storm and sewer systems. While we draft a long-term plan, we will also need to make short-term fixes that will hopefully prevent or mitigate the risk from another failure.

As a council member, I would insist on a full engineering discovery of existing sewer and storm systems with cameras and detailed main-by-main documentation, led by qualified experts. Smoke testing, which we have done in the past, is not enough. We need to know exactly where the system failed. I would also demand a standing agenda item for council to discuss storm and sewer service. This is an existential threat to the health, safety and financial well-being of our community. It needs to be treated as such.

Tim Kolar: No response at press time.

Darci McConnell: See above.

Max Wiener: The storm we faced was unprecedented and would stress any level of preparation, but clearly large-magnitude storms are becoming more fre-

quent and we need protections. Unfortunately, this event was a stark reminder of why our council needs to minimize distractions and focus on the core responsibility of infrastructure.

First, there needs to be accountability with GLWA in Detroit for their system failure. We need to know going forward we can rely on our suppliers and that necessitates establishing an audit plan.

Second, we must have backup discharge options the city controls. In the past we had our own discharge system at Fox Creek. We need to investigate bringing it back online or alternatively bridging our systems to allow release from our Patterson pumping station into the lake.

Third, we need an aggressive preventative maintenance schedule of our systems as well as tight emergency response plans, with established relationships to backup suppliers so we aren't scrambling to bring in support.

The city can initiate these efforts, bolstering our self-reliance in dire emergencies with help from council members. However, to be successful in these tasks we need qualified individuals on council that can bring relevant professional experience to these efforts.

EPA:

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structure, climate resiliency, we will always have the challenge of creating new jobs. We have an opportunity to address much of that as we move forward in addressing our infrastructure."

"Those options get a lot easier with support of our congressional delegation and this infrastructure bill," Duggan said.

"When we talk about the next steps, the president has asked for resources for cities all across the country," Regan said. "We need for the bipartisan framework to become a reality so EPA can distribute these funds so we cannot put Humpty Dumpty back together the same way every time, but build a climate-resilient infrastructure that protects people and creates jobs and protects our planet."

OUTFALL:

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ments. According to the presentation at the July 8 town hall, \$1 million worth of improvements were invested into the city's infrastructure after the event. Improvements included elevating transformer systems and non-submersible electric components within the Park's pumping station to avoid potential floodwater levels; upgrading instrumentation, alarm and monitoring, dual operating controls, pumps and backup power systems; smoke testing and reviewing the system to identify major inflow sources and evaluating the sewer system and relief possibilities. After 2016, under former city manager Dale Krajniak, extreme relief concepts were submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE, for review. The state ultimately stonewalled these concept review requests.

Five years later, an even more intense rainfall measured 7.88 inches of rain in 12 hours — according to City Manager Nick Sizeland, that's one quarter of the rain the Park gets in a

year — all in one night, with much of that being contained in a 4-hour period.

Residents aren't denying the storm's intensity; but they aren't willing to fall prey to it. Many demanded the city find ways to defend itself against looming storms that seem to happen every five years.

One of the solutions at the forefront of the Park's pursuit is something they've coined an extreme emergency relief valve, or EERV.

"The concept is that we would tie our sanitary sewer into the Patterson Park stormwater station," Sizeland said. "In the case of an extreme event that we needed to discharge, we would activate this device, allowing to discharge through Patterson."

"The city has been in pursuit with the state since roughly 2018 regarding this device and each time we have gone to the state, they ask us to look for other solutions to relieve ourselves, to which we have argued we don't have any," he added. "We have been given many diversions, or areas we need to investigate further, in order to actually have this relief line. Meaning, they're not denying us,

but they're making the task very burdensome in order to achieve. It is taking too long."

Sizeland said the state has expressed concern with outfalls discharging sewage into Lake St. Clair. The Park used to have an outfall at Fox Creek.

"Many many years ago, there was an agreement that the city of Grosse Pointe Park, the way that they built their system, could discharge (sewage) into Fox Creek and then it would go out into the lake," Sizeland said.

In the late '90s, the Park faced a lawsuit by Liddle & Dubin, PC. The suit required the Park to seal off the emergency relief valve in Fox Creek.

The other Pointes and surrounding communities have similar outfalls still in use. Sizeland hopes to present the EERV plan to the state again, since the most recent rain event, to show the state it may be the city's current best hope at processing heavy rainfalls.

OHM advisors have been assisting the city in flood mitigation tactics to pursue moving forward.

"The extreme emergency relief valve (EERV) — which would provide a gravity relief

point from the sanitary sewer system to the storm sewer system at Patterson Park — is one of a few options that have been studied in recent years," Patrick Droze of OHM said in an email. "While it is a viable option for management of extreme storms, we also identified boundary conditions that would limit its effective-

ness. We suspect that due to the intensity of rainfall at the June 25, 2021 event, the EERV as originally constituted would have provided limited relief through the full duration of the event since the storm system was severely surcharged. The data obtained during the most recent event is helping the team identify what design improve-

ments can be made to enhance effectiveness.

"... the City will be reaching out to EGLE and peer communities to identify additional ideas and shared system management strategies," Droze added. "While outfalls will likely be part of the solution, we will also look at the resiliency of the collection system."

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New to the block: Cheese Shoppe coming to the Woods

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Sisters Shannon Jones and Kelly Rose always shared the dream of bringing a specialty cheese shop to their hometown of Grosse Pointe.

The duo envisioned their business at 20551 Mack Ave., and decided when the building became available it would be time to start their own business.

Sure enough, the building went up for the sale and it was time to make their dream a reality.

"It felt blessed," the duo said about the building and its prior long-term occupants.

As soon as they stepped into the building the first



Sisters Kelly Rose and Shannon Jones are opening the Cheese Shoppe in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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time, they said, "We just knew."

The Mack building will be home to Cheese Shoppe, a specialty store that offers hand-cut cheeses, charcuterie

boards, savory pastries, candied nuts, dips, crackers and more.

Through their combined experiences, Jones as a chef and Rose in project management, the

sisters hope to complement each other's strengths as partners.

Their goal is to prioritize customer service and create not only a storefront but an experience

for everyone who walks through the doors.

The sisters have memories of visiting cheese shops on vacations and they wanted to bring the idea to their hometown of Grosse Pointe.

They said they are looking forward to introducing their customers to new cheeses and offering cheese education.

They both called Grosse Pointe home growing up and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. It's where their parents still reside.

Jones lives in the Farms with her family, including her husband who will offer his charcuterie expertise to the new business.

Cheese Shoppe is a

family affair. Their dad and brother are doing the build out and remodel and their mom is assisting in the accounting department.

They are planning on opening in late fall and are anticipating a positive community response as they have already heard the buzz surrounding the excitement of the store.

"We're really excited to bring the Cheese Shoppe to Grosse Pointe," Jones said. "Everybody loves cheese."

Cheese Shoppe will be located at 20551 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods. Keep up with Cheese Shoppe on Instagram @cheese_shoppegg.

Yoga Shelter moving to ground floor Business owners donate disinfectants

Filling a storefront once occupied by Jersey Mike's Subs and Pointe Electronics, the Yoga Shelter soon will relocate to the first floor at 17020 Kercheval.

Since 2008, the Yoga Shelter has operated out of a second-floor space in Kercheval Place.

"The City recently amended its ordinance that regulates business uses in The Village to allow these kinds of exercise facilities to (be) located on the first floor," City Planner John Jackson said, "subject to special-use approval and a number of specific conditions."

Among these, is a requirement that 30 per-

cent of the ground floor area along Kercheval Avenue be dedicated to active retail operations, in order to provide pedestrian engagement typical of first-floor retail in The Village.

Staffed during open business hours, additional clothing and accessories will be offered in the Yoga Shelter front space, available not just to those taking a class.

Conforming with a second standard, the business will be open during typical retail hours, generally 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"What we didn't want was businesses that were only open mornings or not open on the weekend, creating some voids

and gaps in the retail fabric in The Village," Jackson explained.

The new site also will include a hot yoga studio, Zen studio, bathrooms, dressing rooms and a shower room, the latter of which ensures the opportunity to freshen up after a workout and visit other Village businesses.

No changes are planned to the building's architectural features, facade or parking impact.

Both special-use and site-plan approval passed city council unanimously during its first meeting in the new Maumee council chambers Monday, June 21.

— Laurel Kraus

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Eco-Green Pure and SMT teamed up to donate more than 1,200 disinfectant products to Grosse Pointers and Detroiters to assist in clean-up efforts after last month's unprecedented flooding events.

Sheldon Wardwell and Jim Vogt, owners of Eco-Green Pure, started their business 12 years ago focusing on LED lighting, EV charging stations and solar glass.

Over a year ago they were approached by SMT Chairman and Grosse Pointer John Nicholson to start selling a disinfectant product that could be used in the organic growth market they started to serve.

Wardwell said little did they know the pandemic would hit in March 2020, and their new product would quickly be in high demand.

"It was exactly what was needed," Wardwell said.

The product is CLO2BBER. The disinfectant ships easily in a spray bottle with a packet of powder. Users add water and wait 30 minutes for the solution to oxidize.

"Spray it on and walk away," Wardwell said as he expressed the simplicity of the product.

It's 100 times stronger than bleach,

but is skin safe and safe to spray on food-contact surfaces.

It's on the EPA N-list as tested and effective against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, according to Eco-Green Pure's website.

When the flooding hit the community the weekend of June 25, damaging basements of homes and businesses, Wardwell asked himself, "What can we do to help all those people?"

That's when Eco-Green Pure and SMT decided to donate CLO2BBER, because the spray is effective against E. coli and other bacteria found in sewage, mold, mildew and other fungus.

They started by donating 40 cases of the spray bottle product to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Detroiters also had access to the product through donations made to the Jefferson East and Chalmers neighborhoods.

"We just think it was the right thing to do at the time for Grosse Pointers and Detroiters," Wardwell said.

Eco-Green Pure carries another SMT product that would help deodorize Grosse Pointe basements. The odor-eliminating gas is the CLO2BBERIZER.

Both CLO2BBER and CLO2BBERIZER may be purchased locally at Pointe Hardware & Lumber or online at eco-green-pure.com.



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"Those were great memories," Gardzella said. "Being able to solve cases, being able to work through them from beginning to end, see them through — that gave me a lot of gratification."

Two cases stuck out to Gardzella as his most memorable throughout the years: severe windstorms last summer and an armed robbery a few years back.

"We had over 300 9-1-1 calls in a matter of six hours," he said of the windstorm. He recalled managing three fire scenes on one block. From 7 p.m. through the night, officers worked throughout the community to keep storm damage at bay.

"It was good to see the officers in our department really working together," he added. "We were all over the city, following from one fire to the next. It was good to see our department work so well together and to work with the other officers in the Grosse Pointes."

The armed robbery took place at a business

on Mack Avenue in St. Clair Shores. Gardzella recalled seeing the subject and closing in on and arresting him.

"It was a great memory for me, to be able to see that subject and be able to take them into custody," he said.

From working in law enforcement, Gardzella gained a deeper appreciation for the value of people.

"I definitely think from law enforcement in general," he said, "I've learned to live with a sense of duty, to serve others, and I think that moving up through the ranks I've learned how to value other people, my coworkers and those working with me, and to lead while still (maintaining) a humble perspective."

As Gardzella leaves the department, he plans to spend the summer vacationing with family and will move into the private sector later this year.

"I think the timing is right," he said of his departure. "Over the years, this is a physically demanding job. I do have a few bumps and bruises from along the way. The timing I believe is right in our department. We have

some quality younger supervisors who can step up and take on this role.

"I'm grateful to the administration and the city and the public safety department for hiring and promoting me along the way, and allowing me to grow and fulfill this role," Gardzella added. "I believe God's been very gracious to me."

Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said Gardzella's retirement is bittersweet. He jokingly told Gardzella's wife: "We're trying to get him to stay a little longer."

"(He has) represented the department well with class and dignity," Kosanke said in a letter. "Officers who have hopes of attaining a leadership position have been able to look up to (him) as a fine role model. ... Through (his) contributions, this organization is more professional and efficient, providing the residents and visitors to this community a level of service second to none."

"I'm very happy for him and I've been very fortunate to have worked with him," Kosanke added.

Gardzella's final day with the department was Wednesday, June 30.

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Churches among those rebuilding in storm aftermath

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been a matter of weeks since the heavens opened and dumped several inches of rain on the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas. In some cases, basements and businesses took on several feet of water and multiple streets flooded from the storm.

Area churches also were affected by the rain event, including St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. In the aftermath of the storm, the church finds itself having to rebuild its ARK, a banquet and conference center.

"We have been told that among the Archdiocese churches that suffered flood damage, St. Ambrose is far and away the worst," said Peggy O'Connor, office manager/event coordinator at St. Ambrose. "While the church itself sustained very little damage, the basement under the church, as well as the rectory basement and the catering hall, the ARK, were very badly damaged. The ARK is almost a total loss, with tables, chairs, carpeting, appliances, wallpaper and the entire stock of kitchen items — flatware, plates, serving and food prep pieces — all damaged or lost. Storage areas in the basements were nearly 100 percent loss. Even the blower for the pipe organ also sustained damage, so the church organ cannot be used."

O'Connor said a number of items were destroyed by the rainwater, which caused so



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The ARK at St. Ambrose is almost a total loss.

much pressure against the back staircase to the church, it cracked the foundation wall and sent water cascading into the building. Lost items included copies of records, furniture, Christmas and Easter decorations, vestments, appliances, signage, tools, computers — including two new computers that were installed two months ago — and everything in the religious education office.

"Even the phone and HVAC systems were badly damaged," O'Connor added.

The church currently is working with claims adjusters and remediation companies on clearing out, cataloging and photographing damages and damaged

items in order to schedule repairs.

"The phone system still needs to be repaired and the air conditioning/heating have to be repaired in the church and in the ARK," O'Connor said. "The A/C in the office and the rectory was out from June 27 through July 6, but is now operational."

Despite the storm and the destruction it left behind, worship was not interrupted at St. Ambrose. In the short time since taking on water, the church has conducted baptisms, a wedding and a first Communion, as well as all of its scheduled Masses. Though its organ still is nonoperational, a piano is being used as accompaniment.

"Some estimates say that the ARK will be out of commission until January at the earliest," O'Connor said. "We should be able to use the basements again by August. There are, of course, things that will never be repaired or back to normal."

Fr. Timothy Pelc detailed in the church bulletin his experience watching the flooding unfold.

"As I approach my golden years as your pastor, it gave me some comfort to know that there was a legacy we built for the next generation," he wrote. "A



Several feet of water infiltrated the ARK at St. Ambrose.

chunk of that got wiped out in one night. Our insurances and disaster relief funds should help put us back in shape. The first-day estimate was well over a million and a half dollars — that number guaranteed to climb as big-ticket items like elevators, boilers and air-conditioning systems and kitchen appliances get evaluated.

"Losses such as this are painful, but they remind us that in this world we need to 'Hold lightly to the things of this world' (1 Corinthians 7: 29-31)," he added. "Praise to God that there appears to be no loss of life as a result of this occurrence that hit most of Wayne County. Our prayers extend to our neighbors and those other individuals who have been similarly affected by this epic flooding."

O'Connor said the parish has been wonderful in offering assistance.

"We have had offers to help clean up and offers to share information about clean-up companies, insurance companies, etc.," she said. "One longtime parishioner dropped off a lovely bouquet of flowers with a beautiful card, because she knew the pastor would be hurting. Fr. Tim has built a great legacy; he has been at the parish for 35 years and has transformed it from a parish that was nearly

closed to the gem it is now. It was quite a lovely and meaningful gesture as is typical of our amazing parishioners."

Unlike St. Ambrose, whose worship services were unaffected by the storm, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods not only had to move its worship outside, but had to close its building entirely after a portion of its roof collapsed from the weight of the rain.

The damage primarily affected the church's new building, but the city shut down the church until it passed inspection. As a result, parishioners worshipped in the parking lot Sunday, June 27, which they had grown accustomed to doing during COVID-19.

"This is another unexpected challenge and yet we will still do the mission God has called us to do and move forward in the assurance of his presence and grace," Pastor Sean Motley wrote to parishioners via Facebook.

Within days, a structural engineer examined the damage and approved the use of the church's older building areas, including the sanctuary. Though the new section of the building still is off limits, the occupancy ban officially was lifted Friday, July 9, and worship returned to the sanctuary Sunday, July 11.

"Unfortunately, it seems the original design of this roof section had flaws that led to this collapse," Motley said. "This section of roof will be redesigned to avoid any future failures."

He went on to point out how blessed the church is the incident happened around 2:30 a.m., when no one was in the building. He also thanked church members who have assisted in restoration efforts, from meeting with engineers and contractors to caring for the property.

"Although this is one more burden we must bear, we will be able to do so because we carry this load together as the body of Christ and our strength is not from within ourselves, but is from the Holy Spirit who has led this congregation through valleys to the mountaintops for the past 125 years," Motley said. "May God keep us and all who are working on the building safe, direct us in rebuilding and bless the ministry of First English as we continue to move forward in mission."

"... It's been a challenge to get to this point, but at least now we can start to move forward with the repair," he added. "It will be a long process and will have some ups and downs, but we have gotten this far by faith and will continue on."

A message of gratitude also was shared by Crosspointe Christian Church Senior Pastor Matt Swiatek, whose Grosse Pointe Woods church experienced a flooded basement due to the heavy rains.

"We are looking to replace some carpeting," he said. "We don't know when everything will be back to normal. Like everybody, it is a work in progress. We are grateful it is not as bad as it could've been."

And as of July 3, St. Clare of Montefalco Parish had begun the post-flooding restoration process. Fans, blowers and suction equipment were "strategically placed to maximize effectiveness," according to its Facebook page. "It will be a slow process, but we are seeing signs of improvement."



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Water had to be pumped from the basement of Crosspointe Christian Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe providing flood relief

An anonymous donor has given an initial gift of \$20,000 to provide direct aid to residents of the Grosse Pointes and the Jefferson-Chalmers

neighborhood. Christ Church is hoping to double that amount through its Loving One Another: Flood Relief initiative.

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be distributed evenly between the two communities.

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Founded 40 years ago

Forty years ago this June, Village Records & Tapes opened its doors in The Village at 17116 Kercheval. Although the store closed in the early '90s, its legacy has lived on through the Music on The Plaza concert series, which was created by co-owners John Denomme and George "Buzz" Young, as well as Joel Stone, the store's first employee. Pictured from left are Stone, Young and Denomme, as they celebrated the anniversary of the store's founding with 50 friends and former customers at Neff Park June 6. Although the concerts on the plaza have been on hiatus due to the pandemic, Main Street Grosse Pointe plans to bring the series back, keeping the tradition alive.

Create a personalized avian retreat

Bring creativity — and even a child or grandchild — to The Helm Wednesday, July 21, to paint a beautiful abode for local feathered friends at The Helm's Birdhouse Painting Workshop.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident and The Helm member Larry Sullivan

provides hand-built wooden bird houses for workshop attendees to paint, while his granddaughter, Catherine Poleski, helps guide and channel creative endeavors. Participants are welcome to take home their completed masterpiece — a welcome for neighborhood avian varieties

and a nice project to make memories with a child or grandchild.

The workshop costs \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. Price includes one birdhouse, as well as paints and brushes. Registration is required. Register online at helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

The Helm members and guests enjoyed a rousing game of croquet, made more challenging by the natural dips and thick grass on the front lawn.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HELM

The Helm hosts Barbecue on the Lawn

More than 40 members and guests enjoyed the first Barbecue on the Lawn at The Helm at the Boll Life Center Friday, May 21.

Attendees dined on

hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and ice cream while playing lawn games, including croquet and corn hole, and listening to live music.

A second Barbecue on the Lawn took place June 25. Two more are planned this summer: Fridays, July 30 and Aug. 27. Visit helmlife.org for more information.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

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

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's Singin' in the Streets—Broadway Bound, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Summer Storytime, all day Wednesday, July 21, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

- ◆ Nailed It! Animal Edition, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, via Zoom.

- ◆ Comedy Magic Fun with Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 22, via Zoom.

- ◆ Let's Play: Dungeons & Dragons, 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 22, via Zoom.

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, through Aug. 13.

- ◆ 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.

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

- ◆ 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.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 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.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

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.

Mini Picassos

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

- ◆ 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.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. The club's Passing of the Gavel event takes place at Neff Park. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. To join the meeting via Zoom, email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Men's Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park. Devin Scillian, WDIV-TV Channel 4 news anchor, speaks.

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. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisa.jonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

Lakeshore

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. Call (586) 218-6228.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at afdegrossepointe.org.

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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.

Sally Ann Duff

Sally Ann Duff, 73, passed away after a short illness Saturday, June 26, 2021, in Clearwater, Fla., where she lived the past two years.

She was born at Harper Hospital July 16, 1947, to her parents, Wilena and Robert J. Duff, both now deceased.

Sally was a 1965 graduate of Grosse Pointe University School and went on to earn her teacher's certification in 1969 from the University of Michigan, where she was a member of Sorosis Sorority.

Teaching in Detroit Public Schools several years followed, along with a stint at the Grosse Pointe News in 1973, as an associate in the editorial department where her sister, Kathy Duff (Rines), was a reporter.

A move to Washington, D.C., followed where she started her career with Time Magazine in advertising sales. A promotion to New York City followed where she entered the Time Magazine executive training program.

Sally enjoyed her participation in the Junior Leagues of Detroit and later, Greenwich, Conn., when she was with Time Magazine.

Following her retirement from Time Magazine and later the affiliate magazine, Changing Times, Sally moved to Del Mar, Calif. When the last of her three standard poodles died — she adored her dogs — she gave thought to where she wanted to live next. Always ready for a new adventure, in the last four years of her life, Sally moved to Oxford, Miss., and engaged in the university town life there. After two years, she moved to Florida since she joked she had “seasonal affective disorder” and needed more sunshine, especially since SAD were her initials.

Sally was an avid reader and researcher and developed a deep understanding of the food chain and was willing to participate in any educational outreach regarding the food chain.

Sally leaves her sister, Katherine Duff Rines;

and her two nieces, Jackie Rines of Los Angeles and Ellie Rines of New York City.

Sally will be interred in Elmwood Cemetery in the Duff family plot. She asked that there be no formal service, yet encouraged a celebration glass-of-wine toast by her friends, to her friends, after her passing. Sally's 74th birthday is July 16, which would be an appropriate date. For those who wish, donations may be made to the charity of their choice. If Sally's friends wish additional information, they may email kathyrines3@gmail.com.org.

Eugene T. Ignasiak

Eugene “Gene” Thomas Ignasiak passed away Friday, July 2, 2021, at age 97. He leaves behind his loving wife of more than 70 years, Dorothy Ann Ignasiak (nee Reckio); children, Susan, Michael, Gregory and Robert Ignasiak (Francine); and grandson, James Ignasiak. He also leaves behind several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Gene was born Dec. 22, 1923, in Detroit, to John Ignasiak and Anne Ignasiak (nee Mentlikowski). He was predeceased by his siblings, Florence, Bernard and Norbert.

Gene served as class president of 525 students in the graduating class of Northeastern High School in June 1941. After attending the University of Detroit, Gene enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from Sept. 21, 1942, to Dec. 24, 1945. He was aboard the PC 1260 and YAG 18, vessels deployed for convoy and other duties in the Caribbean and South Atlantic Seas. Gene had an Honorable Discharge as electrician's mate first class and received the Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. When telling about his Naval service, Gene always ended by saying, “It was an honor to serve.”

Gene began studies at the University of

Michigan, College of Engineering in February 1946. He graduated in February 1950, with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He worked in the automotive industry from 1950 to 1987. His employers were Packard Motor Car Co., Budd Co., Fisher Body and Ford Motor Co. During his 25-year tenure at Ford as a principal design engineer, Gene was presented with four major awards (i.e., a new car or the equivalent in U.S. savings bonds) for adopted cost-savings ideas not related to his area of responsibility. He was a member of the American Society of Body Engineers and the Edgard DeSmet Alumni Association.

A long-term resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Gene was actively involved in several community organizations. He served as president for the Association for Retarded Citizens Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods. He also was a lifetime member of the Scarab Club in Detroit for his photography. He was a member of American Legion Post 303 and the Patrol Craft Sailors Association. For more than 15 years, he and Dorothy enjoyed world travel as Nomads travel club members.

Gene is remembered as a devoted husband, father and grandfather who was committed to faith, family and his country. He will be dearly missed.

Funeral visitation was held July 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods, and included a special veteran's service conducted by American Legion Post 303. A funeral Mass took place July 8, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a burial service at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Condolences and memories may be shared at dignitymemorial.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boy Scouts of America Troop 330,



Sally Ann Duff

24036 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.

Dorothy Rosalie Kotz

Dorothy Rosalie Kotz, 100, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2021, in Roseville.

A resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, she was born March 5, 1921, in Hamtramck, to Casimir Majcherek and Pauline Majcherek (nee Lanicki).

Dorothy graduated from Felician Academy High School in 1939. She was the head accountant at the Detroit Yacht Club for many years.

She was past president of the Detroit Garden Club and an adult education tutor at Dominican High School, especially for those with English as a second language.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Ronald E. Kotz (Carol), Diane R. Pawlowski, Ph.D., and Lawrence J. Kotz (Joyce); sister, Mary Scott; brothers, John Majcherek and Francis Majcherek (Florence); nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Edmund J. Kotz.

Visitation takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Chas. Verheyden, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The funeral is at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, followed by interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Project Hope, 1416 Kensington, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Please make checks payable to Project Hope 1. Project Hope is a charity that helps families dealing with cancer.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Eugene Ignasiak

Claire Fisher Lauinger

Claire Fisher Lauinger, 83, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2021, after an extended illness. She was a former long-time Tulsan and wife of retired business publisher, Philip C. Lauinger Jr.

Claire was born in Detroit and moved to Tulsa in 1958, when she married her husband of 62 years, Phil. She was the daughter of Louis and Virginia Fisher of Grosse Pointe Shores, and the granddaughter of William A. and Lura M. Fisher of Detroit, and William J. and Jennie C. Nesbitt, also of Detroit. William A. Fisher was a founder of Fisher Body Co., which supplied motor vehicle bodies to General Motors Corp., beginning in 1910.

She attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart for elementary and high school, and graduated in 1958 from Georgetown Visitation College, Washington, D.C. During these years she became an accomplished bowler and field hockey player.

Claire became the extraordinary mother of four children, while in the same stride committing herself to a select number of community organizations, including Monte Cassino, Cascia Hall, Bishop Kelley schools, Meals on Wheels, the Junior League of Tulsa and her church communities of Christ the King Catholic Church and Holy Family Cathedral.

She also pursued the game of tennis, which quickly became her favorite sport. She made many friends on the clay courts of the Tulsa Tennis Club and was a fierce competitor who won and lost with equal grace.

In 1988, Claire was the family trailblazer in establishing a seasonal home at John's Island in Vero Beach, Fla. Again, tennis was her embarkation point to a new set of deep friendships she



Dorothy R. Kotz



Claire Fisher Lauinger

maintained many years. She also contributed substantially to the visual and performing arts in Vero Beach and was a longstanding board member for the Distinguished Lecturer Series at the Riverside Theater in Vero Beach.

Claire was known by friends everywhere, and especially by her husband and family, as unfailingly thoughtful and generous, intensely loyal and totally without pretension. She was simply herself, always and everywhere. She was the centerpiece and the heart of her family and was beloved by her 11 grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Phil, of Dallas; children, Philip III (Anne) of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Anne Reysa (John) of Austin, Texas, Mark (Allison) of Tulsa, Okla., and Jennifer Lofgren (Richard) of Plano, Texas; grandchildren, P.C. IV (Beth), Christopher (Liya) and Jake Lauinger, Natalie and Matthew Reysa, Sophie, Daley and Hayes Lauinger, and Claire, Allison and Joe Lofgren; great-grandson, Asher Lauinger; and sister, Anne Dingeman, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass took place Monday, July 12, at Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa, followed by a private burial at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org; or Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma, cceok.

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Cheryl Kristine Klun

Cheryl Kristine Klun, 71, passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2021. She was a resident of Roseville and former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods and Zionsville, Ind.

Cheryl was born March 29, 1950, in Two Harbors, Minn., one of four girls born to John D. Melovasich and Ingrid V. (nee Anderson) Melovasich, both now deceased.

In 1968, after graduating from Ely Memorial High School in Ely, Minn., Cheryl began her career with the U.S. Forest Service. In 1973, Cheryl married Robert T. Klun, her husband of 48 years, and in 1977 they moved to Midland, where they raised their three children. During this time, Cheryl began a second career as a teacher's aide and found joy helping others. Her two passions were her family and cooking.

Cheryl is survived by her husband; daughters, Jennifer L. Budek (Ryan M.) and Angela M. Marsden; son, John A. Klun; grandchildren, Sheylan M. Budek, Linnea G. Budek, Aleah C. Budek, Calisse R. Budek, Evan R. Marsden and Lyndi N. Marsden; and sisters, Bonnie L. Orak (Mike E.) and Lynne Vesel (Joseph J.). She was predeceased by her parents and sister, Denise J. Carey (Dave E.).

A memorial service will take place at 11



Cheryl Kristine Klun



Suzanne Linda Galnor

a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023, or diabetes.org; or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001, or alzfdn.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Suzanne Linda Galnor

Suzanne Linda Galnor (nee Foster), 75, of Marysville, passed away peacefully Friday, July 9, 2021.

She was born Sept. 7, 1945, in Highland Park, to Donald and Betty Foster.

Suzanne grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1963. She graduated from the University of Michigan in three years with an education degree and began her teaching career in 1966, with East Detroit Public Schools. She spent her

entire 43-year career in

elementary education in the district, teaching at Kantner Elementary School and then becoming principal of Pleasantview Elementary School after receiving her Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees from Wayne State University.

Suzanne was an active member and past chair of the Chapter AO of the PEO Sisterhood. She enjoyed shopping, reading, monthly birthday club lunches with her friends and spending time with family — especially visiting her grandchildren in Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Henry "Hank" Galnor; sister, Patricia "Patsy" Foster; son, Matt Galnor (Darcy); daughter, Christine Shigley (Scott); grandchildren, Anna Galnor, Claire Galnor, Avery Shigley, Kaly Heminger (Matthew) and Isaac Shigley (Allie); great-grandchildren, Claire Shigley and Liliana Heminger; sister-in-law, Arlene Hudson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Verheyden Funeral

Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by interment at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church columbarium garden, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be sent to Blue Water Hospice Home, 2795 Edison Ave., Marysville, MI 48040.

Memorials

Gary L. Brown

A celebration of life for Gary L. Brown will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A breakfast buffet will be presented from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the Honor Guard arriving at 1 p.m., followed by reflections of Gary's life from friends and family. Gary's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News April 2, 2020.

Robert James Sheehy

A memorial service for Robert James Sheehy will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by interment at the church's Memorial Garden. Robert's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Feb. 20, 2020.



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New Grosse Pointe Public Library Adult Librarian Stephanie Fazekas-Hardy.

GPPL hires new adult services librarian

Stephanie Fazekas-Hardy joined the Grosse Pointe Public Library as an adult services librarian. She is located at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

"Stephanie's experience will be a wonderful asset to the Ewald Branch," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "She's worked for the Detroit Public Library, the Pontiac Public Library, the Michigan Department of Corrections Library and as a graduate student assistant at the Purdy-Kresge Library at Wayne State."

A lifelong resident of Detroit, Fazekas-Hardy earned her master's degree in library science

from Wayne State University. She has published four children's books. The first book, "The Empresses' New Hair," was published in 2012. Since then she has published, "Like a Salad," "Dancing Monkeys in My Soup" and "Bush Baby, Bush Baby, Go To Sleep." Fazekas-Hardy stood out among a field of highly qualified candidates because of her energy, creative programming ideas and passion for service.

"I love learning," she said. "That's why I became a librarian. I want to cultivate a joy of reading."

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Public Library, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

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Mary Sue Stonisch, D.D.S., has been chosen by the AACD to represent Michigan.

To recognize and reward those who keep American lives functioning, safe and healthy, the Faircourt Dental Smile Studio will select one person from the Michigan nominations received by Sunday, Aug. 1, for a complete smile makeover.

"There are so many unsung heroes in Michigan who deliver smiles every day by their everyday actions," Stonisch said. "We want to share their stories and reward someone with what we do best — create beautiful smiles."

Everyone knows people who are genuinely good — servicemen and women, police and firefighters who risk their lives to protect and save, grocery workers who keep people fed,

teachers keeping children educated online, neighbors who check in to make sure others are all right, mail and package carriers who deliver the world, healthcare professionals protecting all and so many others.

Community members can help those special people get some of the recognition they deserve by nominating someone who stands out and goes up and above with gracious gestures large and small.

Candidates must be 18 or older, live in Michigan and make people smile. Nominators should share a brief story about their hero, with video or photos if possible. Submit nominations by emailing thesmileartist@comcast.net.

Nominations are open through Aug. 1. A complete smile makeover will be awarded to the most creative and compelling nomination, customized to the winner's needs. The American Hero smile award will be announced at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. The winner will be notified via phone.

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Charity softball game set



The Regina High School softball alumnae take on the Warren Fire Department Aug. 5.

The Warren Fire Department and Regina High School softball alumnae are gearing up for the second annual Red Lights vs. Saddlelites charity softball game Thursday, Aug. 5. The first pitch will be thrown at 6 p.m. on Regina's softball diamond, 13900 Masonic Blvd., Warren.

Along with the game, the event

includes raffles, concessions, a dunk tank and more. All proceeds benefit the Warren Fire Department Smoke Detector Giveaway Program and Regina students.

Tickets are \$15 at the gate, \$10 in advance online at reginahs.com/charitysoftballgame/. Children younger than age 8 are admitted free. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

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Grosse Pointe has heart(s)

Nearly 70 larger-than-life hearts may be found throughout the Grosse Pointes as part of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s 2021 community public art project, “The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe.”

Maps of where the hearts are located are available at the chamber, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Of those displayed, 29 hearts will be up for auction during the chamber’s Heartbeat Cocktail Party & Auction, set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$75 per person. Call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 for tickets.

For more information, visit grossepointechamber.com/chamber-committees/chamber-foundation/the-heartbeat-of-grosse-pointe/

Awesome Mitten releases Michigan summer bucket list

What makes the Great Lakes State so great? Awesome Mitten has more than a few ideas to share with those looking for adventure this summer — or those hoping to discover a few hidden gems across Michigan.

Awesome Mitten created a bucket list, #MIAwesomeList, that includes at least one hidden gem item from every Michigan county.

To make this a truly enjoyable and stress-free activity — perfect for families, couples or individuals — each bucket list item includes a day-trip itinerary, highlighting a few of the best activities in the area, along with places to grab a bite, an ice cream cone or a cup of coffee.

“I’m so excited for people to get out and make memories with #MIAwesomeList this summer,” said Leah Heffner, one of the owners of Awesome Mitten and the host of #MIAwesomeList. “At Awesome Mitten, we are all about helping people fall more in love with Michigan. One way we’re doing that is by mining the hidden gems from across the state and creating no-stress day-trip itineraries to get out and explore Michigan over the summer.”

“What’s great about #MIAwesomeList is that you can do a couple of things off the list or see how many you can complete over the course of the summer,” she added. “Either way, you’ll be traveling some of the less-beaten paths all over Michigan and falling more in love with our great state along the way.”

#MIAwesomeList kicked off May 31, runs through Aug. 23, and features more than 100 summer bucket list items. It is completely free to get the bucket list and throughout the summer there will be opportunities for swag and prizes. Those interested can sign up for the complete list, including maps and itineraries, at awesomemitten.com/miawesomelist/.

#MIAwesomeList is hosted by Awesome Mitten, a website dedicated to helping people fall more in love with Michigan. AwesomeMitten.com has 100,000 visitors a month and more than 300,000 followers on social media.

“We know people are ready to get out and explore Michigan this summer,” Heffner said, “and we are so excited to help them do that with #MIAwesomeList.”

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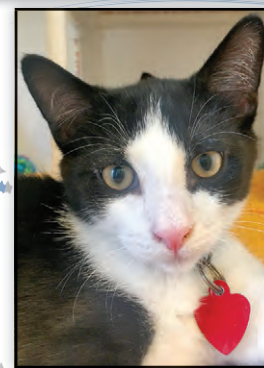
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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

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My girlfriend, who'd been traveling, lost track of what day it was and was surprised when I showed up on the usual night I come cook her dinner. She was happy to see me but said she needed to finish this one "urgent work email." How nice. Dinner would get cold while she took forever. Instead of getting started in the kitchen, I sat down angrily on the couch. "What's wrong?" she asked. I said, "I'll just sit here till you're ready!" She got angry, saying that I should have just asked her how long she'd be or told her I felt bad. She then went on about how I have a "toxic habit of this sort of "passive-aggressive" behavior, and I need to stop "acting out" before it ruins our relationship. I love her and don't want to lose her. Help!

—Doghouse

There will sometimes be reasons you are unable to communicate using the spoken word: Your jaw is wired shut. You are gagged with duct tape. A wizard has turned you into a cocker spaniel.

Otherwise, when you'd like another person to do something, it's best not to express this to them in code: "I want you to meet my needs -- right after you guess what they are!"

Passive-aggressiveness is a kind of coded communication -- a form of "indirect speech," which is a way of saying something without flat-out saying it. The term "passive-aggressive" was coined by a military psychologist, Colonel William Menninger, during World War II. He used it to describe soldiers who -- instead of saying no to a direct order (hello, ugly

consequences!) -- wiggled out through "passive measures" including "procrastination, inefficiency, and passive obstructionism."

Menninger's term was useful in military memos because, as historian Christopher Lane puts it, the army couldn't exactly issue a directive against "pouting." However, there was no research to support it as anything more than a tactic in a certain situation -- as opposed to a "personality disorder" a chronic, genetically driven pattern of maladaptive thinking and behavior.

Yet, in the 1950s, a group of psychiatrists writing the mental disorders bible, the DSM (edition I), took a big, unscientific leap. They willy-nilly added passive-aggressiveness to the list of personality disorders in the book -- perhaps because without an official "disorder" label (and diagnostic codes that go with), health insurance companies

wouldn't pay therapists to treat it.

But consider the weaselly, "passive-aggressive" tack those soldiers took. Though their indirect approach to getting their way was militarily unhelpful, it was anything but "maladaptive" for them personally. It allowed them to avoid both court-martial and getting shot at -- or to stay in bed "sick" instead of going all "10-4!" on scrubbing the grout in the latrines with their toothbrush.

In other words, indirect communication like theirs is often *adaptive*, meaning highly useful -- a form of diplomacy. As I pointed out in a recent column, per psychologist Steven Pinker, it's a crafty way to communicate a potentially inflammatory message without causing offense the way baldly stating one's feelings would. For example, there's the social relationship-preserving hint about table manners, "Wow, you're

really ENJOYING that risotto!" instead of the more honest "GROSS! You eat like a feral hog on roadkill!"

The thing is, avoiding causing offense can go too far, like when it's driven by a long-held and unexamined belief that you're offensive simply by existing and having needs. Understanding that, explore the root of your own passive-aggressive behavior. My guess? It's fear of conflict, or rather, of the results of conflict. Granted, at some point, it was probably protective for you to avoid conflict -- and the direct engagement that could lead to it -- like if you had a volatile and abusive parent. However, as an adult, indirect communication should be a tool you use when it suits the situation, not a behavior you robotically default to.

Next, while ignoring the protests of your fears, express your needs and/or feelings to the other person

with healthy directness: "Hey, can you guesstimate how many minutes till you're done with your work?" and maybe add "I have a special dinner planned, and I don't want it to get cold."

Admittedly, some conflicts end up in gridlock, which means you won't always get what you want. However, you're far more likely to get your needs met if you don't just fester with resentment or turn every relationship interaction into an intricate game of charades: "Sorry, honey. Still don't get it. Are you angry or doing a rain dance?"

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Remote work wins, despite management

Employees return to work in the office, but management is less than happy. Businesses recently reaching out to consultancy Seyfarth at Work for training and management solutions report being distressed at many of the behaviors they now see. The workplace has not returned to business as usual, nor will it. Employees who switched from in-office to remote work have become accustomed to their newfound freedom: They worked in the privacy of their own homes, created their most favored work schedules and got their work done as it was assigned. But they made an important discov-

ery in work hibernation: They became in charge of their time, work style, social needs and any breaks they deemed necessary to remain productive and happy. Yes, happiness and joy are now high on their list of important factors for returning to the office for a job. And why shouldn't they demand the culture that suits them if their work is accurate and completed on time?

Philippe Weiss, attorney and president of Seyfarth at Work, has received numerous calls from clients shocked by their returning employees' new attitudes. Management apparently thought remote workers would return to work as

usual; this is not the case as they wished. Privacy is no longer as highly valued nor as fully respected. Employees are bringing their work-at-home freedom to the office by engaging in social chatter, banter, sarcastic remarks, joking, invasive personal questions and stories that, pre-COVID-19, would have been whispered on the down-low only to their special work friends. The private weekend experiences are now brought to light for all to hear, including coworkers who don't wish to hear them. So, Weiss and his national team of attorney consultant-trainers had to respond quickly with an action plan.

"Now, business owners are wondering if hosting their traditional employee summer outing is as prudent a choice as in prior years," says Weiss. If the raucous employee behavior of the office increases once outside, the liability may not be worth the risk. What has been necessary is a reorientation where all employees are treated as something akin to newbies and reacclimated to professionalism norms.

Weiss offers management easy-to-follow tips for office behavior; among the most important is to be (reasonably) patient. Employees have had a year-and-a-half of remote work and independence, so it's unrealistic to expect employees to snap back into your rigid behavioral expectations, not now, and perhaps never exactly as before COVID-19. (However, any repeated, severe or complained-about conduct should be addressed immediately.) Leaders should hold meetings to talk about respecting the company's clients/customers, as well as their co-workers and urge employees to curtail offering their gut-level opinions in open discussions. Social interactions should be polite when voiced openly; conversa-

tions at work should be positive, respectful and offer emotional safety for all. Employees will need some time to redevelop a rapport with their bosses and coworkers within the office. Additionally, managers will do better in managing as they develop their empathy, social skills and ability to clearly explain and focus on the latest performance expectations.

Weiss suggests interactive trainings to provide employees the opportunity to discuss and agree on best practices and positive language choices. He says returning to work will affect managers as much as employees, and some may leave their positions, willingly or unwillingly, if they cannot adjust to a more diplomatic approach to leadership and to supervising hybrid (remote and on-site) teams. The newfound freedom among employees will require managers to become real leaders, not the punitive micro-managers of yesterday. He has also found most employers amenable to mix each workweek between remote work and work in the office, depending on the company's needs for the various jobs.

Recent studies show happiness is now the most

important job feature for employees because: 1) They stay in their positions four times longer, which reduces turnover losses; 2) they provide 12% higher productivity; 3) they commit twice as much time to the jobs; and 4) they have 65% more energy than unhappy employees.

In addition to recreating a company culture suited to the new expectations of employees, companies must continue to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere at work to protect against outbreaks of illness. This new role for human resource departments may induce companies to reinstate the once-popular position of "human relations representative."

Despite the tragic events caused by the COVID-19 shutdowns, what may emerge is a newer, more positive view of corporations and organizations in America.

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Expectant mom wants to scale back Christmas celebrations

DEAR ABBY: I just found out I'm pregnant with our third child, a "surprise" baby. We're due Christmas week, but we're scrambling to

get our already stretched finances in order. We're trying to cut back on expenses by taking no vacations this year, budgeting food

expenses and embracing second hand and hand-me-downs.

I told my husband I'd like to forgo giving the adults' Christmas pres-

ents this year. We have a large extended family

with multiple kids, and it's a strain anyway. He was upset and said he would rather keep giving the presents, even though it could save up to \$2,000. Add that cost and the giving birth/new baby cost, and it's just too much.

I took the stance that we're all parents now with financial responsibilities, some are retired and don't need anything (my parents' favorite refrain), and some are financially strained because of job problems from COVID. Focusing only on the kids just makes sense. What do you think? -- DELIVERING ON CHRISTMAS

DEAR DELIVERING: I agree that it's not only time to trim your gift list, but also necessary. With the new baby arriving during the Christmas holidays, his or her needs must take priority, at least this year and probably longer. Make sure the adult relatives know well in advance and there should be no hurt feelings.

DEAR ABBY: I am a very fortunate 60-year-old male. I have a wonderful life, great kids, I'm a new grandfather and I'm recently retired. I think I am a happy and overall positive person.

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Dear Ann Landers: After reading the letter from "Dog Lover in N.Y.," I had to write. "Dog Lover" was amazed that her friends had shelled out \$750 to put their dogs in doggie camps. You responded with a quote from your grandmother, "Dogs should be with dogs, and people should be with people." Thankfully, the thousands who work with and benefit from pet-assisted therapy don't share your grandmother's views.

When my mother suffered a severe stroke, I put my dog, Kadie, in an airline carry-on bag and flew to my parents' home. Mom's crooked smile told me she was glad to see me, but her eyes reflected anxiety. When Kadie started to lick Mom's face, I saw hope and happiness come back into her eyes.

I then joined a local volunteer organization called Paws Across Texas. Kadie and I work as a registered therapy team, visiting nursing homes and hospitals. I

Classic Ann Landers

witnessed a hardened street kid turn into a caring child when he gave my tired dog a drink of water out of a paper cup. I saw a handicapped person bury her face in the dog's fur and laugh with delight. And I've seen how it brightens the

day of lonely seniors in a nursing home when Kadie cuddles next to them in bed. -- L.A. in Euless, Texas

Dear L.A.: Get out the wet noodle. My grandmother was wrong. The beautiful, warmhearted letters from dog lovers have convinced me that a dog can indeed be man's best friend..

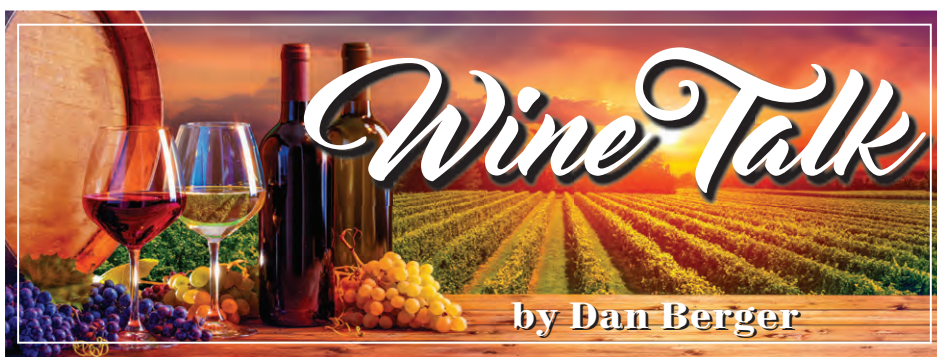
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couldn't really afford it. Am I wrong to feel cheated, or was Mary right to make me take the loss on the tickets? Please respond in the paper. -- Nameless in N.J.

Dear N.J.: Mary treated you shabbily. If she asks you again to get tickets from Harry, I hope you tell her, "Sorry, no" -- and stick to it.

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Winefluencers

On the old Jack Benny radio show in the 1940s, a continuing character played by the actor Sheldon Leonard was a racetrack "shill," who always spoke in a hushed tone.

The shady character would suggest to Benny that he bet on a horse "in the third (race)," usually starting his pitch with, "hey, bud," and ending his "sure thing" tip with the last line: "Trust me." The racetrack tout's tip often ended badly for Benny.

This came to mind the other day when I read a social media post with comments from a young, attractive woman who had attended a winery event. In a photo of herself holding a glass of the winery's chardonnay, she suggested that it was one of the best she had ever tasted.

This woman was like the racetrack tipster, offering a suggestion on a "great" wine. What wasn't said was that she was paid by the winery to post that "opinion." Nor did the social media post give any indication of her wine qualifications, if any.

(Other than being attractive and vivacious.)

I got the impression that this woman's job was equivalent to a vegetarian reviewing a steak house.

This young woman calls herself a wine influencer (winefluencer?), and from what I gather, these people are compensated by wineries or marketers for doing advertorials for wines on social media sites. The aim is to get people to buy the wines.

Does it work? I dunno, but some wineries think it does. They are hiring these people. It's sort of like a chardonnay winemaker telling you that "the best chardonnay you'll ever taste is mine." There's as much veracity here as there is with a South Florida land salesman.

But then, think about other wine advice you may be exposed to. I once knew a man who ran a successful wine shop in San Diego. One day, I heard him recom-

mend a particularly mediocre chardonnay to a woman who asked for advice. After she left, I said: "Hey, that was an odd choice."



He said: "I got a ton of that stuff, and I need to move it."

The mere existence of winefluencers seems to validate that, in this information age we live in, some widely disseminated "facts" are little more than lies dressed up to sound valid. Think politics. Or TV-hawked "miracle" drugs.

But at least with the drugs, they usually come with warnings about side effects. Some even suggest that that one side effect is death. Influencers are guided by no ethics principles, which you would think might backfire on wineries who hire these shills.

Clearly, I'm a skeptic when it comes to the benefits of hiring such folks, but I understand how a handsome visage and an enthusiastic voice saying nice things

about your latest pinot gris might be better on a social media page than nothing.

So, is there a better way for influencers to have a real-world impact than simple enthusiasm for a sweet rosé or a flavored cider? Perhaps.

To me, it might sound a little less artificial if the winefluencer were to state factual material, not just animated gushing.

Instead of saying, "You'll love this," wouldn't it work more effectively if the comment was: "This terrific Xyz Zinfandel just got a gold medal at the county fair wine competition, and I love it!"

Yes, it still sounds a little like Sheldon Leonard offering Jack Benny his racetrack tout's "can't miss" tip, but at least it's based on something factual.

Wine of the Week: 2020 Barnard Griffin Rosé of Sangiovese, Columbia Valley (\$11): One of the most reliable slightly sweet pink wines you can find, this tasty patio sipper has raspberry and strawberry aromas and good mid-palate flavors. Often seen under \$10..

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Zucchini and Corn Cakes

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My last visit to the farmer's market yielded plenty of zucchini, corn and basil. Zucchini is not my family's favorite, at all. Little do they know that I grate it into most meatballs, spaghetti sauce and burgers when they aren't looking. However, this is the dish that they know it's there and they can't get enough! My son eats them so fast there have been several fights about who gets the last one. The corn is crisp and the cheese and herbs gives them a really well rounded depth of flavor. These have very little flour but the egg helps them come together perfectly. I hope you enjoy them as much as we do. One

friendly word of advice, use a splatter screen if you have one. Sometimes the corn pops. We used the copper Mauviel paella pan from Atelier on Kercheval. It's a pan for many things aside from paella.

- 2 large zucchini
- 2 ears of corn
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp flour
- 2 tbsp grated parmesan
- 2 tbsp chopped basil
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

4 tbsp olive oil

Chives for garnish

In a large bowl, cut the kernels off the ears of corn. Next, using a box grater, grate the zucchini. Put the grated zucchini in a kitchen towel and squeeze out any excess water and add to the corn. Add all remaining ingredients to the bowl and gently mix together. Add oil to a hot pan and drop large spoonfuls of the batter in to form the cakes. Brown in batches until crispy, about 2-3 minutes per side. Garnish with fresh chopped chives.

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
"A Brilliant Young Mind"
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"Just what we need, another movie about a genius," you might be saying to yourself. Well, rest assured, this is not your typical film about tortured souls, mad inventors, and brilliant WWII code breakers. "A Brilliant Young Mind" is a very personal and touching portrait of an exceptional young boy.



In this film, Asa Butterfield masterfully plays Nathan Ellis, a British teen that has autism. He has a difficult time relating to other humans, the exception being his father. The two have a special bond and there is a delightful series of flashbacks where we witness the two of them interacting naturally. However, when his dad is killed in a car accident, his life is thrown into turmoil.

A few years later, it's discovered that Nathan is a brilliant math wiz. And, as luck would have it, an eccentric teacher comes to his rescue. Martin Humphreys (Rafe Spall), a former math champion,

takes Nathan under his wing. He helps coach him to compete on the British team in an upcoming international math competition.

During the competition, Nathan befriends Zhang Mei, Chinese girl his age. As you'd expect, Nathan, while he's attracted to Zhang Mei, is not sure how to deal with his emotions. He's equally awkward with his mother, sensitively played by Sally Hawkins. One of the characteristics of his autism is his fear of human contact—which is almost painful to witness at times. She has to restrain herself not to mother him too much, which includes not giving him hugs.

I thought this was a thoughtful portrait of a troubled genius, devoid of all the usual Hollywood clichés. I also can't think of another group of actors who could have created a film this powerful. As an aside, the movie was originally titled "X Plus Y". Wise choice in renaming it. I can't think of anyone who isn't a math nerd who'd be drawn to a film with that title.

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★★★★☆

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!

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From left to right, Asa Butterfield as Nathan Ellis and Jo Yang as Zhang Mei.

DEAR ABBY:

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Most people would be thrilled to have my life.

However, I can't seem to stop crying. I tear up at the end of every sad or romantic movie. I choke up when I'm around my loved ones, and it is only getting worse. I wonder if it is because of pain I experienced in my past (deaths of loved ones, divorce, etc.) or fear about the future. Do you have any insight based on your experience? -- TEARING UP IN OHIO

DEAR TEARING UP:
 The death of loved ones can make a person increasingly emotional. Being able to express emotion is a gift, not a disability. You may simply be a sensitive individual, but because

you say this is "only getting worse," it might benefit you to discuss what's going on with your physician or a licensed mental health professional who can put your concerns to rest.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-girlfriend and I have been good friends for the past five years. Even though our relationship didn't work out, I still want to be there for her as a friend. My ex isn't that financially responsible, nor is her family, and she keeps asking me for bailouts. I have loaned her thousands of dollars since our breakup, Abby.

I am of two minds about this. Part of me feels I'm being taken advantage of. However, the other part of me knows she doesn't have many friends and, because I believe in karma, I tend to help

those in need. Please tell me what I should do. Should I continue helping or let her fail? -- LENDING A HELPING HAND

DEAR LENDING:
 There is a point after which "helping" becomes enabling. You reached that milestone years ago. It's time to let your ex-girlfriend suffer the consequences of her financial irresponsibility so you can focus on helping people who won't take advantage of your generosity.

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Weekly Horoscopes

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 15, 2021:

Home and family are important to you. You are sensitive and caring. You are detail-oriented because you are observant and analytical.

In a nine-year cycle, this is your nine-year, which means you are wrapping up things you have been involved with for the past nine years. It's time to let go in order to prepare for your new cycle next year.

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 (March 21-April 19)

Today you feel sympathetic with a family member, especially a parent.

Something within you feels the need to help a relative or listen to their concerns. Or you might want to cocoon at home. Tonight: Be patient with others.

TAURUS
 (April 20-May 20)

Today you are more sensitive to your environment. You might wish that you could make improvements or help make things better. You also might spend time daydreaming. Tonight: Be clear about what you want.

GEMINI
 (May 21-June 20)

When it comes to money and your possessions today, one of two extremes might occur.

You might want to share what you have with someone who is less fortunate. Or you might want to spend money on gorgeous, luxurious items. Tonight: Be patient with kids.

CANCER
 (June 21-July 22)

Your ability to tune in to the nuances and subtle feelings of those around you is strong today. (You're picking up acid rock through the Mercury fillings in your teeth.) Because of this sensitivity, you will sense if someone needs your help. Tonight: Listen to family.

LEO
 (July 23-Aug. 22)

You will be happy to find some quiet moments today to enjoy some peace and quiet and relax. Or you might choose to explore yoga, meditation or some kind of quiet contemplation. You also might be happy to have an afternoon nap. Tonight: Be clear in your communications.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A friend or a group might inspire you to become involved in charitable activities with others. You might work with a friend to help someone in need. You also might volunteer your time to an organization that promotes the welfare of those less fortunate. Tonight: Be careful with money.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

With the Moon in your sign today, you feel more emotional than usual. Meanwhile, the Sun at the top of your chart will call attention to you in a positive way. People see you as charismatic, caring and compassionate. This is why you might be approached by someone who needs help. Tonight: Don't argue with authority.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your idealism is aroused today, which is why you might want to help people in another country. This same influence also can heighten your appreciation of beauty, which is why you will enjoy museums, art

galleries and the arts and crafts of others. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Although you might be focused on shared property, inheritances and the wealth and resources of others today, you will feel gratified if you can do fundraising or steer resources and money to an area where they are really needed -- perhaps the needs of children or suffering animals. Tonight: Clarify shared property.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A discussion with a partner or close friend will be sensitive and mutually receptive today. You will feel that you can be candid and honest with this person and, in turn, they will reciprocate and be candid and honest with you as well. Tonight: Best to listen.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If possible, you will use your influence at work to help a colleague or lend a sympathetic shoulder for someone to cry on, because you are more tuned in today. And because you are more tuned in, you see how some people might be anxious or suffering. Tonight: Don't argue.

PISCES
 (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today you are in touch with your muse, which is why this is an excellent day to be involved in the arts or to express your creative talents. Romance will be idealistic. You also will feel sympathetic and caring about the needs of children. Tonight: Watch for financial errors.

BORN TODAY

Actor Alexander Calvert (1990), actor Forest Whitaker (1961), actress Diane Kruger (1976).

Contract Bridge

DETECTIVE WORK WORKS WELL

North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 10 8 2
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ J 6 3

WEST
 ♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ A K 10 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

EAST
 ♠ —
 ♥ 10 9 6 2
 ♦ Q J 8 7 3
 ♣ K 10 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K J 9 7 4 3
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A 9 5

The bidding:
North East South West
 Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Bridge is not what you'd call a guessing game. When you have a problem, there is usually a way to figure out the right answer. There are very few guessing situations in bridge where there isn't at least a smidgen of a clue to steer you in the right direction.

Take this case where South is in four spades and West leads the K-A of diamonds. Declarer ruffs and notes that he will almost certainly lose two

clubs, so that to make the contract he must avoid losing a trump trick.

This doesn't look like much of a chore, since the trumps are likely to be divided 2-1, but if South is by nature a cautious soul, he makes allowance for the possibility of a 3-0 trump division. This matter cannot be ignored, since if the spades are actually divided 3-0, the trump loser can still be avoided by initiating the suit correctly.

Thus, if West has the Q-6-5, the lead of the king exposes the situation and wipes out West's potential trump trick, while if East has the Q-6-5, starting the trumps by cashing the ace first similarly overcomes the potential trump loser.

How does declarer resolve the question of whether to play the king or ace first? Obviously, he doesn't just mentally toss a coin; he starts by looking for clues instead.

There is a strong indication that West is unlikely to have a spade void. With the A-K of diamonds and one or two of the other missing honor cards, plus a void in spades as well, he might have overcalled or doubled for take-out at his first turn to bid.

Declarer therefore plays the king of spades at trick three and is rewarded for his caution when East shows out, rendering West's queen worthless.

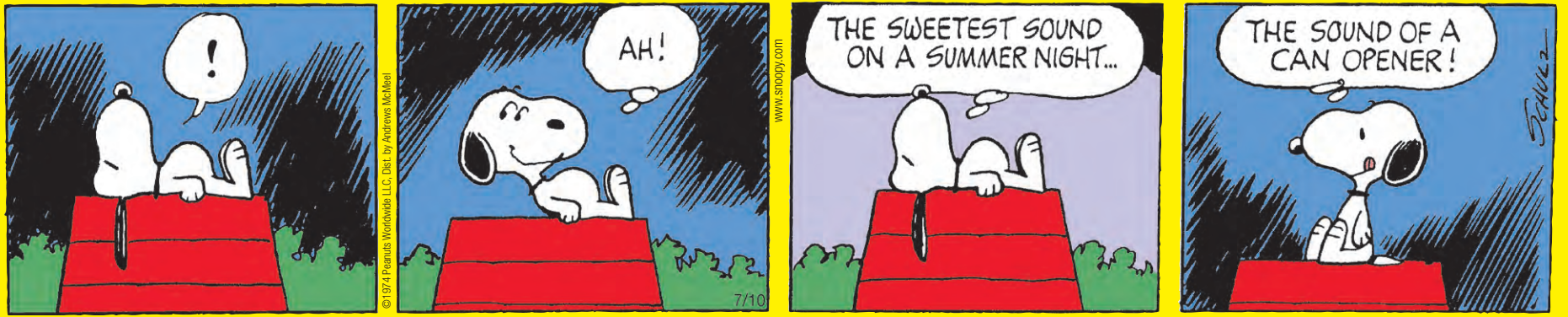
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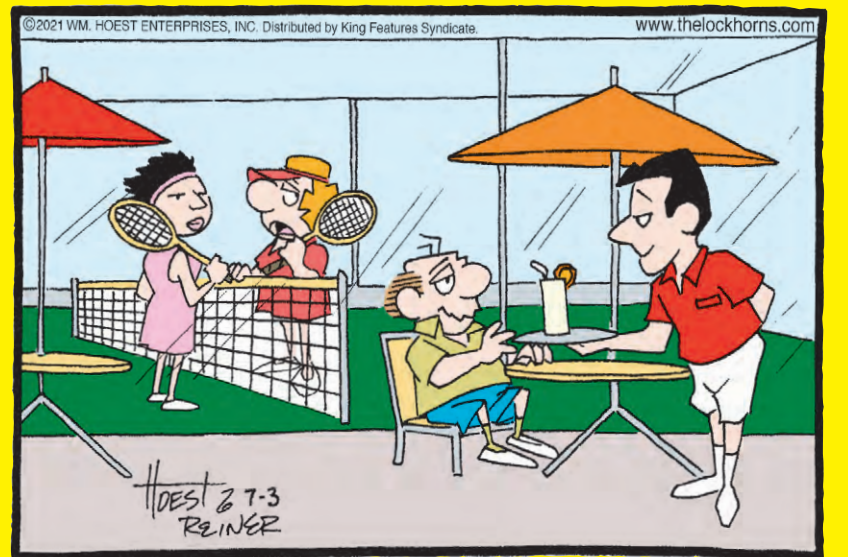
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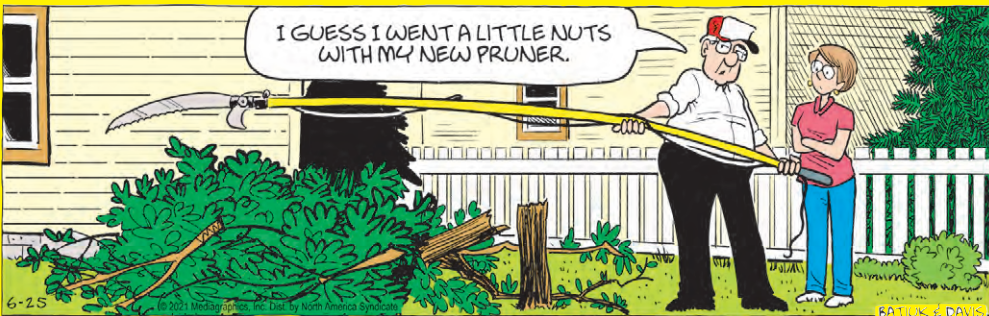
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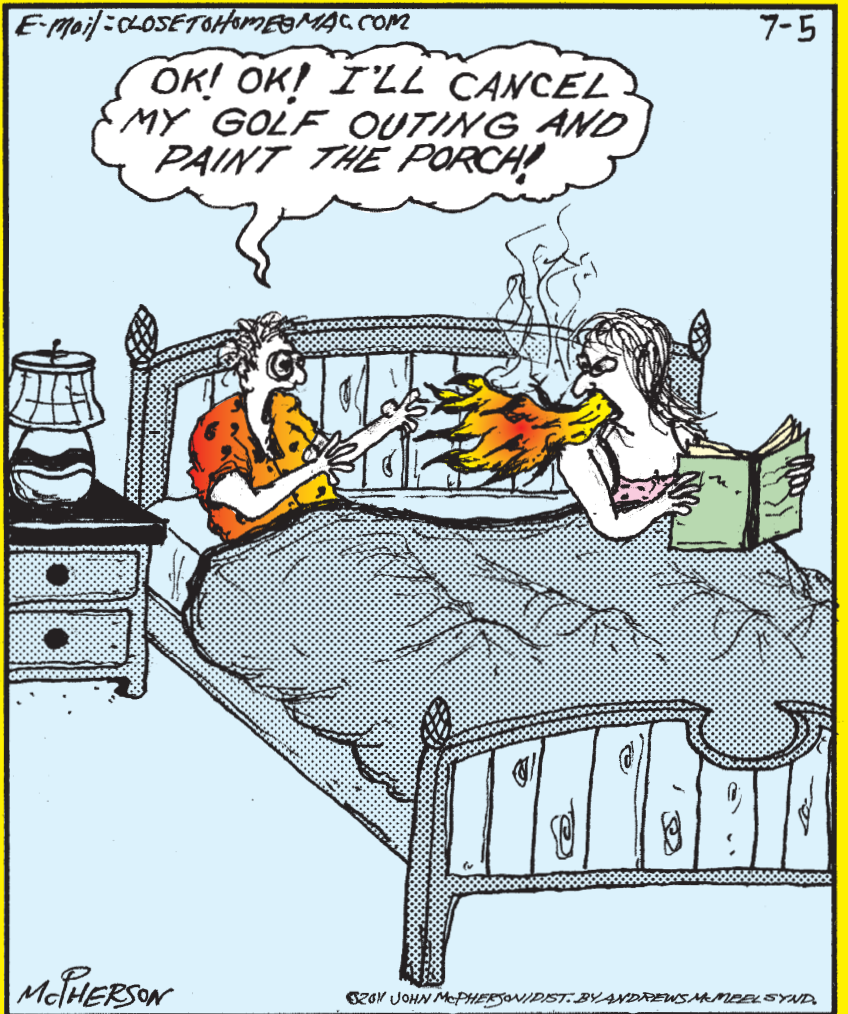
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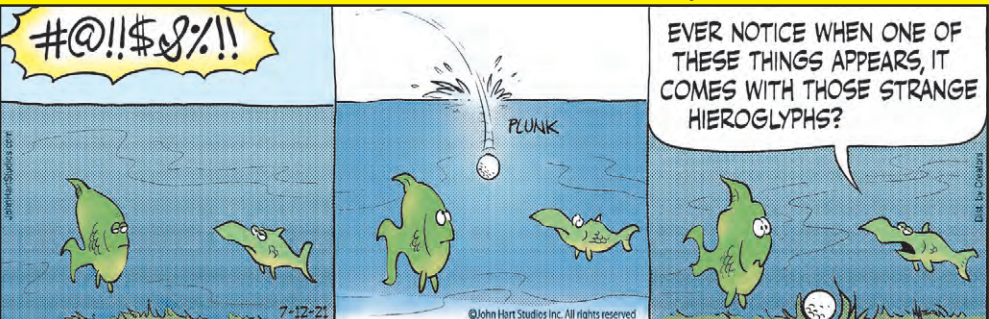
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The team from the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League took the District championship in 12U and advances to the state tournament. From left are Sam Van Culin, Tommy Rutherford, Jack Leonard, Matthew Bartoszewicz, JT Ricci, Brady Magee, Drew Brown, Charlie Bedsworth, Brody Vinyard, Charlie Michelotti, Will Gryzenia, Drew Hess and Charlie McPartlin. The team was coached by Mark Brown, Jay Ricci and Matt Vinyard.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM LINDOW

The 12U team of Grosse Pointe Little League softball won the district championship and currently is competing at the state tournament in Taylor. The roster includes Alex Lupo, Amelia MacGillis, Bella Dodson, Charlotte Harr, Charlotte Truss, Constantina Bournias, Darla Sherry, Eva Borowski, Kate Stemmler, Kelsey Schafer, Lexi Dobbs, Piper Obermok and Violet Jenkins. The manager is Adam Stemmler and assistant coaches are Nate Dodson and Tim Lindow.

Around Little League: District tournaments

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe Little Leagues took the diamond over the past week to compete in districts. The Farms-City, Woods-Shores and Park Little Leagues all had teams in action throughout the various tournaments.

In 12U, the Farms-City Little League team earned the district championship with a 17-2 win over Woods-Shores on Sunday. Farms-City won four consecutive games in the tournament, emerging as champions without suffering a loss. They advance to the 12U state tournament, which will be hosted at Kerby

Field beginning Saturday.

The team from the Woods-Shores emerged from the losers' bracket to earn a spot in the championship after falling to the Farms-City squad in the first semifinal game. The Park Little Leaguers fell to Lac St. Clair in their first game, but picked up a big win against Macomb National to advance in the losers' bracket. However, they would once again come up short against Lac St. Clair in the second elimination game.

The 11U tournament still is underway, with the Park and Farms-City set to face off in the winners' bracket semifinals. The Park defeated

Macomb American 16-0 in the second round while the Farms-City came out on top against Woods-Shores 15-2. The championship game for 11U is scheduled Thursday evening at Art Getz Field.

In Sunday's opening round of the 10U tournament, the Woods-Shores earned a win over Farms-City 7-6 and the Park was victorious over Macomb National 11-3.

Grosse Pointe Little League Softball 12U were crowned district champions last week, advancing to this week's state tournament in Taylor. Entering bracket play, they are one of just eight remaining teams in the tournament.

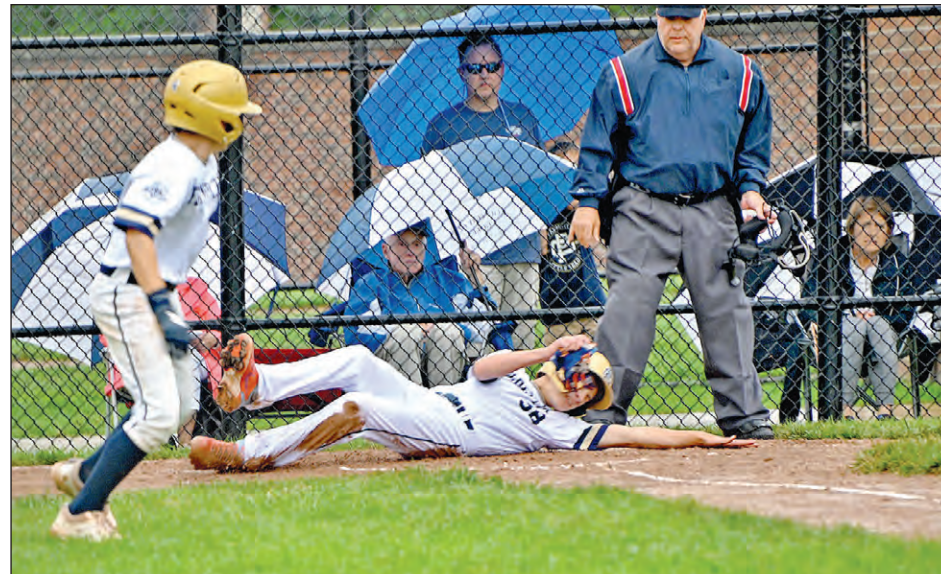


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Drew Hess slides into the plate while stealing home.

New film remembers 'Last of the Lakers'

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Sometimes a chance encounter with an old friend can spark an idea that turns into something bigger. That was the case for filmmaker Terry Ayrault a few years ago when he ran into old friend and former teammate, Brian Wagner, while at Atwater in the Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

The two friends began reminiscing about their days in eighth grade playing football together for St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School. Their conversation led to the idea of talking to more of their old teammates to share stories and memories from their playing days. The passion project turned into Ayrault's upcoming documentary film, "Last of the Lakers."

"We were sharing stories about that year and some of the weird things that happened," Ayrault said. "When we started to talk about these unique stories that came out of that season, we were laughing our heads off and thought, oh my gosh, this would make a really funny '30 for 30,' like the ESPN documentaries. ... The next week or so I started to call some of the other guys from around the team and told them I'm putting together this documentary and it would be

fun for nothing else but ourselves to remember that season."

The documentary tells the story of the 1980 football season at St. Paul, the last team to play CYO football at the school. By that time, interest in football at the school was dwindling and the students who were interested in playing had to get to work trying to find enough players interested in being part of the team.

"They called a meeting of the students over the PA and about seven or eight of them showed up, from what I'm told, to talk about having a football team," Ayrault said. "That's not enough to field a team, so the coach told the kids they have to find players. ... Some of those boys called pals of theirs who told other friends and so on."

Ayrault, like many other members of the team that year, did not even attend school at St. Paul at the time. With a few of his friends, he joined the team that had a season so unique that he and his teammates still remember the stories more than 40 years later.

"There were about three of us in Grosse Pointe Park who were buddies and we got a call," Ayrault said. "The three of us decided, 'Let's go play at St. Paul.' Because St. Paul is cen-

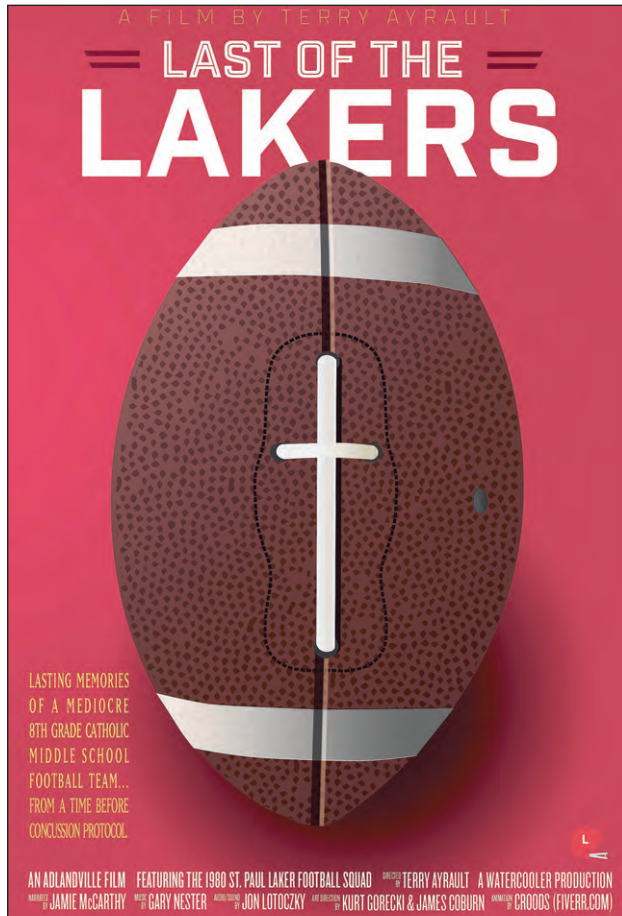


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The documentary "Last of the Lakers" tells the story of the last CYO football team at St. Paul on the Lake.

trally located in Grosse Pointe, there were kids from the far reaches of the Park and the far reaches of the Woods on that team and, of course, the kids who went to school there and other friends of theirs from the neighborhoods in the Farms. In the end, we gathered together about 14 kids."

One of the things that made that season so unique was the team's

head coach. Ayrault and his Lakers teammates were coached by Andy Tilotta, a coach who had his quirks but also was able to teach the players plenty about becoming a good football team.

Tilotta did everything from coach the team to drive the team bus; his love for football helped bring the team together. The players enjoyed reminiscing on fun and interesting stories about

their old coach for Ayrault's documentary, which included learning something about the coach none of them expected.

"He loved football and was very passionate about it and was a passionate coach and really good guy and he coached us up as this rag-tag team of mismatched parts and he kind of put it all together," Ayrault said. "We all thought that he must have been 50 or 60 years old. Here we are at 13 and we have this authority figure who knows what he's doing and is very wise to the ways of the world and was our leader. We just assumed he was an older guy, but it turns out when I looked up his obituary after he passed away, he was only 15 years older than us on that team."

That season, the Lakers at St. Paul finished with a 5-2 record, with the five wins coming consecutively in the first five games of the season. The team ultimately fell short of getting to play for a CYO championship at the old Pontiac Silverdome.

Speaking with old friends and teammates, "Last of the Lakers" became a passion project for Ayrault. The filmmaker hired an animator to help bring to life the old stories and even composed an original song for the film per-

formed by a local artist.

As he gets ready to show his project to the public for the first time later this summer, Ayrault hopes his work can bring joy to those who remember the team and the rest of the community who knows them.

"Not because there's a lesson to be learned or a sort of moral other than the fact that I think organized sports are great at building character and bonding people together," he said. "I just want people to see it and have a laugh. I think it's pretty funny and a lot of people who will end up at the premiere are local people who know a lot of people in the film, so there's an instant connection to the characters."

"These are all guys who have lived many lives and excelled in what they've done," he added.

"Now we're in our 50s and the memories are still lingering and we can call them back up and put them down and document them."

"Last of the Lakers" will premiere Thursday, Aug. 26, at Atwater in the Park. Attendees will have the chance to take part in a Q & A. All proceeds will benefit the John Sauve Art Foundation. For information about tickets, email Ayrault at terryayrault@gmail.com.

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Hill brothers see bright future at North

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The cancellation of the 2020 season meant that Brennan and Drew Hill of Grosse Pointe North High School would get to experience their first season of varsity high school baseball together in 2021. Drew, part of the class of 2023, and his younger brother, Brennan, class of 2024, are used to being on the same team, but they knew their first season with the Norsemen would be their hardest challenge yet.

"We've played together in Little League and a year of travel together, so we've been kind of used to it, but it's a completely different level of baseball for sure and getting to play together and doing the things we're supposed to be doing and having fun doing it," Drew Hill said.

At the beginning of this season, the Hill brothers found themselves facing an even longer wait to take the field for North. Drew and Brennan missed the first few games of the Norsemen's season due to COVID protocols, but had an instant impact once they were able to finally make it into the lineup.

"At first I knew the expectations were high for both our team and individually," Drew Hill said. "Then when we got quarantined for COVID at the beginning of the season, I had to come back with everybody already having a couple of games under their belt. Coming back, Brennan and I really started off well and kind of jumped right into the swing of things and were able to fit in well with everybody else."

Both Hill brothers have

enough skill to greatly impact a game in the field, on the mound and at the plate. This year, it was Brennan Hill who found the most success on the mound.

The younger Hill brother found himself getting the call on the mound for some of North's biggest moments of the spring. In his freshman season, Brennan Hill had standout performances that included 11 strikeouts against rivals Grosse Pointe South and 13 Ks in the Norsemen's district championship game victory.

While his brother was having success on the mound, Drew Hill was coming up big for North with his bat. As a sophomore in his first year on varsity, he hit double-digit home runs and even had a multi-homer performance in April against St. Clair in one of his first

games of the season coming out of COVID protocols.

"I jumped into the summer and I did not hit the ball well at all, so coming into this season my expectations were high for myself, but I knew I didn't have a lot to fall back on," Drew Hill said. "But I came out and kind of caught fire, so I'm happy with that and just continued it throughout the season. The biggest part of it is power, because last summer I would hit a ball right on the screws and it would just go right at somebody or wouldn't go far. This summer if I hit a ball well, it was going over the fence and I had no doubt in my mind about that. I was just continuing to grow my confidence at the plate as a whole."

With Drew and Brennan Hill both having

more years with the Norsemen coming up, the brothers have a chance to build on the success North experienced in 2021. The Norsemen came just short of making it to East Lansing to play in the final four, but still ended the spring with district and regional championships to add to their trophy case.

As they look forward to continuing their high school careers at North,

the Hills are proud of the chemistry they were able to build with each other and their teammates during the year.

"We had a good group of kids this year and everybody bonded well and I really want to be a leader and (so does) Brennan as well," Drew Hill said. "We all stay close to each other and continue to grow our chemistry with each other and the program as a whole."

Grosse Pointe Redbirds host showcase, tryouts

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds are inviting all high school eligible and incoming high school baseball players to take part in the upcoming Michigan High School Baseball Showcase. The showcase is a one-day event scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Grosse Pointe South High School and University Liggett School.

Each player will have the chance to take part in a session that includes training and a simulated game. Run by Prep Baseball Report, one of the nation's biggest scouting services, the showcase is a great opportunity for exposure for players from around

the state. To learn more about the Michigan High School Baseball Showcase, including how to register, visit prepbaserballreport.com/event/MI/2021-michigan-high-school-baseball-showcase.

The Redbirds are also holding tryouts for 15U and 13U. Tryouts for 15U will be on Thursday, July 22. To register, contact coach Paul Essian at essianfamily@gmail.com. 13U tryouts will be on Monday, July 26. Register with coach Jeff Hermann at jhermann3951@gmail.com. All tryouts will be held at Grosse Pointe South.

— Mike Adzima



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Drew Hill finished the season as one of North's top hitters, launching double-digit home runs.



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Brennan Hill was on the mound for some of North's biggest moments of the season, including a 13 K performance in the District championship.

After delayed start, juniors finally set sail

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

Eleven-year-old Anna Groustra has a huge smile and an early love of sailing.

"I like racing and going fast and winning," said the Grosse Pointe junior sailor.

Groustra is one of many local youth who spend some — and in some cases much — of their summer racing small sailboats as part of the local junior sailing programs out of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club and Bayview Yacht Club, among other Detroit-area venues.

The GPYC held the first of this summer's junior sailing regattas last Thursday and Friday. It was beautiful weather, if a bit breezy and gusty. But that doesn't bother these tanned and sun-streaked young sailors. They're taught how to handle the occasionally windy days at a young age.

"Well, maybe if it's really heavy wind and I

can't hold my main sheet down," Groustra said when asked if sailing is ever scary. But she knows exactly what to do.

"I try to ask my coach how to hold my main sheet better and tips on how to do better," she said.

Junior sailing is open to kids as young as 7, Groustra's age when she started, and up to age 18. They learn to sail in three types of boats. Optis, used by the younger sailors, are a one-person boat about 8 feet long, with a single sail and a flat bow and stern.

Older, more experienced sailors are in 420s, about 13 3/4 feet long, or 420 centimeters. They are sailed double-handed and include a main, jib, spinnaker and trapeze, a line that's clipped to the sailors and allows them to hike way out of the boat for better balance and speed.

The final junior sailing boat is a Laser, about the same length as a 420. But that's where the

comparisons end. Lasers have a single sail and are single handed. But they can go quite fast when handled well.

Handling a boat well is something junior sailors learn from day one. That makes them more likely to consider a breezy gusty regatta like last week's more fun than challenging.

"It was breezy to start with; it was all over the place," said Gavin Webster, 15, of Grosse Pointe, who skippered a 420. "We really just looked up the course and played the pressure." (Translation: They looked ahead and sailed for the wind they saw.)

That meant his crew, Colin Hexter, 15, of Grosse Pointe Park, was busy jumping from one side of the boat to the other as the winds and angles changed.

"I'm in and out of the boat, a lot of tacks," Hexter said.

Charlie Ramsdell, a 420 coach, said he focuses on the fun when he coaches. But he also never forgets about

safety. Coaches from each participating club routinely circle the racing fleets in club power boats, ever on the lookout for potential problems.

"Make it fun and if things do go wrong, obviously make safety a priority," Ramsdell said. "Let them all know it's a learning experience."

Many of these kids come back summer after summer.

Hexter comes back "for the people. There's a lot of good sailors here."

As for Groustra, her message about junior sailing is simple: "I would tell them that once they're out on the water, they would think it's really fun."



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Anna Groustra with her medal.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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SYNOPSIS: SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2021**

The Special City Council meeting held via Zoom video and phone conference program was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present. Plus Acting City Manager John Szymanski and City Attorney Sharon DeWaele.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:28p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) BE IT RESOLVED to not renew the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Joseph Rheker for the position of City Manager

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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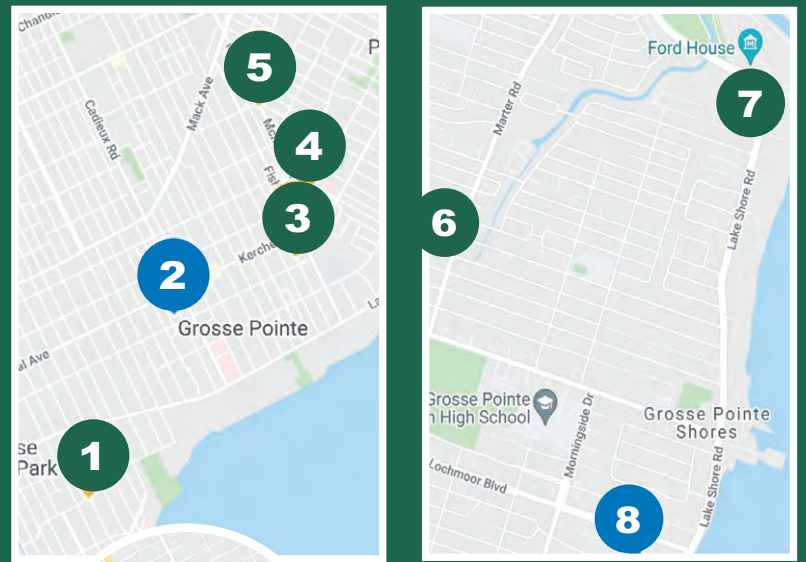
The Bandits defeated the Scrap Yard Dawgs 2-1 in the three-game championship series. The Bandits took game one, but the Scrap Yard Dawgs evened the series in game two. A 13-5 win for the Bandits in the decisive third game won them the championship.



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The Wildcats defeated the Bruins 4-2 in the championship.

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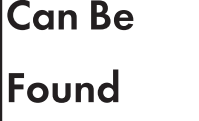
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