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389 St. Clair rezoning tabled

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Residents sat in the aisle and spilled through the doorway of the new council chambers Monday night, as the City's planning commission — comprised of the same members on city council — held a public hearing to consider a request that 389 St. Clair be conditionally rezoned from Single-Family Residential to Transition. This would be the first necessary approval toward the developers' plans to transform the historic school administration building into 23 residential units and construct eight row house-

type townhomes along the Notre Dame side of the property. Based on the feedback, particularly in regard to the number of units, the developers, brothers Mark and Craig Menuck of Curtis Building, agreed to return to the city with revised plans, taking the comments and concerns into consideration. The planning commission approved tabling the matter 6-0 until a date to be determined, with Councilman Terence Thomas absent. "I don't think we can address certain people's concerns that they just don't want us to exist at all," Mark Menuck said.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The DeLoof sisters — Ali, Catie, Jackie and Gabby — paraded through Grosse Pointe Park and City on Sunday, in celebration of Catie DeLoof's Olympic medal. A Grosse Pointe Park patrol car and fire truck led the parade. Find more photos from the parade on page 3A.

Olympian welcomed home

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Olympic medalist Catie DeLoof rode with her family and fellow Grosse Pointe swimmers in a parade through the streets of the Park and City Sunday, Aug. 15. DeLoof rode in a convertible following a public safety car and fire truck escort. They started

at Windmill Pointe Park and drove down Jefferson, Fisher and Kercheval and ended at Atwater in the Park, where the Olympian was available for a meet-and-greet party, with signatures and photo opportunities, from 4 to 6 p.m. "It was great," Atwater

President Mark Reith said of the event. "It's all about community. And everyone kind of rallied around and it was so exciting to be able to kind of give them a little bit of a celebration." Reith offered Atwater as a congregating space at the end of the parade route to promote commu-

nity. "I'm glad that we did it," Reith said. "That's the whole reason that I opened up that place, was about community. So that's pretty awesome. ... "It's great to have people smiling and get together," he added. "We need more of that."

— Kate Vanderstelt

Coach Martin misdemeanors still on docket

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

BIRMINGHAM — An Oakland County judge agreed with prosecuting and defense attorneys to postpone for another three weeks the preliminary hearing of Grosse Pointe North High School baseball coach David Martin on a roster of misdemeanors, including a liquor law and building code violations. During what had been



David Martin

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\$10 million granted for flooding relief

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

WAYNE COUNTY — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer allocated \$10 million in state general funds Thursday, July 29, for additional relief for victims of the June 25-26 storm. The funds will be distributed between the city of

Detroit, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. "Recognizing the hardships the flooding has placed on individuals and families that sustained damage to their homes and loss of personal property," Whitmer said in a press release, "we are working with Wayne and Washtenaw counties

and the city of Detroit to ensure this funding is available to help residents as they recover from this disaster." According to Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, residents who were completely turned down from Federal Emergency Management Agency

funds and Small Business Association loans will be eligible for the funding set aside by Whitmer. "(With) all this stuff that's going on, people are on pins and needles," Killeen said. "The governor set aside \$10 million for people that get turned

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Storm leaves thousands powerless

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A storm with gusts up to 80 miles per hour swept through the Pointes Wednesday, Aug. 11, and left thousands without power. DTE Energy's inability to restore power quickly to all impacted

left many residents struggling through hot days without power. All the Grosse Pointes fell victim to the windstorm, though the Woods suffered most, reporting power outages starting Wednesday, Aug. 11, with some still unresolved at press time. According to updates

by DTE, approximately 168,000 customers were without power at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, days after the storm came through. "We understand how hard it is for our customers and ourselves to be without power, and we

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Traffic lights were out at this intersection in Grosse Pointe Woods after a storm with gusts up to 80 mph.

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Jodie Rappe, M.D.
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Texas native named Chief Medical Officer at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe



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Clearing paths for power lines

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Ground to God.

Or, less colloquially, from ground to God.

DTE Energy is all in this year on tree trimming.

Until storm flooding and winds sidetracked the campaign in June, tree crews were clearing arboreal pathways for existing electrical lines, plus to make way for new infrastructure.

Contractors trimmed extra heavily from the ground straight up, from ground to God.

“We’re proactively inspecting the circuit and trimming trees when necessary to prevent potential tree interferences on our lines and equipment, which can cause outages during severe weather events like ice storms and high winds,” said Joseph Barger, DTE regional planning manager. “Fallen trees and branches are responsible for two-thirds of the time our customers spend without power.”

Replacement utility poles have been stationed throughout the city since early summer.

“We’re modernizing and rebuilding the electric infrastructure across Grosse Pointe so we can provide our customers with safe and reliable power,” said Barger, part of a team overseeing the project in the Pointes. “In order to safely complete this work, additional tree trim is required in Grosse Pointe Park. We’re trimming trees to meet construction and reliability clearance standards.”

“On the easement, they trimmed four- or five-story trees along the power lines six to seven feet horizontally to get

them off the wires,” said Tom Marciano about a tall tree behind his house in the 800 block of Trombley. “They don’t want that rubbing action.”

“By the first part of 2022, tree trim will be complete on all circuits in the Grosse Pointe communities,” Barger said.

Installation of poles was delayed late June due to the first in a run of rain-induced sewer backups and street and basement floods.

“I told them to hold for now because I’m trying to clean the streets and come back when we’re done,” said Nick Sizeland, Park manager.

“Strong, sturdy poles are the backbone of a reliable electric system,” Barger said. “In Grosse Pointe Park, we identified 172 poles that needed to be replaced. In addition, we’re replacing all wood cross arms with fiberglass cross arms on overhead power lines and other equipment to make the system more resilient.”

“DTE advised the city in December they would be trimming 90 percent of Grosse Pointe Park,” Sizeland said. “We then advised the city council this would be coming. In May, I advised council about the actual pole replacement program.”

“I brought it up at a beautification meeting in June,” said Brian Colter, Park city forester.

Paula Gianopolis, a resident of the 900 block of Harcourt, knows firsthand that overhead power lines are subject to damage caused by tree limbs snapped in high wind and icy weather.

“I couldn’t figure out what it was,” Gianopolis said of the crashing sound last week when wind crashed the limb of



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

DTE Energy contractors did extra tree trimming this year along the Trombley-Harcourt rear easement, left, and Wayburn alley, right, to meet clearance standards and make room for replacement poles and cross arms.

a mature silver maple onto lines behind her house. “I knew it was a tree, I just didn’t know which direction it was until I looked out my side window. The power went out.”

“We’re also installing equipment called sectionalizing and switching devices that limit the number of customers impacted by an outage,” Barger said. “The equipment isolates the fault on the system and most customers can be restored quickly while the damage is repaired.”

“Remember two or three years ago we had the hard freeze for a week?” Sizeland said. “By clearing lines, reliability is being improved so DTE does not have such an extreme tree canopy, which we enjoy. But we also have to be mindful of sorely needed infrastructure.”

“We are being mindful and trying to minimize additional trimming, especially in residential areas,” Barger said.

DTE’s natural gas division is part of the process.

“Our gas team has spent an extensive amount of time in Grosse Pointe,” Barger said. “Since 2016, we have replaced 200 miles of

cast-iron and steel lines throughout Grosse Pointe with safer and more environmentally friendly pipes. And, we’ve moved more than

17,421 indoor meters outside so we can perform readings and maintenance without having to enter customers’ property.”



A tree contractor clears the way for DTE Energy crews to repair a power line on the rear easement between the 900 blocks of Trombley and Harcourt. High winds Monday, Aug. 9, snapped the weakened branch of a mature silver maple that fell on secondary trees and power lines.

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have assigned 2,800 line workers in the field today working 16-hour shifts to safely restore customers as quickly as possible,” a DTE statement read Saturday, Aug. 14.

The company’s goal was to have 95 percent of outages restored by end of day Sunday, Aug. 15. Monday morning, an outage map showed most power was restored in the Pointes, though a portion of homes in the Woods and Shores remained without power and was expected to be restored by Monday afternoon.

According to public works Director Frank Schulte, 500 to 1,500 Woods residents were out of power throughout the week, per the DTE outage map. Schulte said city hall was able to function, due to a newly installed generator.

“We recently installed a new generator at a cost of \$279,000 and it’s already paid for itself by being able to keep city hall open and running the entire facility without any issues,” Schulte said.

Power outages are handled solely through DTE and should be reported via the DTE outage center at outage.dteenergy.com.

DTE warned patrons to stay 20 feet away from downed power lines, as they could be live and dangerous. Downed power lines are marked with yellow caution tape.

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Grosse Pointe pride

Above, Catie DeLoof signs a photo for Cecily, Molly and Betsy VanNatter. Betsy swims at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for the same team DeLoof swam for, the GPYC Sailfish. Right, DeLoof holds up her bronze Olympic medal in front of an American flag. Below, Ellie Juip, Mia Pyenta, Catie Juip, Claire Juip, Tommy Juip and Jake Juip wait along Kercheval for the parade to pass by.



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Farms takes end-of-summer celebration to new heights

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Boasting a fishing rodeo, magic shows, possible pie-eating contest and an evening of fireworks, the Farms End of Summer Bash is set to be on a scale never reached before.

The all-day celebration Saturday, Sept. 4, at Pier

Park kicks off at 8 a.m. with check-in for the fishing rodeo before the event, which runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Among the festivities — free for Farms residents, not including food and drinks — a petting zoo will be onsite from noon to 3 p.m., bounce houses from 1 to 4 p.m., magic shows on the hour from 1 to 3 p.m. and a beer and wine

tent from noon until 9:30 p.m. when the fireworks begin.

Along with Fishfly Café concessions, food trucks from Motor City Street Treats and D'vine Cookies and Dough will be onsite from 2 to 6 p.m.

Local band Uncle Brown & Me will perform 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., after

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“We can’t do that, but what we can do is we can modify (and) we can consider the density. While we feel we comply in almost every respect, we want to be good neighbors and we’re looking to get this approved.”

Chief among residents’ concerns were density and an increase in traffic in the area.

Projections generated by the Traffic Impact Association show there is an average of 445 vehicle trips per day with the building’s current administration use. The 23 residential units and eight townhomes would see an estimated 250 vehicle trips per day.

With the current number of residential units planned for the site, a minimum of 51 parking spaces are required. The designs dictate 56 dedicated off-street parking spaces.

Many of those opposed stated they would rather see the administration building torn down and replaced with single-family dwellings.

“The plan isn’t in congruence with the city master plan, as was stated earlier, and it’s against the wishes of many citizens,” said Sunny Squindo, who lives on a neighboring property.

“There were a number of petitions, in fact, submitted previously from those of us who feel that way. The master plan speaks of single-family homes keeping in character with the City of Grosse Pointe.”

While more people spoke in opposition, multiple residents took the podium to express favor toward the project, citing increased tax revenue to the city and more living options for empty nesters.

“I’m getting a little old to live in a two-story house and at some point, I’m going to want to stay in this community and live in a place that’s accessible to The Village for shopping,” resident Kurt Shuck said.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society announced it is in favor of the development, specifically wishing to preserve the historic building, while the city planner also recommended its approval.

City council empha-

sized its control over the matter is significantly limited, as the property is at the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s discretion to sell.

“This is not a mess that the council made,” Councilman Dan Williams said.

If city council does not approve the conditional rezoning, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak explained, “the developer can tear down the building and put up eight single-family homes within the existing zoning ordinance and building codes. We would have no input other than to make sure that size and lot coverage, setbacks and heights conform to existing zoning and we would have no control over the design of those homes.”

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, AUG. 23**
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 24**
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY, AUG. 26**
◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Central in Grosse Pointe Farms.
- FRIDAY, AUG. 27**
◆ Music on the Lawn in Grosse Pointe Woods, 7 to 10 p.m.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 28**
◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 p.m. between Maryland and Nottingham, featuring The Social Bandits, lumberjack shows, a climbing wall and food.

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scheduled as a preliminary hearing Thursday, Aug. 12, in 48th District Court, Judge Kimberly Small granted Birmingham City Prosecutor Mary M. Kucharek and defense attorney Robert J. Morad an extension to work out a settlement.

“I’m happy to give you some more time,” Small said. “I understand the complexities of these issues.”

She agreed to give Kucharek and Morad another three weeks to reach an agreement out of court.

“Hopefully, you folks will have it resolved by then,” Small said. “If not, we’ll reconvene and decide what direction we’re going on this case.”

This was the second time Small granted an extension. Pretrial had been reset from June 21.

“I have read the report and I have looked at all 16 of the miscellaneous misdemeanors that the

city has charged out on,” Judge Small said. “So I understand that this is an unusual case. Just in terms of the complexity of it and the layers that need to be worked through in order to resolve these matters and I do understand the city’s stance on these.”

“You can imagine this is a case that has some complicated factors,” prosecutor Kucharek told Small. “Mr. Morad and I are trying to find some resolution, if possible. The city’s stance on this is very tough. We take every one of the allegations extremely seriously as (a) health-safety issue.”

Defendant Martin has been varsity head baseball coach at Grosse Pointe North High School since 2019.

He’s accused of 16 misdemeanors related to operating or allowing the operation of an unlicensed music, dance and drinking hall in the stomping ground of a rock-pop-punk cover band and recording studio in Willits Alley, one block from city hall in

downtown Birmingham. Coach Martin is seen playing the drums in photos on his willitsrecords.com website and social media.

A performance at the site, posted on YouTube and dated Halloween 2020, shows a five-member outfit consisting of a lead guitarist dressed as Slash, a drummer wearing a Devo energy dome, a bassist with a Geddy Lee extra-large fake nose, a keyboardist draped in an Elton John pink boa and a female vocalist in a beyond-blonde wig ala Madonna or Debbie Harry singing Pat Benatar’s “Heartbreaker.”

The hearing lasted 4 minutes, 10 seconds.

After

As part of his defense of Martin, Morad has been searching for a victim.

“There are no victims,” Morad said after the hearing. “This was not some kind of speak-easy, nightclub type of thing. It was some people getting together to play music, listen to some good, live music and try to socialize.”

Morad said Martin didn’t promote the venue or activity.

“He’s been charged with building code, fire code and licensing violations essentially,” Morad said. “He had a space his company leased. He started going in and playing music. He had friends in there as well.”

Word spread

“It kind of got bigger,” Morad said. “People started hearing about it and liking it. People started bringing some alcohol there as well. Before you knew it, a lot of people started showing up. Someone put something on Facebook. Word got around and there were people there.”

No students, team members nor anyone from the Pointes participated or attended, Morad said.

“No minors or anything like that was involved in this,” he said. “There are no allegations of that, no evidence of that at all.”

Small set a new court date at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9.

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Rappe named chief medical officer at Beaumont G.P.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

From her military service to her extensive medical career, Jodie Rappe, M.D., has quite an impressive resume.

Most recently, she added the titles Chief Medical Officer and Patient Safety Officer at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe to the list. She was appointed to the positions in July.

As CMO, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident serves as a resource and liaison for all physicians who work at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. As PSO, she ensures quality metrics, the safe care of patients and “continually excelling and working on improvements to always do better,” she said.

Though a career in medicine wasn't her initial plan, science always was on the Texas native's radar. She earned her undergraduate degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, then went to Texas State University, where she earned a master's degree in parasitology.

“I wanted to teach at the college level,” Rappe explained. “My mom was a college professor. And I wanted to do something with animals.

“I went to Texas A&M University for my second master's degree in zoology, studying neurobiology and circadian rhythm,” she continued, then added with a smile, “Studying circadian rhythm is not as exciting as it sounds. It means you're locked in a basement with no



Dr. Jodie Rappe shows support for her favorite hockey team while enjoying an afternoon boating.

windows.” During her studies, an advisor suggested Rappe consider going to medical school. The daughter of a Navy pilot and granddaughter of a Marine Corps colonel, Rappe said her dad had the perfect school in mind.

“Maybe because he was tired of paying tuition,” she explained with a wink, “my dad said, ‘There's a great school in D.C., where they pay you to go for free.’”

Rappe graduated from medical school at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., and completed her family medicine residency at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital in California.

“I spent 16 years in the Navy,” she said. “I loved almost every day of it. ... I went into it thinking I wanted to teach, but that pathway didn't work out in the Navy.”

Though she was able to do some weekend and night teaching, her path veered toward administration.

“I took over my first clinic as senior medical officer, which is big for

someone straight out of residency,” she said. “It was lots of fun; I learned a lot.”

Next, she applied to be a department head and “ended up getting two clinics for the price of one in San Diego,” she laughed, noting she enjoyed the challenge.

Following her work in California, Rappe's next set of orders sent her to Japan. She and her husband, Brian



Among their many travels abroad, the family visited an elephant rescue in Indonesia.

Dimmer, M.D., whom she met in medical school, lived there three years with their son, Cameron, and daughter, Hayden.

“We put in for Spain or Italy, but ...” she trailed off with a grin. “We had a great time. We got to travel all over — Cambodia, Vietnam, South Korea, China, Hong Kong. We had our kids by then, so they got to travel, too.”

While in Japan, Rappe took over as chair of credentialing at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka. She served as the department head of family medicine, then associate director of medical services.

“When our orders were up, both of us were up for deployment,” Rappe said. “This would have been my husband's fourth deployment since our kids were born. We decided we'd put down roots. His family is from here.”

The couple decided on Grosse Pointe Farms and Rappe selected Beaumont to add to her growing resume. She is a family medicine physician with a practice in St. Clair Shores; associate program director and medical director of Beaumont's family medicine residency program; and assistant professor at the Oakland University William Beaumont

School of Medicine. “My options at Beaumont were fantastic,” she said. “I finally got my teaching assignment. I did it for the last three years, but I missed the hospital pace of things. When this (chief medical officer position) opened up, it allows me to continue to work with residents and I'm still teaching, so I get the best of both worlds. I really, really like what I do.”

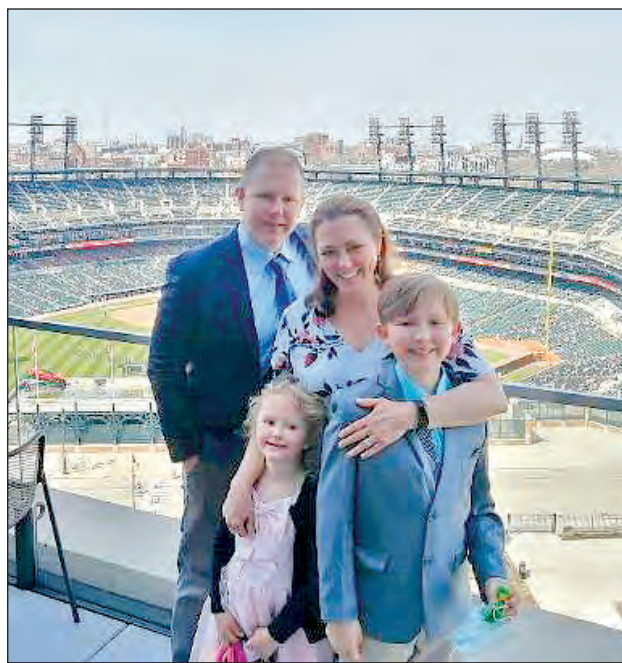
Of her family practice, Rappe said she loves interacting with patients and creating “whole person care.”

Building relationships is important to Rappe, who hopes to help expand Beaumont's women's health and obstetrics program.

“I'm very lucky. I love my job,” she said. “It's really cool to be in a position to make a difference and feel like I'm doing good work every day.”

She also makes a difference volunteering at St. Paul on the Lake School, where her children attend. A voracious reader, Rappe also is passionate about horseback riding; her children ride too.

“I ride at least once a week at Windemere Equestrian Center,” she said. “And I'm a huge Red Wings fan. ... We have season tickets, so when they're playing, we're there.”



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Drs. Brian Dimmer and Jodie Rappe and their children, Cameron and Hayden, at a Detroit Tigers game.

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down flat by FEMA and the SBA. It's another place to go. Now, what's going to happen ... there's going to be a cer-

tain amount of dollars that come to Wayne County and Wayne County's going to have to figure out how to distribute it.”

Though details have yet to be finalized, funding likely will be accom-

panied by another application process with paperwork. Killeen said Grosse Pointers may rest assured they will have an equal shot at funding.

“There's a lot of (people) that (think) that the county doesn't care

(about the Pointes) ... and that's just not true at all,” Killeen said. “(The funding) is not going to be limited geographically or anything. ... Detroiters, Grosse Pointers, whoever is all going to have a shot at it.”

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Grosse Pointe Shores

No license or insurance

After being pulled over on Lakeshore Road for no visible license plate at 2:02 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, a 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving without a license or insurance.

OWI

An odor of intoxicants and several empty beer cans were observed when an officer pulled over a 58-year-old Roseville man at Woodland Shore and Lakeshore Road for driving slowly at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10.

A preliminary breath test showed the man's blood alcohol content to be .132 percent. He was arrested for operating under the influence, driving while license suspended and not having vehicle registration or insurance.

Larceny from auto

Between 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, and 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, tools, cash and a phone were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in a Fairlake Lane driveway.

The phone was discovered on a Lakeshore Road lawn by a good Samaritan, brought to the station and returned to the owner.

Lock car doors

Between 2:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, sunglasses and golf clubs were stolen from an unlocked truck parked in a Hampton Road driveway.

Electrical fire

No one was injured in a small basement fire that started in a North Deeplands electrical box at 8:52 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

Drunken driving in the dark

Following reports of a vehicle swerving on Lakeshore Road with no running lights at 9:27 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, a 45-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .09 percent.

— Laurel Kraus
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crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

OWI

A 56-year-old Roseville man was caught speeding at Kercheval and Cadieux at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Upon stopping him, the officer found the man to be intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

Missing tools

Four tools totaling \$425 were taken from an open garage in the 1000 block of Bedford between midnight and 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6.

Missing items include a SKIL circular saw, SKIL Sawzall, Ryobi blower and Ryobi trimmer.

Speeding and suspended

A 62-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Ashland at 11:17 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11.

He was found to have a suspended license and was arrested.

Friday the 13th

A 6-foot tall white man wearing shorts punched a window at a business in the 15000 block of Charlevoix at 2:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13.

The suspect broke the outer pane in the action.

Hit and run

A driver in a gray or silver Chevrolet SUV is suspected in a hit-and-run accident in the 1100 block of Lakepointe at 12:47 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

The driver struck a pedestrian, who was leaning into his car to get items he was delivering. The man suffered multiple lower-body injuries.

Bar life

A 32-year-old Warren man and 29-year-old Park man were reported for disorderly conduct at a business in the 15000 block of Charlevoix at 1:40 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15.

They were reportedly yelling profanities, pushing, damaging property and refusing to leave.

Both men were arrested without further incident.

Skateboard man

A resident in the 1000 block of Nottingham heard a loud noise around his front door window at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15.

Upon inspection, the resident saw a man riding away on a skateboard.

It is possible a golf ball struck the window, breaking the outer pane.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Handy thief

Between 6 and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, an unknown suspect pried open the toolbox on the rear of a vehicle parked at an area school, stealing \$5,000 worth of tools.

Stolen vehicle

Between 3:50 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, a black 2016 Chevrolet Silverado was stolen from a Rose Terrace driveway.

The same vehicle was rummaged through two months prior, but nothing was taken.

Theft from auto

Cash was discovered stolen from an unlocked vehicle in a Rose Terrace driveway Wednesday, Aug. 11. A duffel bag that was in the vehicle was found on the ground three houses away.

Clearly intoxicated

A 51-year-old Grosse Pointe man drove through a Kercheval Avenue intersection directly in front of a scout car, nearly collid-

ing with it at 5:38 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

The man told officers he was on the way to his house and coming from his house, before a preliminary breath test showed he had a blood alcohol content of .26 percent.

He was arrested for operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more.

Young thieves

An 11-year-old and 14-year-old admitted to stealing a lifeguard's phone at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, after it was tracked to one boy's home and officers got involved.

Vandalism

The men's restroom at the Kerby Field House was discovered vandalized at 4:54 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

With paper towels and toilet paper obstructing the sinks, the faucets were left running and the handles were broken off.

— Laurel Kraus
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City of Grosse Pointe

Bigtime fraud

A 41-year-old Grosse Pointe man realized he was the victim of fraud after purchasing \$20,987.99 of cryptocurrency data mining equipment on eBay in July, but never receiving it.

Speeding

After being pulled over for speeding around 60 mph on Lakeshore Road at 2:14 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, a 43-year-old Indianapolis woman was

arrested for operating while intoxicated.

The woman refused to take a preliminary breath test, but failed standard field sobriety tests.

Carjacking trail

A 30-year-old Detroit man is suspected in connection with the carjacking of a 28-year-old Grosse Pointe man in Detroit Sunday, Aug. 15.

Detroit police recovered the vehicle, but were unable to find the victim's camera equipment, wallet and iPhone.

The man later was notified his phone was used to transfer \$155 from his Cash App account to the suspect.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Multiple issues

A 22-year-old Highland Park resident was stopped for driving 48 miles per hour on a 25 mph road at Marter and Brys at 12:16 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11.

The driver did not have identification or registration and insurance for the 2013 Nissan.

The driver's license was found to be suspended and the plate was not registered to the vehicle.

Citations for speeding, no insurance and improper plate were issued, and the vehicle was impounded.

Shoe sale sham

A resident selling a pair of "Adidas Yeezy" shoes was scammed during the transaction at 5:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

After setting up the sale on Facebook Marketplace, the seller and buyer decided to meet in front of the police station to finalize the sale.

The buyer pulled up in a white Ford Edge. He handed the Woods resident three \$100 bills through the window and was simultaneously handed the shoes, then immediately drove away.

The Woods resident soon noticed the bills were counterfeit.

He tried to take pictures of the license plate of the Ford Edge, but was unsuccessful.

Trash wrapped

A resident in the 600 block of Roslyn woke up to her car wrapped in cling film Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Sometime after 1:30 a.m. and before 10:42 a.m., suspects wrapped the homeowner's car in Saran Wrap, also tucking trash from the owner's home into the wrap.

The woman does not know who could have committed the wrapping. No damage was done to the vehicle.

The Woods officer helped the resident remove the wrap from her car.

— Kate Vanderstelt
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Longtime detective reflects on career

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — After an action-packed 25 years of solving high-profile crimes in Grosse Pointe Park, Detective Sgt. Mike Narduzzi is on to new things as he walks away from the Park department and moves to a new detective job with the City of Grosse Pointe.

Narduzzi, a Detroit native, started his career as a Detroit police officer. One day he was eating at Mama Rosa's Pizzeria and ran into some Park public safety officers. They told him they were hiring.

"My dad was a Detroit fireman," Narduzzi said. "My grandfather was a Detroit fireman. My brother was a Detroit fireman. So I was like, 'I could go to Grosse Pointe Park and be a fireman, too.'"

"So I applied and they hired me and here I am 25 years later."

Narduzzi's first day with the Park was April 15, 1996, when he was hired as a public safety officer. For the next 13 years, he would hold that rank and assume roles as an emergency medical technician, youth officer, field training officer, union representative, president of the union and more.

In 2009, Narduzzi was promoted to PSO detective, where his favorite work began. Shortly



FILE PHOTO

PSO Marshall Halas, left, secures the hallway as Detective Mike Narduzzi goes into a classroom looking for suspects during an active shooter training session partway through his career with the Park public safety department.

after the promotion, he was handed a big case.

"My first big case I remember is a nun got robbed at gunpoint in St. Clare (of Montefalco) church," he recalled. "Sister ... she got a gun put in her face and (was) robbed."

Just going off the physical descriptors the nun relayed, Narduzzi and the Park team were able to get the suspect in custody with a full confession within a week.

"I remember thinking, 'Do they all work like this?'" he said.

In 2012, Narduzzi headed up the murder case of Jane Bashara. Bob Bashara was con-

victed for his wife's murder-for-hire and was sentenced to prison for life. An episode of Dateline NBC featured Narduzzi and others as they followed the case.

"The Eastside Serial Rapist" case in 2016 marked another highlight to Narduzzi's career. The case, connected mostly to Detroit, took hold in Grosse Pointe Park when a woman was slashed in the face by an unknown assailant. She had been in an argument with her husband and got out of their car just off I-94 on

Cadieux, claiming she would walk home. As she walked down

Cadieux before she reached Warren, she was approached by a young man who asked to use her cell phone. She allowed him to, then she continued walking after he left. After she crossed into the Park, once she reached Charlevoix, she was assaulted.

"The guy just came out of nowhere, threw her down, stabbed her and ran off," Narduzzi said.

After the man committed more crimes in Detroit, a Detroit evidence technician was able to trace a partial fingerprint to a man who lived near where the young man asked the Park woman to use her

phone. The cases were connected and the man was eventually put in jail.

"We've had a bunch of cases over the years, you can't even remember half of them," Narduzzi said.

Among standout cases, he recalled working on several serial pharmacy break-ins, home invasions, assaults, bank frauds and robberies.

In 2017, he took a final promotion to detective sergeant, the title he currently holds.

"It's been fun," Narduzzi said of being a detective. "It's been great. I wouldn't trade any of it for anything. It was my niche. It was a good niche for me, personally."

"My favorite part of the job is when you can call victims and tell them their case is solved and someone's in custody," he added. "Calling the victim and them being very thankful, when they have a lot of gratitude, you feel good. You feel good that you've earned your keep that day. It's gratifying. It is a very honorable profession."

Narduzzi said the people he worked with along the way made all the difference.

"I believe in teamwork," he said. "I was very, very fortunate to have been surrounded by great guys and great detectives, such as Jim Smith, Dave Loch,

Anthony Blain and especially Jeremy Pittman, Jim Vogler and up-and-coming Detective Ryan Willmer.

"Over the course of my 25 years here, I've met a lot of really good guys who I'll consider brothers for life."

Narduzzi retires from the Park Friday, Aug. 20, then picks up a new job as a detective with the City of Grosse Pointe's public safety department.

"I'm excited," he said of the new job. "It's like, new challenges, new faces, all new stuff. But, it's all the new stuff with the same old stuff: doing the exact same job with the same players, the same prosecutors, the same lawyers, the same bad guys."

Of his career with the Park, Narduzzi says he is grateful.

"I feel very, very thankful and very, very fortunate to have worked here for 25 years," he said. "I have a very strong loyalty to the city of Grosse Pointe Park. They have been very good to me. They've allowed me to live a very good lifestyle by my standards. ... They've afforded me a great lifestyle, a great income, a place to work, to do work that I enjoy doing, that I like to do, that I have a passion to do, that I'm interested in doing. These are good jobs here and anybody that takes them for granted is crazy."

Stolen tortoises returned to Lou's Pet Shop

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Two baby sulcata tortoises were stolen from a Lou's Pet Shop aquarium tank around 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15.

The tortoises, valued at \$169.99 each, were

taken from their enclosure, which was left open and tipped off employees to notice within minutes the two animals were missing.

"While we are disappointed at this breach of trust within our atmosphere of animal lovers," a Facebook post by Lou's read, "we are more con-

cerned with the welfare of our tortoises and sincerely hope that they are being cared for."

The two suspects were caught on security cameras. Per Donnie Cook, owner of Lou's, a suspect put one tortoise in each back pocket of his pants before walking out of the store.

Pictures of the suspects, a man and a woman, were posted on the shop's Facebook page.

The Woods public safety department and Lou's received many tips; within 12 hours of the pictures being posted, one of Lou's Facebook followers identified the suspects and contacted Woods detec-



Lily and Coco are back at Lou's Pet Shop after a short misadventure with a pair of tortoise thieves.

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tives, who found the man's address and retrieved the tortoises.

"They looked like they were well taken care of,"

Cook said upon their return.

"I think that everyone's happy that the tortoises were found and

turned back over," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "They're healthy and safe and sound."

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which fireworks will be set off over Lake St. Clair.

"It's really a culmination of trying to get residents back out into the park and enjoying themselves and their neighbors," Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis said. "... At the same time it's also the end of the summer, so it's

kind of the last hurrah before all the activities start up for the fall (and) the kids go back to school."

In partnership with the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, additional tentative activities could include a pie-eating contest and sidewalk decorating, along with a cornhole tournament and closest-to-the-pin challenge for adults.

This will be the first time the Farms has held fireworks during Labor Day weekend, which came about because the city was unable to host its annual Fourth of July fireworks due to the pandemic. It also will be the first time, at least in recent memory Galatis said, fireworks have been set off a barge on Lake St. Clair near the north end of the park rather than off Harbor Hill.

"We haven't done very many big events in 16 months because of COVID," Galatis said, "so we had the opportunity with the fireworks that we didn't do during the Fourth of July to do it at this point in time, where we felt a little more comfortable hosting it."

Farms residents should keep an eye on the city's Facebook page and website for updates regarding the event as it gets closer.

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OUR VIEW

Federal help needed to prevent flooding

We are encouraged by the steps the various Grosse Pointe municipalities are taking toward mitigating the type of flooding we are experiencing with greater frequency. However, we fear preventing flooding in the long run will require infrastructure spending on a massive scale.

On the local level, we are talking about major projects. Grosse Pointe Shores, for example, is planning to issue some \$16.3 million in bonds for major water and sewer infrastructure projects.

One such undertaking will be the replacement or rehabilitation of the Cook Road Pump Station, which is not on Cook Road as its name suggests. Rather it sits on a small easement in front of a Lakeshore home, making expansion of the pump station problematic.

All the Pointes are looking at hardening their sanitary sewers to prevent infiltration of rainwater, which is a sound move.

Grosse Pointe Park is pressing for authorization from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy of an Extreme Emergency Relief Valve at Patterson Park to allow treated combined sewage to be dumped into the lake during the 1,000- to 10,000-year weather events expected to happen with increasing frequency. In fact, it was the ability to discharge directly into the lake that prevented Grosse Pointe Shores basement flooding from being as prevalent as in many of the other Pointes.

The City of Grosse Pointe has cleaned all its catch basins in The Village and is trying to find out why the commercial district — especially its basements — was not only severely flooded during the June 25-26 rain event, but also why there was so much flooding during a July 16 rain where there were no pumps down at the Connors Creek and Freud pump stations as was the case in June.

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council heard from the Great Lakes Water Authority chief executive officer, Sue McCormick, following the June flood. It was one of the last presentations prior to her July 28 resignation. She told the Farms council GLWA is looking at spending \$250 million to replace the Connors Creek Pump Station within eight years and upgrading the Freud Pump Station.

These are all positive signs, but they won't be enough.

The answer came to us in two items: 1) A July 8 Detroit News story that stated the 10 billion gallons of sewer water discharged into Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River was enough to fill the 73-story central tower of the Renaissance Center 65 times; and 2) a GUEST VIEW, "Flooding Should Have Been Avoided" by Wayne State law professor John Mogk, published in the July 22 Grosse Pointe News.

Mr. Mogk pointed out what Detroit's sister city did to prevent sanitary/stormwater flooding. The Windy City constructed a multibillion-dollar system of sewage reservoirs — some 33 feet in diameter, running 300 feet below city streets and stretching 109 miles — as part of a retention system that can hold 12 billion gallons of sewage and

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Staff photographer Renee Landuyt was on assignment at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park when she spotted this beautiful great blue heron. The great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*) is the largest heron native to North America. Among all extant herons, it is surpassed in size only by the goliath heron (*Ardea goliath*) and the white-bellied heron (*Ardea insignis*). The scientific name comes from Latin *ardea*, meaning "heron." (Wikipedia)

PONDERING IN THE PARK By Greg Theokas

Park council — out of focus

Frustrated Grosse Pointe Park residents continue to fear the next heavy rainstorm. During the 2017 and 2019 elections, members of the council majority made the widespread 2016 sewer overflows a centerpiece of their campaigns. Yet, until this month, virtually nothing was done to address sewer overflows. Even though there is a relatively low-cost, locally controlled, remedy.

The engineers call it an extreme emergency relief valve (EERV). It can substantially mitigate the impact of severe rain storms, like the one that devastated the Park on June 26. Other municipalities already use similar technology to protect their residents.

Since 2018 the Park has had a pending request before the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) to allow emergency overflows under extreme circumstances. The proposal was developed by OHM, an engineering firm that specializes in sanitary and storm management.

The Park's EERV request has languished for over two years. To approve the request, state regulators need information from the city: modeling studies, downspout rules, partial treatment options and dry storage capacity. These requirements should have been vigorously pursued by the council and supplied to EGLE.

On June 26 there were many serious Great Lakes Water Authority lapses — including insufficient staff and a severed power line. The impact of those fail-

ures could have been substantially reduced if the Park had its own backup system in place.

Yet, while the EGLE request lay dormant, members of the council majority found time for unrelated priorities. Here are some examples from the past several months.

◆ A donor policy that has dried up much-needed contributions (December-January). Those contributions could be used to improve our parks and marina — and possibly pay for the EERV project. Regrettably, a major benefactor has described the current relationship between the city and the Park Foundation as "broken."

◆ A highly debated agenda item to place interest group flags on the city hall flagpole (May-June).

◆ A commitment to return an outdoor basketball court to Patterson Park (December).

◆ A proposal to receive input on opening Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks to non-residents. (December).

◆ A proposed ethnic intimidation ordinance — the only one in Michigan — that would invite costly constitutional law litigation and could be used to challenge public safety officers as they perform their duties (May). It is now pending before the Ordinance Review Committee.

But those haven't been the only digressions. In a January closed-door session, the council majority

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My community concerns over school safety

To the Editor:

Speaking as a medically vulnerable elder who has lived in our Grosse Pointe Farms home for 50 years, I urge the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and School Superintendent Jon Dean to take the advice of health experts at the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics and insist on indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Not only will they be protecting our kids, their teachers and families, but our entire community as well. I beg them to not put us all at risk unnecessarily.

Masking has nothing to do with personal freedom and everything to

LETTERS

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do with community responsibility.
PATRICIA LAY DORSEY
Grosse Pointe Farms

'Progressive' Park websites — 'bullying pulpits'

To the Editor:

The so-called Grosse Pointe Park "progressives" derive much of their support from behind-the-scenes social media websites.

These sites are part of

the new "community" and "resident engagement" which councilmembers Fluitt, Relan, Read and McConnell unabashedly claim to represent.

Unfortunately, these internet sites often display cruel and juvenile comments that bully those with differing opinions. Not the kind of fact-based public debate that is normally associated with the word "community." And not the kind of

broad-mindedness one would expect from people self-righteously calling themselves "progressive."

Councilmembers Fluitt and Relan frequently participate on these websites. In fact, Relan's recent claim of "a complete overhaul since 2019, other than Lauri (Read)" seems to be the driving narrative for most political discussions.

Far too often the participants simply bully and attack individuals with differing opinions.

It is inappropriate for councilmembers to join in. By so doing, they lend credibility to the off-the-record browbeating. And, they undermine their own integrity as democratically elected councilmembers — sworn to serve all citizens, regardless of their beliefs.

KEN SANBORN
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Things I have learned



There are things I've learned throughout my life and there are things I've yet to learn. Nobody has it all figured out, not yet anyway. I like the bumper sticker that says, "A mind is like a parachute, it only works when open." Having an open mind is what constitutes growth and opens

someone up to learning.

I have learned to always follow my gut. I've learned that kindness is contagious.

I've learned a good listener is not all that common. Neither is common sense.

I've learned it's a better use of your time to spend it with people who lift you up.

I've learned that accountability can change people's lives. Own your failures and celebrate your wins.

I have learned that two people can look at exactly the same thing and see something completely different. I've learned that perspective can be subjective. And that our differences make us unique and

valuable.

I've learned that people you care about can be taken from you far too soon; that no matter how much your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief and you have to find a way forward, a way to heal. Since moving back to Michigan after college 20 years ago, I have lost eight friends, nine relatives and most importantly, my mom.

I have learned to be grateful for everything, even the hard stuff. We are all works in progress and growing is part of life. I have learned that hanging on to something negative doesn't serve me. I've learned that what you eat can be healthy for your body or toxic.

A number of years ago, I learned the hard way that if you are having a bad day and take it out on someone who is trying their hardest to do the best they can, you wound yourself by wounding another. But I have also learned that if you apologize sincerely and the other person understands and doesn't judge your actions, then that person is a teacher and your paths crossed for a reason.

That experience is one I had to go through, the path I had to take to understand yet another lesson about actions and consequences. This person had shown me compassion and honesty and I was given the gift of finding a new friend. You know who you are, HW. I

have come to cherish you and the hard lesson I learned that day. It was one of many things that changed my life and helped propel me on a path to authenticity, grace and taking responsibility. It is wonderful to be forgiven, but sometimes you have to forgive yourself.

I've learned that my feelings are valid, no matter what they are or who thinks they are wrong. I have learned that other people's feelings are valid too and need no explanation for feeling the way they do. I've learned I don't think people should apologize for crying in front of others. Sadness is a human emotion, yet it seems the only one publicly acceptable is happiness.

I've learned I want to live, not just exist.

I've learned just because

someone doesn't love you the way you think they should, doesn't mean they don't love you with everything in them.

I've learned that your life can change in a matter of seconds. In either direction.

I've learned that if you lose a friend who doesn't think you are living the way they think you should, it was probably time to say goodbye anyway.

I've discovered that true friendship is a gift and can ground you whether it is nearby or long distance.

I have learned the environment in which we were raised can influence who you are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I am not done learning, far from it. I hope, years from now, when I look back, I can say I learned enough to have made a difference.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

FIGHT GOES

ANOTHER ROUND:

Owners of lakefront property in both the Park and the Farms are reluctant to pay their village taxes until the question of their assessment is finally settled in the courts. At the Park Council meeting and the Farms special council meeting, demands were made practically identical in character by attorneys Fred Behr and John Watkins that clients owning such property

who had already paid their 1946 taxes should have them refunded.

CRESCENT SAIL SKIPPER TAKES

TITLE: As the old saying goes, "They came, they saw, they conquered."

That is just what the Star skippers and their crews did when they traveled to Gull Lake to compete in the first postwar Michigan State Star Class Championships. "Fleet Star" skippered by her owner Dick Miller, out of Crescent Sail Yacht Club, made a runaway affair of the three-race series by capturing three firsts for 36 points, 12 points ahead of Dick Ferguson, of Gull

Lake, his closest rival.

1971

50 years ago this week

ORDER FARMS

LAND-USE STUDY:

The Farms Council is looking to the future. It has voted to conduct an active self-examination of the limited area it has for new development while preserving the good living conditions now being enjoyed by residents, through contracting for a land-use study for the entire city.

BIG TURNOUT TO BUS LINE HEARING:

Many interested and concerned citizens from the Farms, Shores, City, Park, Woods and St. Clair Shores were in attendance at a public hearing on Southeastern Michigan Transit Authority's application for purchase of the Lake Shore Bus Line. This was the final step in a long procedure handled by SEMTA for takeover of the line.

Obituaries: Joseph E. Riney, Rose F. Glaeser, Louis H. Charbonneau, Pauline Schwarz, Otto F. Hamlin, Dr. William R. Bristol, Leo J. Athman

1996

25 years ago this week

NEIGHBORS SUE

CITY: Residents living adjacent to the proposed site of a 104-foot cellular telephone tower expressed their opposition to its construction near their back yards during three City of Grosse Pointe council meetings this spring and summer. With the granting by the council of a special use permit to Ameritech to erect the tower, some of the residents are expressing their opposition in court.

TEACHERS LEARN

ABOUT COMPUTERS:

Anyone who thinks Grosse Pointe's public school teachers punch out in early June and don't return until September haven't

looked at the staff development roster this summer. More than half of the district's 535 teachers have enrolled in more than one of the computer training classes offered this summer. Classes in everything from beginning word processing to desktop publishing to creating spreadsheets have been offered twice weekly since mid-June.

Obituaries: Charlotte Houk Johnson, Virgil Goodman M.D., Helen Van Hoet, Frances Dettloff, John Goodyear Van Zile, Elizabeth S. Pratt, Virginia Champagne, Irma Mann, Helen W. Lazaroff, Orville T. Thompson

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abruptly (and unsuccessfully) tried to remove the city manager. As if that wasn't enough, they have constantly bombarded him with emails and phone calls in a concerted effort to run day-to-day operations. Far too much of his time is spent replying to their requests. Little wonder that critical initiatives — like the EGLE request — are overlooked.

The council majority has also engaged in a continuing guerilla war against the \$45 million donor funded art center. This includes their refusal to approve a \$1 a year lease for the new DPW building (December).

At the same time, the council majority (and their supporters) have promoted the shopworn narrative that — until they arrived — the city operated without “transparency.” The Michigan Open Meetings Act clearly establishes the guidelines for municipal “transparency.” To date, no statutory violations have ever been alleged against the city by any enforcement agency.

Another favorite pastime is their attack on prior redevelopment efforts. Belittling the patient accumulation of dozens of blighted properties over several decades. And scorning the forward-thinking efforts by officials, commission and board volunteers — and even dreaded donors! Efforts that rebuilt the Park's long-neglected commercial districts (and parks) and turned it into a top 50 US city [WSJ 24/7].

One has only to observe the forlorn condition of many buildings on Jefferson and Kercheval — west of Alter Road — to envision what the Park's commercial streets once looked like.

But there is one gift from the past that the council majority should appreciate — the prior surpluses that are now being used to cover the current deficits.

There are many challenges that require attention. Sewer backups, a systemic deficit (that will probably top \$1 million due to only partially reimbursed sewer cleanup costs), the loss of Trombly, substandard cell phone, electric and mail service, and more.

To meet them, the Park needs a council in focus. Greg Theokas is a past mayor and councilman in Grosse Pointe Park.

OUR VIEW

Provencal annexation completed

The final “i” has been dotted, thankfully, in a settlement involving seven properties that have now been fully absorbed into Grosse Pointe Farms from Grosse Pointe Woods. It's the last piece falling into place after an on-again, off-again fight.

The controversy involved properties on Provencal Road that sat along the boundary line between the Farms and the Woods. Although their driveway entrances were in the Farms, their houses were in the Woods and they paid property taxes to the Woods. The Woods in turn paid the Farms to supply their basic services because Farms vehicles could get there much more easily — and for matters such as garbage collection, Farms trucks were already passing right by as they attended to neighbors on either side of the residences involved.

The residents spent a lot of effort trying to get the boundary line moved so their properties were

entirely in the Farms — and so they would be paying taxes and voting in the jurisdiction that supplied their services. Eventually, in 2019, the case was resolved with a State Boundary Commission decision that permitted the annexation and held through appeal.

The final detail, now settled, involved negotiating how much the Farms owed the Woods. The amount is designed to cover long-term costs, such as for bonded debt and pensions, that were initiated when those houses were part of the Woods' tax base. The two cities agreed on \$160,000, paid in equal installments over four years. The Woods Council approved it Aug. 2, the Farms Council on Aug. 9.

The annexation was the right way to fix this problem, given the unusual configuration of that private section of Provencal Road. It's good to see the issue permanently filed away.

GUEST VIEW By ABATE of Michigan

Look twice, save a life

ABATE of Michigan Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1976 to preserve motorcyclist rights, promote safe operating practices and raise motorists' awareness of motorcycles in Michigan. ABATE of Michigan is currently fighting for motorcyclists to have the same opportunity to make their own choice in no-fault insurance medical benefits that motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, snowmobilers and off-road vehicle operators get.

The past year, ABATE has fought for motorcyclists to receive the same rights as everyone else regarding Michigan no-fault insurance coverage.

Under Senate Bill 1, the Michigan no-fault reform law, as of July 1, 2020, a motorcyclist injured in a crash involving a motor vehicle is handcuffed to the medical insurance cap the owner of the involved vehicle chose on their auto insurance policy. For example: If an owner chose a no-fault medical insurance cap to save money, the motorcyclist only receives medical coverage up to the cap amount.

Before SB1, all persons involved in a crash with an automobile were afforded unlimited, lifetime no-fault medical benefits, otherwise known as personal injury protection coverage or PIP.

Now the medical benefits available to motorcyclists involved in a crash with an automobile depend on medical benefits the automobile's owner or driver chose to purchase. As of July 1, 2020, motorists were required to choose to purchase no-fault medical expenses in the following amounts: unlimited, \$500,000, \$250,000, \$50,000 circumstances or \$0 under certain circumstances. Given that a motorcyclist is bound by the no-fault medical cap choice of the motorist, a motorcyclist may be better off getting into an automobile accident with an uninsured driver. That is the only scenario where a motorcyclist is allowed to go to their own auto insurance (hence get the benefit of their own no-fault medical cap choice) for payment of their no-fault medical expenses.

Furthermore, a handful of health insurance plans consider motorcycling “inherently dangerous” or otherwise exclude payment for injuries from motorcycle accidents, according to Dondi Vesprini, a personal injury attorney with Buckfire Law Firm who also represents ABATE.

ABATE is fighting for equal rights for motorcyclists. ABATE is fighting for motorcyclists to have the same opportunity to make their own choice in no-fault insurance medical benefits that motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, snowmobilers and off-road vehicle operators get. Equal rights for all no matter how many wheels you are operating.

FLOODING:

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is being expanded to 20 billion gallons.

If you think about it, the central tower of Ren Cen, if laid on its side, is exactly what Mr. Mogk is talking about in Chicago's example and calling for here in metro Detroit. A Chicago-sized system could have easily contained the June effluents, as Mr. Mogk pointed out.

We wholeheartedly agree, but we can't do it with the limited budgets of state and local governments. We call on our elected federal officials — Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and Rep. Brenda Lawrence — to press the case for sewer retention funds in Washington, sooner rather than later.

Perhaps some of the billions in infraction can find its way to southeast Michigan.

OUR VIEW

Power outages

Added power outages to the list of woes due to increasingly frequent, and powerful, storms. Eighty miles per hour winds last week left thousands of DTE customers without power, with some still in the dark Tuesday when the Grosse Pointe News went to press.

While Grosse Pointe Woods and the Park were the most heavily hit, DTE repair crews and trucks could be spotted throughout the Pointes last weekend restoring power. DTE's estimate for return of power for many Woods residents was 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Woods public works Director Frank Schulte estimated up to 1,500 residents were without power throughout the week and weekend.

On the bright side, the Woods' recent \$279,000 investment for a new generator has already paid for itself by keeping city hall open for business.

It seems that while protecting their basements, homeowners need to look at another climate change investment: generators.



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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday July 26, 2021	7:00 p.m.
<p>A regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at 350 Lake Shore Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday July 26, 2021, by Mayor Louis Theros.</p> <p>Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Ricci, Councilmembers John J. Gillooly, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood.</p> <p>Absent: Councilmember James C. Farquhar (Excused).</p> <p>Mayor Theros led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 14, 2021.</p> <p>Council heard a presentation regarding the summer 2021 rain events and flooding.</p> <p>Council approved the Consent Agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a). Consideration of request for approval of permit to allow September 4, 2021 Fireworks Display with a rain date of September 5, 2021. b). Consideration of a request to purchase security cameras for Pier Park. c). Consideration of a request from Administration to award a two-year contract to Midwest Employers Casualty Insurance for Excess Workers Compensation Insurance – Self Insured Workers' Compensation Program. d). Consideration of a request to purchase radios for the Public Safety Department e). Consideration of a request from the Finance Director to approve June 2021 invoices. f). Approval of legal bills. <p>Council received the June 2021 Public Safety Report.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Derrick Kozicki, ACM/City Clerk.</p> <p>Published: Grosse Pointe News 8/19/2021</p>		

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2011

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WOODS DROPS SHORES: Grosse Pointe Shores has been notified that its access to municipal courts services in Grosse Pointe Woods will cease in 90 days. Since the Shores changed its legal status from a village to a city in 2009, the contract has been questioned. Talks between the two have not produced an agreement.

NORTH, SOUTH VACANCIES FILLED: Kate Murray and Terry Flint are the new assistant principals at Grosse Pointe North and South, respectively. Murray, an internal candidate, started as a student teacher at North 15 years ago; Flint, previously assistant superintendent at Grosse Ile High School, has eight years of administrative experience.

Obituaries: Catherine Wood Champion, Gary A. Delp, Patricia N. Hudson, Joseph E. Lenz, Louis J. Gregory M.D., Christine K. McNaughton, Nunzio John Ortisi, Marilyn Smith Wood, Anne Leete Parcells, Mark Richie Emery

Application submitted for water project loan

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Discussed at a public service committee meeting Tuesday, June 15, the Park has submitted an application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to assist funding for water infrastructure updates. A public hearing was held at the Park's next council meeting Monday, July 12.

The application is a long time coming; the Park has been in the process of finding the most efficient way to update water infrastructure, including lead service lines, since 2018. In 2019, the city received an estimated cost by Stantec, an engineering company, that started at \$20 million to \$25 million and ballooned to \$34 million to replace water mains and lead service lines throughout the Park. City Manager Nick Sizeland, at the time new in his position, chose to wait in hopes of receiving a better estimate with further research.

Sizeland partnered with OHM Advisors, who gave the city an estimate of \$27 million to complete the project. Effectively, in waiting Sizeland saved the city close to \$10 million on the infrastructure project.

"I've thought a lot about this over the years," Mayor Robert Denner said. "I was unwilling to take on this kind of an annual burden for our residents until we got sewer separation paid for. That was a fairly significant burden on the city, which obviously has great benefit, but it was a big burden on the cash flow of the city. With that off the books starting in '18, that helped us."

Denner assured the community that just because the city is trying to jump on this project doesn't mean residents should feel unsafe drinking the water.

"So what I don't want to do is create some sort of alarm in the community that ... somehow your drinking water is not safe," he said. "That's really not the

case." Quite the opposite, in fact. Right now the Park's lead action level is four parts per billion; currently the lead action level is required to be below 15 parts per billion. In January 2025, the requirement will move to 12 parts per billion.

Though the Park already was planning to undergo water infrastructure updates, a statewide mandate increased the necessity of the project by requiring all municipalities to replace lead lines by the year 2040. Effective in 2020, that gives cities 20 years to gather the funding needed to replace the lines.

The unfunded mandate left municipalities with a large economic burden; however, water providers like Great Lakes Water Authority fighting the mandate did not cause the state to budge. This left many cities, including Grosse Pointe Park, hoping for funding through federal and state programs.

One program stuck out to Park administrators. The program,

called the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, could allow the city to receive a low-interest rate loan to start working on the infrastructure update. The loan currently is at an interest rate of 1.8 percent; in 2019, the rate was 2 percent to 2.5 percent.

The loan would be paid back by residents via their water bills and would, on average, increase bimonthly bills by \$66 over the course of 20 years.

Sizeland and Denner emphasized that the project is necessary and the best route of action would be for council to find any type of funding it can receive for the project, including the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

"It's a definite need," Denner said. "It's something we've got to address. Then the question becomes, well, what period of time do we do it, how quickly do we try to do it and how do we pay for it? Because the state has this financing option available, I think it makes a lot of sense for

us to try to take advantage of this financing option because of the interest rates that are offered and it gives us an opportunity to truly accelerate improving the infrastructure for our residents, for the community."

Different opportunities for funding include money from the American Rescue Plan Act, which Sizeland believes should hit the Park's funds any day, or potential federal grants. If grants or loan forgiveness were received by the Park, those funds could go toward paying off the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan.

According to Sizeland, it made sense to apply for the loan and receive forgiveness for it if possible to move ahead with the project sooner, rather than later. If the city receives funding through the loan, Sizeland still plans to continue to look for funding

through other grants to pay back the loan with money other than just residents'.

"My goal, right now, is to look through every funding opportunity that's available, state or federal," Sizeland said.

As required in the application, the city was to hold a public hearing at a special council meeting Monday, June 28. Due to flooding events Friday, June 25, the city postponed the meeting and received approval from the program to submit the application on its due date, Thursday, July 1, and host the public hearing at a later date. Though there was none, any public input received at the council meeting would have been inserted into the application as council saw fit.

"If we don't do this now, whether it's the mains and lead service lines, it's going to be at a bigger cost down the road," Sizeland said.

Farms passes redistricting resolution

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In support of the Michigan Redistricting Commission approving a redistricting plan to keep the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods in the same state and federal legislative districts, to take effect in 2022, Farms city council unanimously passed a resolution regarding decennial redistricting during its meeting Monday, Aug. 9.

Reasoning is based on the six cities being "a single community of interest" with many shared services and expenses such as a public school system and mutual aid for police

and fire.

"This is a terrific idea," Councilman Lev Wood said. "I think what we're trying to accomplish here is to get away from the gerrymandering that has been so prevalent in our congressional district for so many years and supporting the idea of contiguous geographic areas."

For the last decade, the community was divided into two districts: the Shores, Woods, Harper Woods and a neighboring part of Detroit as State District 1, with the City, Farms, Park and a portion of Detroit as State District 2.

"Division of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods into mul-

iple legislative districts does not respect the long-established redistricting principle to draw elected representatives' district boundaries to respect communities of interest," the resolution reads. "... Redistricting should allow a long-time combined community, its residents, businesses, infrastructure and the community as a whole, to be represented together to have an effective and unified voice in Lansing and Washington, D.C."

Councils in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park also have passed redistricting resolutions.

"It's worth noting that both the local Eastside Republicans and the

Grosse Pointe Democratic Club have put out similar statements, so it's a rare point in this day and age of agreement across party lines," Farms Councilman Neil Sroka said.

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Bronze Door opens

The Bronze Door, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, is open from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The establishment offers a different twist on classic cuisine — from salads, salmon and meat dishes to sandwiches, desserts and vegetarian options.

Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager; Tony Soave, owner; Joe Vicari, owner; Louie Theros, Grosse Pointe Farms mayor; John Vicari, owner; Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator; and Rachele Wright, chamber membership and social media.

“We are very excited to have The Bronze Door back on The Hill,” Theros said. “We wish the proprietors the very best.”

Smoothie truck to head to winning GP school

THE GROSSE POINTES — It’s time for K-12 smoothie enthusiasts in the Pointes to bring on their school spirit.

Beyond Juicery + Eatery in The Village, 17009 Kercheval, is hosting a smoothie giveaway, with the entire winning school receiving free strawberry banana smoothies courtesy of the Beyond food truck.

Any school within 15 miles of a Beyond location is eligible and the one to receive the most nominations will be chosen.

To nominate a school, fill out the form at bit.ly/3xudDLN before submissions close at 11:59 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27.

“Beyond Juicery + Eatery, their brand is very dedicated to being

involved in their communities and giving back to the communities they serve, as well,” said Rachael Berner, public relations associate. “A big reason for this school initiative in particular is to do just that, but also since they’re a restaurant that has a lot of healthier eating options like salads, wraps (and organic juices, they really want to promote healthy eating habits among their students in the area and just encourage them to eat better and give them some fun smoothies in the process.”

Expanding upon the smoothie contest, and in keeping with back-to-school spirit, Beyond Juicery + Eatery also is hosting a week of dis-

counts at all Michigan locations.

Monday, Aug. 23, from 2 to 5 p.m., those with a student ID get a free 16-ounce blueberry-infused lemonade; Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 2 to 5 p.m., all customers wearing a school shirt can get 50 percent off a smoothie bowl; Wednesday, Aug. 25, those ordering online or via the app will receive a free slice of poppy seed bread with every smoothie purchase; Thursday, Aug. 26, faculty with an ID get 10 percent off an entire order; and Friday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., bring a school ID to get the grade you’re in as a percentage off the check.

— Laurel Kraus

Annexation settlement approved

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND WOODS — In an action commenced by the residents who no longer wanted their parcels split between two communities,

seven Provencal homes were annexed from the Woods into the Farms in October 2019.

Following an unsuccessful appeal by the Woods in 2020, the two Pointes now have reached an indebtedness and liabilities set-

tlement agreement for tax revenue from the parcels the Woods was relying on.

Beginning the 2021-22 fiscal year, the Farms will pay \$40,000 annually for four years to the Woods, for a total amount of \$160,000.

The Woods’ demand to remit payment — based on Section 14 of the Home Rule City Act — is intended to cover city costs such as long-term debt and pension funding it had budgeted from the parcels.

“If the statute pertains to a quad, then when a parcel moves from the tax rolls of jurisdiction

A, in this case the Woods, to the tax rolls of jurisdiction B, in this case the Farms, there is a rebalancing requirement under the statute,” Farms City Attorney William Burgess explained. “... Jurisdiction A (which) thought they had this tax revenue stream coming in, would have to be covered somehow by the change of tax revenues in jurisdiction B.”

Despite the cost, the Farms is “very comfortable with the economic rebalancing” according to Burgess, as it will be taking in more in taxes from the new parcels.

“We get more than what we’re regurgitating back from the seven homes,” he said.

With both councils approving the agreement unanimously, the Farms sealed the deal with its approval Monday, Aug. 9.



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From left, Full Circle co-founder Mary Fodell, Executive Director Stephanie DiVirgil, board President Sue Banner and participant Briana Weaver.



Maria Caballero won the Bunny Whisperer Award for her ability to charm the bunnies that visit the garden.



Julia Ansell gets ice cream from volunteer Alicia Carlisle.

Summer celebration

Full Circle Foundation recently hosted a garden party and picnic to celebrate the end of its summer programs. Participants also were honored during the event, which featured a talent show, pizza and ice cream. Right, students ring bells during the talent show.



COVID outbreak shuts down Lake Front pool

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The pool at Lake Front Park shut down Thursday, Aug. 12, due to a COVID-19 outbreak among lifeguarding staff. The pool reopened Sunday, Aug. 15.

City staff was informed Wednesday, Aug. 11, that two lifeguards at the pool tested positive for the virus. Contact tracing was conducted and the city determined 55 employees may have been exposed to COVID, according to Parks and Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart.

"All of the 55 employees were notified on Aug. 12, and were requested to be tested for COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status," she said. The city's protocol is as follows: If an employee suspects they have COVID, they are to notify their supervisor or

show symptoms of COVID, they must immediately receive testing and may not report to work at that time. If a positive test result arises, contact tracing is conducted and potentially impacted staff or patrons of the pool will be notified.

In this case, the city feels confident that patrons, swim lesson participants and synchronized swim team members were not exposed to the virus through the outbreak.

Due to the amount of employees potentially exposed, the city had to wait until enough staff produced negative test results before the pool could reopen, per the Macomb County Health Department.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Realtors to assist area flooding victims

Michigan Association of Realtors, the Dearborn Area Board of Realtors, Detroit Association of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and the Realtors Relief Foundation will provide housing assistance for qualified applicants residing in the counties of Wayne and Washtenaw. This Realtors relief initiative is in response to the substantial rainfall and resultant widespread flooding in late June of this year.

During the weekend of June 25, areas across metro Detroit were hit by 5 to 7 inches of rain, resulting in flooded roadways, stranded motorists, damaged homes and displaced residents. The above organizations have activated the Realtors Relief Foundation to provide financial relief to those impacted by the flooding. This relief may be used for a qualified applicant's mortgage payment or monthly rent if they experienced property damage due to flooding.

In response to the hardship many are now facing, the Realtors Relief Foundation has \$100,000 available for individuals and families directly affected by the June 25-26 flooding. Applicants will need to verify that they reside within the State of Emergency Zone as declared by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Financial assistance will be provided to cover one month's rent or mortgage payment for qualified applicants in an amount of up to \$1,000 per household until the available funds are fully allocated.

2021 Michigan Realtors President E'toile Libbett expressed sympathy for those who now face enormous challenges brought on by the flooding.

"Those who reside in these communities have had their lives dramatically changed by this crisis," Libbett said. "We wanted to do our part to alleviate some of the housing insecurity brought on by the flooding. We are proud to be able to show our support

and provide some financial assistance during this difficult time."

Those who have been directly affected by flooding in Wayne and Washtenaw counties over the weekend of June 25, and who are located within the boundaries of the State of Emergency Zone, are asked to reach out to one of the following associations to obtain an application. The deadline to apply is Sept. 15.

Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors — relief@gpbr.com or gpbr.com/relief

Dearborn Area Board of Realtors — dearbornrelief@gmail.com

Detroit Association of Realtors — detroitassociation@gmail.com

Each applicant will

need to provide:

1. Photo identification that proves place of residence.

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Racing for Kids returns to The Hill Sept. 1

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's already a buzz in the air for the 15th Racing for Kids to the Hill — Shifting into High Gear 2021, which makes its way back to Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms Wednesday, Sept. 1.

After shifting to a virtual event amid the pandemic last year, it seems everyone is excited to welcome back “such an important part of the community’s social calendar,” said J. Patrick Wright, executive director of Racing for Kids. “Everybody’s depending upon it, because everybody’s anxious to get back out and have some fun.”

Added event coordinator Linda Finger, “It’s exciting. Everybody is so jazzed up for it. Everybody’s been inside for so long; it’s nice for people to have this to look forward to.”

The event, which occurs in two parts — a daytime street fair and an evening cocktail reception fundraiser — is making a cau-



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A member of Team FMX performs a stunt during the 2019 Racing for Kids to the Hill.

tious return, providing doors or under high, open sanitization stations and tents. “We’ve adjusted it for COVID, but it’s still going to be great,” Finger said.



Racing for Kids to the Hill returns to Kercheval Sept. 1.

“There will be lots of fun things.”

Returning this year is Team FMX, who quite literally will create a buzz in the air with a high-flying motorsport demonstration during both the daytime and evening events.

The street fair, which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., is sponsored by The Hill Association and includes a display of dream cars, including the Detroit Grand Prix show car. The College for

Creative Studies sponsors an art zone for children and the Grosse Pointe News sponsors a scavenger hunt.

Other highlights include merchant displays, family activities, refreshments and music by Whack the Mole.

The evening event, from 6 to 9 p.m., includes a cocktail reception, live and silent auctions, and food selections from The Bronze Door, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Luxe Bar &

Grill, Café Nini and Jumps, as well as Fresh Farms Market.

Auction items include a 24-month prepaid lease on a Ford Ranger SuperCrew 4x4 truck from Crest Automotive Group; a diamond and pearl necklace from LaLonde Jewelers and Gemologists; a Tag Heuer men’s watch from edmund t. AHEE Jewelers; exciting getaways and an Indy 500 package.

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Connecting through coffee

Enterprise links communities in global effort

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Worldwide, more than 400 billion cups of coffee are consumed each year. In the United States alone, daily consumption of coffee exceeds 450 million cups.

“Even though we have a lot of differences, coffee is in every culture,” said Patty Sunisloe, project development director of the newly formed organization Coffee Connecting Communities. “We agree that we love it. This is a great place to start talking about our similarities.”

It was a cup of coffee that brought Sunisloe and her

neighbor, Fiona Tanner, into partnership.

The pair are launching Coffee Connecting Communities in southeast Michigan, with an initial focus on the Grosse Pointe area.

Coffee Connecting Communities partners with Gorilla Highlands Coffee, a coffee co-op in Uganda, to create social change in communities where the coffee is grown and provide change to communities where the coffee is consumed. Through the sale of high-quality, specialty-graded, single-origin coffee, the organization aims to better the livelihood of coffee farmers in the gorilla habitat of southwest

Uganda and, in turn, protect the gorilla population by taking away the need to poach.

Tanner began her work in Uganda 25 years ago; her efforts stemmed from conservation work she began in her native New Guinea in 1985.

Through direct trade with Gorilla Highlands Coffee, “The coffee being sold is helping us save silverback gorillas, giving educational opportunities to children in Uganda, providing health care to farmers in Uganda,” Sunisloe said. “What Fiona developed over there, she’s bringing it over here.”

“My whole feeling is every day we drink a cup of coffee, it helps people,” said Tanner, executive director of Coffee Connecting Communities. “We’re helping the farmers, helping people here, helping with conservation.”

Kicking off

Though the pandemic put a pause on the launch of Coffee Connecting Communities, the organization is officially underway. Last Wednesday, Cabbage Patch Saloon hosted an in-service on the packaging process, with Full Circle Foundation participants and board President Sue Banner.

The coffee previously was packaged in Uganda, Tanner said. Help from Full Circle participants broadens the impact of the project.

“Our first major connection is working,” Sunisloe said. “We’re connecting the farmers in Uganda and the farmers at Full Circle, who have their own garden. This has the potential — and we have the intention



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Patty Sunisloe, left, and Fiona Tanner are in partnership with Gorilla Highlands Coffee through their Coffee Connecting Communities project.

— of making this an international endeavor.

“We believe your coffee should taste good and do good,” she added. “It’s about more than drinking coffee, it’s about drinking coffee for a cause. We’re excited about bringing more and more people into the fold.”

Full Circle was added to the mix after Cabbage Patch Saloon owner Alicia Carlisle learned of Tanner’s efforts.

“Alicia called and asked me to get some kids together to do some packaging,” Banner said. “This is a great partnership and a great opportunity for the kids.”

To start the endeavor, Coffee Connecting Communities is offering a medium roast that features notes of floral, citrus, caramel and cocoa. Whole

bean and ground options are available. The coffee costs \$15 for a 12-ounce biodegradable bag.

“We will eventually offer more varieties,” Sunisloe said. The logo says it all — two hands with different skin colors wrap around a mug of coffee, the froth of which represents the world.

“We’re connecting people of all cultures, backgrounds, religions, ideologies,” Sunisloe said, “but it also represents our love of Mother Earth.”

Tanner hopes to have a coffee-packaging session once a month at Cabbage Patch Saloon.

“I’ll bring the coffee in small batches, a few hundred bags every month,” she said.

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Full Circle participants Kate Miller and Kara Campbell help board President Sue Banner bag coffee beans.

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

- ◆ Fresh Cut Flower Bouquet Workshop, at Detroit Abloom, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 19 to Sept. 16, with instructor Nancy Wiegandt. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.
- ◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie "Love, Gilda" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the follow-

ing programs:

- ◆ The Future of Movement: The College for Creative Studies Transportation Design Exhibition, through Aug. 29.
 - ◆ Tunes on the Terrace, 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, featuring the Michigan Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra.
 - ◆ Maker Studio—Fabric Collage, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.
 - ◆ Fresh Air Painting Club, 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 22.
 - ◆ Explorers, 3 p.m. Thursdays, for ages 6 to 10.
 - ◆ Fitness, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, for all fitness levels.
 - ◆ Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, for all fitness levels.
- For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents story time with Terry Ayrault at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ayrault will read his book, "Lyin' Brian the Cryin' Lion."

Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Men's Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. M. Jon Dean, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, speaks.

Friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will host a book exchange from 6:30 to 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Central library plaza. Bring a bag or box of books you've recently

read to exchange with others. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
 - ◆ Friends Book Swap, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. The Friends of the GPPL invite people to bring gently used books to swap with fellow bibliophiles at the outdoor plaza at 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Register on grossepointetelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Mini Picassos

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

- ◆ Toddler Art Mornings, for ages 2 to 5, 10 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 11. Cost is \$100.
- ◆ Art Club, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 14 to Oct.

12. Cost is \$165.

◆ Paint Club, for second through eighth graders, 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15 to Oct. 13. Cost is \$165.

◆ Art Club, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, 4:15 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 16 to Oct. 14. Cost is \$165.

◆ American Girl Doll Art Pop Up, for ages 6 to 17, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Cost is \$60.

◆ Harry Potter Art Party, for ages 7 to 17, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Cost is \$50.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Reunion

Grosse Pointe North High School's Class of 1971 is hosting its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. Sept.

18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$55. Tickets and additional information are available online at gpn1971.org.

Detroit Abloom

H3—Hope, Healing and Health, in collaboration with Detroit Abloom, presents Nature is Medicine, an educational gardening program created to improve overall health and well-being, from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Detroit Abloom, 248 Manistique, Detroit. Visit detroitabloom.com.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe 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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"It's fun to see things getting back to whatever the new normal is," Finger said. "We worked hard to come up with fun auction

items. The auctioneer is Bob DuMouchelle. He's always getting things going. Ryan Ermanni is the emcee. He's a great guy with so much energy. The party is fun. It's got a good vibe."

Apart from providing a

day's worth of entertainment, Racing for Kids to the Hill also includes the Courageous Kids Awards, which honor young people in the community who have shown strength and determination in dealing with challenging health

conditions. This year's Courageous Kids are Henry Hays, 7; Kenyon Sims, 10; and Payton Shock, 12.

Past Courageous Kids have been invited to this year's event, which also will include a special honor.

"One of our original Courageous Kids, Jake Pennar, lost his battle," Wright said. "We will honor him in a special way; it will be a celebration of his life. ... He was a tough kid with a lot of life. We want to honor Jake, honor his memory.

"All of our Courageous Kids have been through some incredible, herculean efforts," he added.

Added Finger, "It's amazing what these kids go through and still have big smiles on their faces."

Children are at the heart of the Racing for Kids mission. Proceeds from events like Racing for Kids

to the Hill bring INDY car drivers into hospitals for visits.

In addition, Racing for Kids to the Hill also raises funds for pediatric programs at Ascension St. John Hospital, Henry Ford Health System, The Children's Foundation and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

"We donate money to hospitals for childcare needs," Finger said, "like heart monitors that allow kids to go home and have doctors monitor them remotely. There are special needs in hospitals across the U.S. We donate red wagons that are retrofitted with IV poles, so if a kid has to go to surgery, instead of using a wheelchair or gurney, we put them in a wagon. It's not as traumatic for them."

Like the fundraiser, hospital visits went virtual last year, but thanks to closed-circuit televisions, many

patients still were able to interact with drivers.

"We do this all around the country," Wright said of the visits. "The drivers say, 'We're getting more out of this than these kids are.' ... The real winners are these kids who are determined to survive. These are tough, brave, inspirational kids."

In its first year, Racing for Kids to the Hill attracted less than 100 people. Its last in-person event in 2019 drew more than 650. Since 2007, the event has raised and distributed more than \$1 million.

"This is all a part of what we do," Finger said. "It's fun, but at the heart of our mission is the kids. Every kid we visit in the hospital is a courageous kid and so are their families."

"It's just exciting to be able to do this again," she added. "It's one of the big fundraisers of the year and it allows us to do things we really care about through the year."

Major sponsors this year include Ascension St. John Hospital, Crest Automotive Group, Henry Ford Health System, Peggy and Peter Kross, Wells Fargo, Bill and Darrene Baer, Ann and Jim Nicholson and Northern Trust.

"We have a very excited community, a very excited team," Wright said. "This should be a lot of fun."

Tickets to the evening fundraiser are \$150 and are available at racingforkids.org.

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Offering mental wellness benefits is smart business

By Sasha Murphy
Guest Writer

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, parents and students are faced with yet another round of stressors. Coinciding with the recall of many employees to the office, workers are dealing with changes to childcare arrangements, caregiving preparations and myriad other mental health pressures. After 16 months of disruption and uncertainty, employees are again looking to their employers for mental wellness support.

“The mental health of employees has been under siege,” said Sheryl Simmons, CEO of 3flightsHR, a locally based HR company. “In this tight labor market, it’s imperative that we offer assistance if we want to retain our talent. The high cost of unchecked turnover will crush a company.”

There is no immunity from mental wellness struggles. Each year, one in five adults in the U.S. will experience mental illness. Only one in three will get the help they need. Employers have an opportunity to improve the mental health of millions of working adults.

Business leaders can help their employees successfully navigate the school year and beyond.

“Flexible scheduling, remote work,

EAP access, caregiving benefits, virtual counseling – these have a meaningful impact,” Simmons said. “I work with business leaders throughout the U.S. and they’re seeing positive business outcomes. Addressing employee mental health is strategic leadership.”

Offering mental wellness benefits is smart business.

“Make sure your employees know about those benefits,” she added. “Craft an effective communication campaign that includes leadership support. Culture is everything when it comes to mental wellness.”

Prevention should be woven into all aspects of our lives, including where and how we live, learn, work and play. Everyone — government, business, educators, health care institutions, communities and every single American — has a role in creating a healthier nation.

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods hosts open community meetings the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Please email smurphy@careofsem.com for the login information. We hope you join us!

Sasha Murphy is a community organizer with CARE of Southeastern Michigan and a member of Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods.

Lunch, Laugh & Learn

St. Michael’s to introduce new ministry

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Outreach always has been an important facet of the St. Michael’s Episcopal Church mission.

The Grosse Pointe Woods church often offers support to students in the Detroit Public Schools district, as well as the social service agency Crossroads of Michigan.

In preparation of its 75th anniversary, the church formed a visioning committee to set the tone for its next 75 years. Those discussions led to the formation of a new monthly outreach, “Lunch, Laugh and Learn,” planned to begin next month.

“We do a lot of outreach,” said parishioner Kathie Groschner, a visioning committee member. “We began to discuss that, in our community and many other communities, our demographics are changing. More and more of us are not young anymore.

“... Regardless of financial situation, there are many among us who are lonely,” she continued. “Many of us don’t have a way or know of a way to enjoy the company of others or learn from others or have fellowship. They may feel lonely or in need of companionship; there are those who have lost loved ones or really aren’t clear about how to make their way in the world as a single person. As we talked about it, we realized we’re not necessarily

talking about older people.”

Groschner said especially coming out of pandemic-related isolation, all sorts of people are missing that interpersonal connection.

“Lunch, Laugh and Learn is a relationship opportunity,” she said. “The focus is not only on seniors, but anybody who would like to get to know others or be in the company of others.”

intend to ask guests what they’d be interested in. We’re not sure what the future holds or the form our program will take, but we feel there’s a need.”

She noted that, though not a religious service, the Rev. Michael Bradley will be available to offer optional healing prayers, if requested.

The event, which will take place the third Thursday of each month, is free of charge. Freewill

‘... this is something that belongs to the guests. We want it to be what it needs to be for them.’

KATHIE GROSCHNER
St. Michael’s Episcopal Church

All are welcome to the outreach event, which meets the first time at noon Thursday, Sept. 16, at the church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Brian Brenner, chef at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, will prepare the first lunch.

“We had the idea, as we get the group going, perhaps other chefs or restaurants in the community might like to be involved,” Groschner said.

Additionally, the group hopes to host a different guest speaker each month to share information on a variety of topics.

“As we get to know our guests and their needs, we will refine our program to address their needs if we can,” Groschner added. “We

offerings will be accepted. “We ask that people register ahead of time,” Groschner said, “but beyond that, there are no other requirements.”

“It will be wonderful to get to know folks and what they need,” she added. “It’ll be something to look forward to on a monthly basis.”

To register for Lunch, Laugh and Learn, call (313) 883-4820. Information about the outreach also will soon be available on the church’s website, stmichaelsgpw.org.

“Anybody can come,” Groschner added. “We would like people to understand this is something that belongs to the guests. We want it to be what it needs to be for them.”

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OBITUARIES

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Daphne Lewis

Daphne Lewis, 71, of Attica, passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family Monday, Aug. 9, 2021.

Daphne Jane McFarlen was born Sept. 9, 1949, in Huntsville, Ala. She was the daughter of the late Howard and Etoile McFarlen (nee Todd). Daphne grew up in New Market, Ala.

Daphne met Harry Lewis at work at Chrysler Huntsville Electronics. They wed June 21, 1985, in Rochester, Mich., and subsequently moved to Michigan where she was a homemaker.

Daphne was the "glue" that held her extended family together, planning and hosting many family reunions.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Lewis; sons, Harry Lewis Jr. of Lapeer, John "Jake" Lewis of Attica, Nicholas Lewis (Adam) of Brooklyn, N.Y., Daniel Lewis (Allyson) of Chicago and Robert Lewis of Grand Rapids; sister, Martha Wright; brothers, Wayne McFarlen (Patsy), William McFarlen (Wilma) and David McFarlen; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Daphne was predeceased by her brother, Dudley McFarlen.

A private graveside service officiated by Pastor Rodney Sanderson-Smith will be held at Arcadia Township Cemetery.

Arrangements for

Daphne's cremation were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City.

Share condolences and memories with the Lewis family online at muirbrothersfh.com.

Memorial contributions may be directed to McLaren Hospice, 1515 Cal Drive, Davison, MI 48423, or mclaren.org.

Robert Wachter

Robert "Bob" Wachter, 81, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away at his home Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, following a long battle with dementia and cancer.

He was born July 10, 1940, in Detroit, to Frank and Mary Wachter, both now deceased.

Bob grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1958. He attended Brown University where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and graduated in 1962, with a bachelor's degree in economics. After college, he joined his father in the family business at Eastern Box Company in Detroit, where he found much success and accomplishment during a 40-year career.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Barbara "Bonnie" Zimmerman in 1961, and they were happily married almost 60 years. Bob

proudly served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and was a patriot through and through. He was on the board at Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery and a member of the Rotary Club.

He loved fixing things and even more, loved helping friends with their household repairs. He treasured his many wonderful friends. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who adored his three daughters and 14 grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his wife, Bonnie; daughters, Elizabeth Wachter Jones, Mary Baran (Vance) and Catherine Crane (Robert); and grandchildren, Carly, Tory, McKenzie, Madison, Robert, Benjamin, Brooks, Cameron, Andrew, James, Howard, Eloise, Hogan and Hayden.

Bob was predeceased by his brother, William Wachter and his daughter, Heidi Wachter.

Bob was deeply loved by his family and friends. His love of life, kindness, perpetual positive attitude, generosity, huge smile and endless "I love yous" will be missed.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, t2t.org or (718) 987-1931.



Daphne Lewis



Robert Wachter



Alex Kade

Alex Kade

Alexander Kade, 68, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away at home Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021.

He was born Aug. 30, 1952, in Klagenfurt, Austria, to Maria and Chadzeslan (aka George) Kade, both now deceased. He emigrated with his family to the U.S. in 1955. He attended Cass Technical High School and achieved his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Wayne State University.

During his university years, Alex began a storied 33-year career in engineering at General Motors, during which he recorded 37 patents with a heavy focus on improving the safety of motor vehicles, especially anti-lock braking systems and collision detection and avoidance. The ABS-VI project he led technically won numerous awards, including the Henry Ford II Award from the Society of Automotive Engineers, GM's Boss Kettering Award and Popular Science's Best of What's New.

After General Motors, Alex continued his pursuit of improving vehicle safety and security during



Constance C. Parnell



Dolores M. Bradway

almost a decade with the U.S. Army TARDEC in Warren, focusing on autonomous vehicles. During his tenure there, he was twice awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

Alex was an avid fisherman and traveled across the U.S. and Canada, from Florida to Lake Nipissing to Alaska, in search of the next catch. Alex was a family man and a loyal friend and was respected by everyone who had the opportunity to work with him.

Alex is survived by his three children, Jonathan Kade (Diane), Dr. Allison Fox (Chris) and Andrew Kade; grandchildren, Evelyn and Audrey Fox; and sister, Lillian Kade. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Anne Kade.

Memories and photos may be shared at mandziukfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Alexander-Kade.

Memorials are suggested to Headwaters Land Conservancy, headwatersconservancy.org.

Constance C. Parnell

Constance Carmichael Parnell, 71, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday, July 20, 2021. She was surrounded by her family and friends who will celebrate her life and honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Connie was born June 20, 1950, to Curtis and Bernice Carmichael, both now deceased. She graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in 1968, completed her bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 1972, and obtained her Master of Arts degree in teaching from Oakland University in 1975.

Connie devoted the next 31 years of her life to teaching at University Liggett School and retired in 2003. Her dedication to her profession and encouraging and positive approach to teaching left a lasting impact on her students.

An artist and musician in her own right, she enjoyed painting, sculpting and playing the piano. But above all, Connie was a devoted wife and mom. She married her high school sweetheart and was so proud of her two wonderful boys, John Jr. and David, instilling in them the value of education, commitment and travel.

Connie was an enthusiastic and joyful woman. She received the greatest happiness in sharing her

zeal for life and helping others find their own happiness and inner confidence.

Connie is survived by her husband, John R. Parnell; sons, John R. Parnell, Jr. (Jennifer) and David S. Parnell; grandson, Jack R. Parnell; siblings, Lucy Carmichael Milner, Terrence Carmichael (Birgit) and Denise Carmichael; and many nieces and nephews.

Connie was predeceased by her brothers, David S. Carmichael and Curtis Carmichael, Jr.

Visitation is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

Dolores M. Bradway

Dolores M. Bradway, 91, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, after a short illness.

She was an official court reporter for 30 years for judges Smith, Vokes and Moynihan.

She was predeceased by her parents, Rose (nee Peters) and Backus Badway; brothers, Edward, Anthony and Joseph Badway; sisters, Isobel Badway, Elizabeth Bradway (aka Sister Veronica), Amelia Thomas and Eloise Badway; and dearest friend, Judge David Vokes, for whom she cared in her home for 13 years. She also is survived by sisters, Josephine Dow and Anne O'Hara; nieces, Connie Buckley, Carole Thomas Franklin and Lois Dow with her sisters, Barbara and Morgan, Kathleen O'Hara, Mary Beth Costello, Mary Badway, Betty McQueen, Cathy Bennett and Susan Michaud; nephews, Robert O'Hara, Peter Thomas, Dennis Thomas and John Badway; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Instate is at 9:30 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, solanuscenter.org or Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, olvm.org.

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NORAH MONCRIEFF MARTIN WILLIAMS

Norah Moncrieff Martin Williams died on her birthday, August 2, at the age of 91. She was with her three sons (Darwin D. Martin III, Christopher Bruce Martin, and Dr. Michael Frederick Martin) and two daughters-in-law (Lori Denise Martin and Meipo Martin) when she passed away at Ascension St. John's Hospital in Harper Woods, Michigan.

If there was a prototypical woman destined to break the corporate "glass ceiling", it was Norah Williams. She was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1930 and has been described as "funny, feisty, frank, brilliant, loving, kind, generous, thoughtful and faithful" to her ideals, family, friends, city, and state.

Norah was the daughter of Frederick and Kathleen (nee Pascoe) Moncrieff of Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Liggett School in 1948 and frequently had to remind people that her first name was spelled "Nora with a 'h'." In 1953 she graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. While attending Wayne State, she met and married Darwin D. Martin, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan.

Norah and Darwin (Dar) Jr. purchased a home at 765 Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park where they raised their three sons - Darwin (Deni), Chris and Mike - from 1958 to 1976. Norah and Dar divorced in 1976 and he moved to Alexandria, Virginia.

Norah's professional presence was apparent in five decades of service. She was initially a teacher for Detroit Public Schools from 1953 to 1955 and then stepped up to serve as vice president, secretary and board member of Cadillac Nursing Homes, Inc. in Detroit - a family business started by her mother, Kathleen Moncrieff.

When her mother became critically ill in 1960, Norah took over as president, chief administrator and senior member of the board of directors at Cadillac Nursing Homes. In 1962, she renamed the company after her mother's initials "KGM, Inc." and served as the company's CEO and President for 12 years.

Seeing a critical need to help women advance their professional careers, she returned to Wayne State University and earned a Master of Education degree in Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations in 1972. Within a year, Norah accepted a position as Person Inc.'s director responsible for directing advertising, public relations and promotional programs, and conducting execu-



tive searches for Fortune 500 firms looking for talented female executives.

In 1974 she sold KGM, Inc. and founded Norah M. Martin and Associates with an emphasis on teaching effective human resource development strategies to major businesses in metro Detroit. She also joined the Employers Association of Detroit as a consultant. She closed out the 1970's as the coordinator of General Education Development (GED) and Cass Outreach Programs for Detroit Public Schools.

During the early to mid-1980's, Norah Williams was an adjunct assistant professor at Madonna College in Livonia, Michigan and staff manager in the Corporate Education Center of Michigan Bell. She advanced into the Department of Corporate Affairs at Michigan Bell, serving as the liaison between the phone company and Michigan communities.

Norah handled community relations for the majority of alterations in the metro Detroit telephone grid with the major accomplishment being the completion of telephony for the newly completed I-696 Walter Reuther Freeway. She also promoted the state of Michigan by serving as Michigan Bell's representative during Michigan Week. Her personal life stayed on the back burner until 1984, when she began dating Dr. John (Jack) Hyde Williams. Jack's first wife Elizabeth (Betty Adams) Williams had died in the winter of 1982.

Dr. Williams and Norah Moncrieff Martin were members at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. They quickly became inseparable and began attending events featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Grosse Pointe

Theater together. They were married on April 20, 1985 at Christ Church and Norah retired to devote time to her newly expanded family, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and various non-profit organizations.

One of Norah's favorite places was the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The Williams often held family gatherings, especially during the holidays, at the yacht club. They also entertained family and friends at social events held in their Grosse Pointe Woods home.

Norah and Jack Williams traveled extensively in the United States, along with faraway destinations like Great Britain, Europe, and China. They were particularly fond of vacations in the Caribbean during Michigan winters and often invited other family members to join them on their vacations.

Beloved wife of John (Jack) Hyde Williams (deceased). Beloved sister of Frederick (Ted) Moncrieff (deceased) and sister of Rev. Bruce Moncrieff (deceased). Beloved mother of Darwin (Lori) Martin III, Christopher Martin, Dr. Michael (Meipo) Martin. Beloved grandmother of Bryan Martin, Dr. Kyle (Dr. Chelsea) Martin. Beloved great grandmother of Brandon Martin, Jaden Martin, Jessa Martin, Blake Martin, Imogen Martin, Peter Martin, Charlotte Martin.

Beloved stepmother of Susan (David) Chaklos, Martha Williams, Elizabeth (Mark) Lewis. Beloved grandmother of Kenneth Chaklos, Elizabeth "Betsy" Chaklos, Christine (Nick) Penhale, Laura (Chris) Craft, Michelle (Brian) Craft, Sgt. Ian McConnell, USMC (deceased), Margaret "Meg" (T.C.) Schellinger. Beloved great grandmother of Elizabeth 'Lily' Penhale, Lucas Penhale, Joshua Craft, Kaitlyn Craft, Maya Schellinger.

A combined memorial service to celebrate the lives of Norah Williams and Dr. John (Jack) Hyde Williams will be held at Christ Church on October 30, 2021 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Norah Williams can be made to the following: Planned Parenthood Action Fund, 123 William St, 10th Floor New York, NY, 10038, Phone: 1-800-430-4907 Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800 Miami, FL 33131, Phone: 1-800-473-4636

OBITS:

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Nicole Elisabeth Stroh

Nicole Elisabeth Stroh, 81, of Jupiter Island, Fla., passed away Monday, Aug. 9, 2021.

She was born June 18, 1940, in Lebanon, to Pierre and Elisabeth Fauquet-Lemaitre, both now deceased. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Peter Stroh, of Detroit.

Nicole lived an extraordinary life in the United States, but always held tightly to her French background. She grew up in Normandy, France, and went on to study at The Sorbonne in Paris. Nicole remained close to the French culture, language and beauty of the land throughout her life.

Nicole took a special liking to the outdoors with a particular excellence in shooting and fly fishing. Her passion for these sports led to travels to remote destinations around the world. Her international reputation as an angler was one she was very proud of, but would never be heard boasting about. She often was the most successful rod in the river, whether in Russia, Canada, Argentina, Scotland, Iceland or England. In addition to the outdoors, Nicole was an avid bridge player. She enjoyed the complexity of the game, as well as the social aspect and friendships it brought into her life.

During her time in Detroit, Nicole was a recognized board member of the Detroit Institute of Arts and member of the Garden Club of Michigan. She had an exquisite eye for the beauty around her and focused that into a passion for gardening. She was known for her sophisticated nature and classic style.

Nicole and Peter shared a deep devotion to Jupiter Island, which was reflected in their long-time membership at the Jupiter Island Club and Hobe Sound Yacht Club. On the East Coast, Nicole spent significant time on Nantucket. She was a member of the Nantucket Yacht Club, where she found solace every summer during her time on the island.

Nicole made an impact on many people's lives and her death is an unexpected loss to many. Her sharp sense of humor and ability to say what was on her mind always



Nicole Elisabeth Stroh

kept people on their toes. She was well read, well formed and had a passion for intelligent conversation. Those who knew her knew how to love her and her contribution to their lives will be sorely missed.

Nicole is survived by her sons, Pierre (Monica) and Frederic (Kelly); and grandsons, Pierre "Alex," Clark, Haven and Peter.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Jupiter Island, Fla.

Salvatore J. Ciaravino

Salvatore J. Ciaravino, 92, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, in his home, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

He was born Sept. 30, 1928, in Detroit, to John and Frances (nee Coppola) Ciaravino.

In 1946, Salvatore graduated from De LaSalle High School. In 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, attended basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Station and studied at the U.S. Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C. He spent the remainder of his military commitment as a member of the U.S. Navy Band stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, playing saxophone and clarinet through 1951.

After his service and duty to his country, his professional career started with the newly automated accounting department at the Michigan Natural Gas Co. After several years with Michigan Natural Gas, an opportunity to join the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., was offered to him. He remained there until his retirement. His success in business was manifested by demonstrating professional proficiency, kindness and genuine concern for others. Salvatore had a way of placing everyone at ease with his good-hearted nature and pleasant conversations.



Salvatore J. Ciaravino

Salvatore was a 60-year parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, where he was actively involved in serving others as a lector, providing leadership in the resettlement of a refugee family, as a member of the parish Christian Family Movement and as a catechism principal. He was a member of the De La Salle Alumni Association and lifetime member of the National Federation of Musicians. He performed regularly with the Red Arrow Veterans Marching Band and was a founding member of the Esquires Jazz Band of Detroit.

For Salvatore, family was his priority and faith was his strength. He instilled in his children positive moral values and faith. He made every effort to be home each evening for dinner, praying together as a family at night and attending Mass on Sunday. Salvatore and Josephine loved raising their children and watching their grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow. He loved his family and dedicated himself to caring and providing for them.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Josephine (nee Montallegro); children, John (Cynthia), Frances (William Solomon), Vito (Kimberly), Benita (Joseph Theis), Joseph (Linda), Mark (Elizabeth) and Paul (Theresa); 23 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; his beloved sister, Mary (Partyka); and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Vito W. Ciaravino, D.D.S.

A funeral Mass took place at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Salvatore's final resting place will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, in proximity to the predeceased members of his immediate family.

Share memories with the family at the online guestbook at wujekcalca terra.com.



Charles "Chuck" Hollosy

Charles "Chuck" Hollosy

Charles "Chuck" Hollosy, 96, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at his home in St. Marys, Ga., with his daughters, Kelly and Mary Kathleen "Boo," and dedicated caregiver, Margot, at his side.

Chuck was born Oct. 11, 1924, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He grew up in Linden, N.J., where he was a state champion sprinter in high school. Chuck ventured west to Ypsilanti to attend Michigan Normal College on a track scholarship; he captained the nationally ranked Hurons his senior year. Like many men his age, he volunteered for service in World War II. He was an ensign in the U.S. Navy and participated in some of the largest battles in the Pacific theater, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Upon his return, he met the love of his life, Mary Ellen Kelly. He completed his bachelor's degree at Michigan Normal and obtained his master's degree in education from the University of Michigan.

Chuck began his career at a small private boys' boarding school in Woodstock, Ill., with Mary Ellen at his side, after which he taught in Croswell before being tapped to be the only

non-clergyman to open a Catholic boys' high school in Detroit — Austin Catholic Preparatory.

Chuck taught algebra and coached at Austin until 1961. During those years, he had great success culminating in the 1958 State Basketball Championship. In 1961, his friend John Thursby convinced him to bring his talents to Grosse Pointe High School, which later became Grosse Pointe South. Chuck retired in 1988 after teaching, coaching boys and girls basketball and serving as the athletic director.

During the course of his 30-plus years of teaching and coaching in the Detroit area, he impacted thousands of young lives, exerting lasting influence over countless students, coaches and young athletes, many of them resulting in lifelong friendships that lasted until his final days.

Chuck's storied career included many accolades: multiple Coach of the Year awards, a state championship title and induction into the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame, Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame and Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame. But no honors equaled that of his love for others: his students, athletes, friends and, most of all, his family.

Chuck and Mary Ellen relocated to St. Marys in 1994, establishing new friendships over golf, bridge and dinner club. He never gave up trying to perfect his golf and bridge games. He was an avid sports fan, loved reading and tackling the toughest New York Times crossword puzzles and was a Sudoku

expert. He enjoyed many evenings sitting on his screened porch, admiring "Mary Ellen's Garden" and his peaceful surroundings. While quietly and deeply faithful, Chuck was described by many as not only a gentleman, but a gentleman.

Chuck was predeceased by his loving bride of nearly 68 years, Mary Ellen; and grandson, Joe Hollosy. He will be dearly missed by his loving children, John (Diane), Kelly Moore (Vern) and Mary Kathleen "Boo" Murphy (Jeff). He was a proud and adoring grandfather to Tim, Mark and Luke Hollosy, Matthew and Caitlin Moore and Katie and Kevin Murphy; and great-grandfather to Faye, Megan, Ena and Ethan Hollosy.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Chuck was an active volunteer with the Camden County Alzheimer's Project. In tribute to him, the family requests people strive to make a difference in the local community influencing lives young and old.

Memorial

Kathie Von Schwarz

A memorial service for Kathie Von Schwarz will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Kathie's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Feb. 25, 2021.

Beaumont Grosse Pointe Golf Classic raises nearly \$150,000 for cardiac care

Monday, July 26, the Grosse Pointe Classic was held at the Country Club of Detroit. Nearly \$150,000 was raised at this annual event to benefit the renovation of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. Golfers enjoyed the afternoon golfing the championship course designed by Harry S. Colt, along with lunch, cocktails, dinner, gifts and auction.

Christopher and Anne Blake of Grosse Pointe Farms were the 2021 event co-chairs. Christopher Blake is the vice chairman, Beaumont Health Board of Directors.

Heart care at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe has grown significantly the last 15 years. Since 2007, the hospital has focused on expanding the services it offers patients and the Grosse Pointe

community, recruiting cardiovascular specialists to manage and conduct diagnostic and interventional cardiac catheterizations, including angioplasties which restore blood flow through narrow or blocked arteries.

The renovated lab will include advanced imaging equipment in the form of a C-arm X-ray

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Next up

The in-service packaging by Full Circle participants was the first step in another endeavor underway in Grosse Pointe Park.

Carlisle plans to open a coffeehouse next to Cabbage Patch Saloon that will employ adults with special needs. She plans to sell Gorilla Highlands Coffee through Coffee Connecting Communities.

Initially, Carlisle reached out to Sunisloe to help with the coffeehouse, but when she learned of Coffee Connecting Communities, she decided to make her new cafe a micro-enterprise for Full Circle participants.

The coffee will be roasted, ground and bagged at the coffeehouse, which should break ground this winter.

"It'll be the best place you can walk into for a cup of coffee," Carlisle said.

She plans to feature other nonprofits at the cafe, introducing a new program to the commu-



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Coffee Connecting Communities beans and ground coffee currently are available at Cabbage Patch Saloon and Park Market.

nity each month.

"I'm creating my own nonprofit over there," Carlisle said, noting two buildings will be rebuilt into one and a second floor with a conference room are part of the plan. The cafe also will include a full kitchen and menu items like sandwiches and baked goods in addition to Tanner's coffee.

"It's going to be a happy place with music

and art," Carlisle said, noting the addition of a fireplace, patio and live music.

While plans evolve for the coffeehouse, Carlisle is soliciting people to sell the coffee locally. Apart from availability at Cabbage Patch Saloon, Park Place Market has the coffee on its shelves and Susie at Home plans to carry it this fall.

"Anything that's for a

good cause, sign me up," said Park Place Market owner Sonny Mio, who picked up his first case of coffee last week. "It's the right thing to do."

"These guys should be proud of what they're doing," he added. "... This is going to be successful. Everyone's smiling and happy here; it's a good vibe, positive energy."

Sunisloe is available to deliver coffee ordered within the Grosse Pointes. Orders may be made by calling her at (313) 657-3981 or emailing patty@coffeeconnectingcommunities.org.

Subscriptions and an option to order on the website — coffeeconnectingcommunities.org — will be available soon.

Opportunities

Participation doesn't stop with Full Circle. Tanner and Sunisloe hope to involve as many people in this project as they can.

"This could be a fundraising opportunity for

anyone who wants it," Sunisloe said. "We want to connect with other

organizations that have a need. We'll work with any nonprofit or anyone in the business sector."

Opportunities to assist the project financially also are welcome, especially as air freight costs are substantial, Tanner said.

"Any assistance for the air freight component would help make this even better," she said. "That would mean more revenue for farmers and nonprofits."

Sunisloe plans to write grants to support the project as well.

"People have been coming together over coffee for over 500 years, to share ideas, to share friendship, to share work," she said. "We're kind of losing that. Now people just drive through at Starbucks. The whole 'coming together for coffee' thing is getting lost. We want to get that going again."



Sonny Mio, owner of Park Place Market, purchased a case of coffee to sell at the market.



Kara Campbell weighs bags of coffee.

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system. The C-arm encircles the patient at different points throughout the catheterization procedure,

providing real-time images to the surgical team. The system includes radiation safety measures to ensure the smallest amount of exposure possible for patients, physicians and technicians.

The technology also integrates seamlessly with other equipment in the lab to provide real-time patient data throughout the procedure.

In addition, the renovation

will include an extensive upgrade and redesign of the control room where clinicians monitor and support all patient care activity in the laboratory procedure area.

The 2021 Beaumont

Hospital, Grosse Pointe Classic Committee included co-chairs Christopher and Anne Blake, and committee members Connie Ahee, Tracy Carlson, David Cornillie, H. Richard

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Fair full of fun, education

Ford House held a day of STEM exploration in the first-ever Lake St. Clair Science Fair.

At the Fair people learned about habitats, invasive species, water quality, ecology, geology, water filtration and how

much harm pollution can do. Kids were able to try water based experiments, see an underwater drone demonstration, learn about shoreline restoration, build a beaver damn with LEGO bricks and other fun activities.



Above, Kevin Farmer, Ford House interim Environmental Education Coordinator, talks with kids about what they might see when the drone is under water. Left, the underwater drone making a dive to the bottom of the murky lake.

Anna and Sara Runk create a watershed, pour food coloring on it to represent things people might use to pollute, then use a spray bottle to simulate rain, which shows how the runoff from pollution such as oils, pesticides, dirt and fertilizer spread, causing trouble for the soil and waterways.



Erik VanDeWater learns about water filtration with Emily Sullivan, education program coordinator for Ford House.

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ASK THE EXPERTS

By Paige Sparkman, M.A., LLPC, SCL

Navigating life's transitions

It's that time of year again. Summer is coming to a close and so many young people and their families are preparing for the year ahead. Fall is a season of transitions both big and small. Although life transitions are inevitable and often positive, many of us really struggle with change. We cling to our routines and the people and things that feel familiar and safe.

My young clients often say there is no manual to navigate these big life changes, they feel alone and believe they are the only person feeling the way they do. That is why it is so important to have open dialogue with your loved ones about the many emotions — excitement, fear, anxiety — that can be associated with change. While no two experiences are exactly alike, there are some universal ways we can prepare ourselves and our children for the changes that lie ahead:

1. Set reasonable expectations. Change can be hard. Expect you might feel overwhelmed at times. It's also helpful to remember that feeling stressed during transitions is com-



pletely normal.

2. Practice self-compassion: What does the dialogue in your head sound like? It is important to be kind to yourself or your child during this time. Not sure how to do this? Ask yourself, "If my best friend was in this situation, what would I say to them to be supportive?" Then offer that same compassion to your circumstance.

3. Use affirmations: Affirmations are positive sentences you repeat to yourself to build up self-confidence. Write a list of affirmations that inspire and motivate you to overcome self-doubt. Examples: "I believe in me and in what I am capable of doing," "I am worthy of good things," "I am not alone," "Change is tough, but so am I."

4. Develop a routine: Regular sleep and wake times, a daily walk or other form of mindful movement, and check-ins with loved ones all can be helpful ways to stay centered during this time.

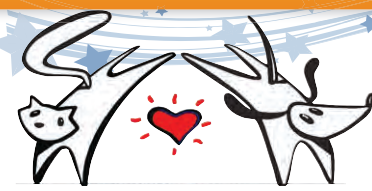
5. Let your emotions out: If you're sad, let yourself be sad. Scared? Trust me, you aren't alone. Emotions are tricky: The more we resist them, the larger they may become.

Most importantly, if you or a loved one are experiencing a major life change, you don't have to go through it alone. Counseling can be a great place to process our emotions and navigate change.

Paige Sparkman, M.A., LLPC, SCL, specializes in working with tweens, teens and young adults experiencing anxiety, life transitions, stress management, depression, ADHD and disordered eating. Learn more about her at paigesparkman.com or email hello@paigesparkman.com.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I finally succumbed to the temptation. There is definitely truth to the notion that repetition aids in purchase behavior. I couldn't see one more ad with giant-lashed girls who went from zero to hero with their amazing eyelashes without buying it. I HAD TO HAVE IT!



I aggressively clicked a few times and the damage was done — \$15 for one tube of “My Amazing Lashes” mascara by WowCombo Cosmetics. Claims to fame: more than 11,000 five-star reviews; instantly makes your eye-

lashes longer, fuller and thicker; stays on all day; won't irritate your eyes; vegan and cruelty-free; won't smudge or run; and even will not wreck your face towels!

Wow, that is a “wow combo!”

It definitely looks like any other mascara from the outside, though upon opening I really did like the dense and somewhat thick applicator brush. You have to work at it, but as you apply the mascara you can see your lashes getting longer and longer. It goes on like pretty much any mascara — it's easy.

For some reason it was especially noticeable on my bottom lashes. They looked so long it actually looked somewhat clownish, so I had to tone it down. The top lashes looked great, but I would argue that it makes your lashes look longer



rather than that remarkably thicker.

The second time I tried it, I curled my lashes first, as recommended. That made for an even more dramatic result. If you must know, I had an emo day and ended up crying. It didn't really wreck the mascara, though a little did come off on my hands when I rubbed my eyes. It's definitely more like a waterproof mascara, but it's not as difficult to remove. A warm towel and water will do the trick.

Overall, this is definitely the best mascara I have

purchased in a while at \$15 (or two for \$24) it's comparable to many drug store and department store mascaras — somewhere in the middle for the most part. Full disclosure: I am not a fan of Great Lash mascara by Maybelline, so I might be a freak of nature. I generally love Lancôme and sometimes L'Oréal or Mark Jacobs. This compares in my opinion and I like that it's not quite as thick/messy going on.

Here's a test: Say the words “WowCombo My

Amazing Lashes” out loud and then check your Facebook. I bet you'll see it in your feed. If not, go to wowcombo.com to check it out.

Overall I have to give My Amazing Lashes 4.5 out of 5 alligators. It's not earth-shattering, but it's pretty

darn good. If you are on the fence, I say go for it. YOLO!

What products would you like us to review? Please send all suggestions to media@grossepointenews.com or feel free to DM us on Instagram or Facebook.

Overall Rating 4.5 out of 5



The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Shifty fifty

A close friend and I spend a lot of time discussing her issues with her boyfriend. I'm always there for her, even late at night when she's upset about something.

However, when I bring up someone I'm interested in, she'll cut me off or say she just can't listen to me talk about the guy. Is it petty to feel hurt and to expect more from her?

— Disturbed

There are friends you

can count on -- and friends you can count on to fake their own kidnapping the moment you are the slightest bit in need.

This sort of “friend” can be hard to identify because we want to believe their friendship is based on more than seeing us as an easy mark. This isn't to say we lack the psychological tools to identify and deal appropriately with users posing as friends. As humans began living in groups, we

evolved to have a social “loss prevention team” -- the psychological version of the squad department stores have to catch crafty shoppers who get nine months pregnant in a matter of minutes, uh, with 26 designer dresses.

Our minds are tuned for “cheater detection,” to notice sneaky nonreciprocators -- people who intentionally take more than they give -- explain evolutionary psychologists Leda Cosmides and John Tooby. The police force of our cheater detec-

tion system is our emotions: anger and resentment and other gloom-eristic feelings that rise up when we're giving and giving and



being shafted by somebody who's all take.

That said, friendship isn't

always 50/50, and it's important to identify when a good friend is temporarily unable to act like one because they're going through a rough patch.

Unless that's the case here, your emotions are telling you the balance of give and take between you is just not right.

Now, maybe she's just a selfish taker and things will never be right. Then again, you could explain that you feel shorted and give her a chance to right the balance. Even good people sometimes act like crap people. As I see it, one job of a real friend is to

put us on notice when we're falling short. This gives us the chance to make the requisite sacrifices to be a good friend to them -- like by dragging our emotional immaturity out back and slaughtering it like a goat on a stone altar (uh, the condo patio).

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Errant expression leads to yearslong misunderstanding

DEAR ABBY: I have always suffered from what I now know is social anxiety disorder. When I have to attend a large family function, I'm extremely nervous and miserable.

As a result, sometimes I have had a sour expression on my face (although I didn't realize it).

At a gathering several years ago, I guess I inadvertently gave what appeared to be a dirty look to the in-law of a family member. I didn't mean to be rude, but I was extremely nervous.

Since then, this person has made a sarcastic remark about me on a family video, and another time as I was walking out of a family member's home, they made a face or gesture behind my back. (I realized it later because I was wondering why the person I was saying goodbye to looked past me at them and laughed.)

I regret what happened and constantly replay the event and beat myself up over it.

However, I feel this person has more than

made up for it by their actions. I'll be required to see this person for years to come. Apologizing is not an option, as the two of us now have a seething dislike for each other. Do I have a right to give myself a break for this? -- ANXIETY SUFFERER

DEAR ANXIETY SUFFERER: If someone was offended by a “look” they perceived, they should have approached you and asked what it was about when it happened. Surely other of your relatives know about your discomfort being in groups and could have explained to the person that the expression on your face wasn't directed at them. Regardless of how you feel about this individual, because you are going to encounter the person with some regularity, it would be in your interest to quit stewing, make the “gesture” (not obscene!) and straighten this out.

DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law are sweet, kind and loving people. They are good

parents to their son, an adorable toddler, and expect another child in six months. They live in an apartment and would like to rent a home to accommodate their growing family.

The problem is they have six cats and a python. Most rental houses don't allow pets -- most certainly not this brood. They have made clear that they will not sacrifice their pets for a place to live. I am very concerned about that many cats and a python cohabitating with a toddler and soon an infant. Please help me reinforce that while it is OK to have a pet, they are not thinking or acting responsibly as parents. -- VERY CONCERNED GRANNY

DEAR GRANNY: Have you talked to your son and DIL about your concerns? If you haven't, you should. According to the Mayo Clinic, exposure to cat feces could cause a disease called toxoplasmosis, which can be passed by a pregnant woman to her unborn

child. (Look online for further information.)

In addition, many communities have zoning ordinances that dictate what kind and the number of pets people are allowed to keep on their property. When

your son and his wife rent a house, they will be expected to abide by those regulations, or they will be in violation of their lease and subject to eviction.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Dear Ann Landers: What can I do, short of outright rudeness, to convince an in-law that I do not want her discarded clothes? I don't want her new clothes, either, because her taste is so different from mine. Unfortunately, nothing I say seems to make any difference.

My daughters feel the same way about this woman's clothes. We are all short, small-boned, short-waisted ash blondes. Our “benefactress” is a tall, slim brunette who looks terrific in colors none of us can wear. She is also a shopaholic with an eye for what looks best on

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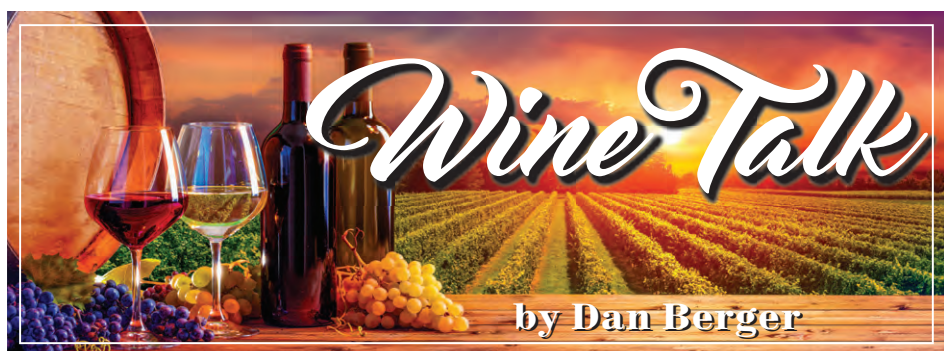
her and has plenty of money to spend. Even when she buys something new for one of us, it is in her style, not ours, the color looks hideous and the shape is all wrong. We end up wasting a lot of time returning things.

I have tried to tell this relative tactfully that I don't want any more of her clothes, but she continues to bring over dresses, coats, blouses and

so on. Some people would say this isn't anything I should complain about, but it's beginning to irritate me, and I'd appreciate your help. -- Perplexed in N.C.

Dear N.C.: You have told “Miss Bountiful Gift Giver” already that you don't want any more of her clothes.

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Meaning of a vintage date

When a wine consumer buys mainly by brand and moderate price and sticks with one or two brands, he or she rarely looks at what vintage is being bought.

And at lower price points, such a strategy is often safe. Most large wineries creating these lower-priced wines do some sophisticated blending from year to year to make certain that the “house style” of a wine is about the same as it was the year before.

Over the last decade, for instance, Geyser Peak sauvignon blanc, Fetzer gewurztraminer, and Sutter Home merlot -- three reliable and lower-priced wines -- have been excellent values because their winemakers do what they can with their blends to make each wine similar to the one that came before.

The main reason for buyers of low-priced wine to pay attention to the year on the wine label is to make certain that they aren't getting older stock. If I were presented with a choice of the Fetzer 2005 or 2006 gewurztraminer or the 2007 edition, I'd quickly pick the youngest wine. It would be fresher and taste a lot better.

This is a bit less true of red wines, but in general it still holds for most reds under \$10 a bottle. It might be easy to assume that with more expensive red wines, older is better, but that depends on what you like. I have a friend who

doesn't mind pulling the cork on many wines that experts say are best left until they have aged.

He appreciates older wines, to be sure, but he also is pleased to drink 2005 red wines that have just come to market, even though the folks who made them, the winemakers, are pleading for them



to be aged a bit.

Indeed, the 2005 vintage is one of the best red wine vintages to come out of California in a long time. As you move up the price scale, one thing we are seeing in wines of the 2005 vintage is that they seem to have a bit better balance and more fruit than did wines of the prior three vintages.

In 2002, 2003, and 2004 there was ample sunlight, so most wines had “California ripeness” aplenty and good flavors. Of the three vintages, 2004 was perhaps the most challenging because of extremely low humidity levels and a few ultra-hot days during the lead-up to harvest.

So a lot of 2004 wines were quite ripe and chunky.

The majority of 2005 wines, both whites and reds, had slightly better acid levels and slightly more interesting fruit because the weather

was considerably cooler, and the vintage went a bit longer.

Much the way tomatoes ripen best on the vine, grapes picked a bit later in 2005 than in the prior few vintages showed a bit more fruit and a bit less alcohol.

This makes for better wines across the board. Lower-priced wines from 2005 were generally better than the same house wines from 2004.

As an example, I tasted a nice 2004 zinfandel from J. Pedroncelli, but didn't write about it because of faintly less harmony and balance than I usually prefer.

But in 2005, the wine was stellar and an attractive value in a chewy red wine.

The 2006 vintage poses even more intrigue. That story another day.

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Versatile Summer Dinner Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Simple Brined Chicken with Greek Orzo Salad

A simple brine will change your grilled chicken in the most glorious way. Serve it on top of a bright and fresh salad and everyone at your table will be completely satisfied. It's often hard to sell grilled boneless and skinless chicken breasts to my family until I discovered brining. Even 30 minutes will make a difference. My chicken breasts were on the thinner side. If thick, you may have to adjust your grilling time, or slice in half horizontally. This method can be used for any cut of chicken but especially helps ensure that the outcome will not be dry.

I've decided to pair this with a lemony, orzo salad with lots of fresh herbs and feta. The Pillivuyt Souffle dish can be used for many things other than a souffle. It's perfect for this recipe. The salad was tossed with the Laguiole serving set. All made in France and all found at Atelier (ateliergp.com) in the Village. Their pieces always make me feel like a better host than I really am.

Brined Chicken

1lb boneless skinless chicken breasts

1 cup of water

1 tbsp kosher salt

1 tsp sugar

2 tbsp olive oil

In a mixing bowl, add the water, sugar and salt. Whisk together until the salt and sugar dissolve. Do the best you can. Pour into a freezer bag and scrape any remaining salt and sugar into the bag. Add the chicken, close



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and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to an hour. Remove the chicken from the brine and dry with paper towels. Rub the chicken with a couple pinches of salt, pepper and olive oil. Grill on medium heat for 5-7 minutes per side or until internal temp is 165 degrees.

Greek Orzo Salad

1 cup uncooked orzo

2/3 cups halved and pitted kalamata olives

1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

6 oz crumbled feta, reserving 2 oz for garnish

3 scallions, chopped

2 handfuls of fresh spinach

1/4 cup parsley

2 tbsp fresh oregano

2 tbsp fresh mint

Lemon Dressing

Juice of 1 lemon

1/3 cup red wine vinegar

1 tsp honey

1 tbsp dijon mustard

1/3 cup olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Start by making the dressing. In a medium bowl mix together the lemon juice, vinegar, honey and mustard and slowly whisk in the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper and set aside. Cook the orzo in a pot of boiling and salted water. Cook for 8 minutes. Strain the pasta and let cool. In a large bowl, mix the remaining ingredients and lemon dressing.

To serve, layer sliced grilled chicken on top of the salad and sprinkle with reserved crumbled feta.

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If she persists in bringing them over, simply say, “These lovely things are going to Goodwill and a few other charities that I am interested in. I am sure they will be

appreciated.” That ought to do it.

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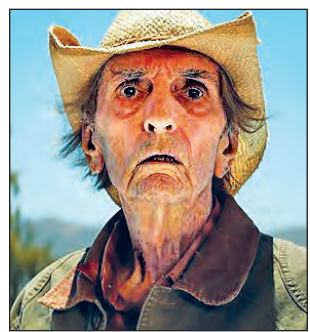
Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



Swan Songs
This is a slight departure for me. I recently viewed two movies I enjoyed so much. I had a hard time picking which one to review. Then I thought, since they both were the final movies of a couple of remarkable, yet under-appreciated actors, why not review both?

hangs out at the local saloon with a bunch of unusual characters. This film is dialogue heavy-- my kids would call it boring but I like the term subtle. Not a whole lot happens, but Stanton can be deep and introspective at times. He's a philosopher and a sage of sorts.



After a career playing a sideman, it's nice to just let the camera roll and let him have his say. And he sure has a lot to say. The film also stars David Lynch (Yes, that David Lynch), Ed Begley Jr., and Tom Serritt. Such a beautiful ending to a long and interesting life. Streaming on Hoopla, Tubi, HBO and other platforms. ★★★★★

So this week's review is of films starring Brian Dennehy and Harry Dean Stanton. A twofer if you will. ★★★★★



From left to right, David Lynch as Howard and Harry Dean Stanton as Lucky in the 2017 movie of the same title.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Lucky"
2017 - 1hr 28min

MOVIE REVIEW
"Driveways"
2019 - 1hr 23min

Harry Dean Stanton was a supporting actor over a long career, usually playing offbeat, eccentric characters.

His movies include "Alien," "Repo Man," and "The Green Mile." In his last film, he plays Lucky, a cancerous old coot who lives alone in a small town in Texas.

His daily routine consists of shaving, a short workout routine, working the crossword puzzle at the diner, and spending the day watching game shows.

Every evening he

Brian Dennehy also had a lengthy career, both on the stage and screen. He played a wide range of characters from tough sheriffs to the kindly alien in Cocoon. In this film, he lives a pretty boring life as an aging widower. His day constitutes mundane



tasks, the highlight being an afternoon of bingo at the local VFW hall.

One day, a single mom with her young son Cody (Lucas Jaye) moves in next door. She's inherited the house from her recently deceased sister, and has the monumental task of clearing out all her junk and putting it on the market. Cody, who's smart and exceedingly shy, starts talking to Dennehy and the two become fast friends. It morphs into one of those cross-generational relationships that are truly heart warming.

This is a rare feel-good movie I didn't want to end. And it's the perfect swan song to wonderful career. Streaming on Hoopla and Kanopy. ★★★★★

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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About this column:

While I watch a lot of movies, this column will feature those I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They'll include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



From left to right, co-stars Lucas Jaye as Cody and Brian Dennehy playing the part of Del in the 2019 heart warming movie "Driveways".

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 7:30 p.m. EDT today (4:30 p.m. PDT) for the rest of the day. The Moon is in Capricorn.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Some kind of financial situation might culminate today. Something might make you feel richer or happier about your future earnings or your current wealth. This is why you feel enthusiastic and reassured about your financial future. (This could prompt an intense discussion with a partner.) Tonight: Just listen.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a powerful time in many respects for you, because certain situations that are important, especially in your relationships, are coming to a head. In many ways, this is pleasant day because you are upbeat and enthusiastic about something. Tonight: Look for ways to improve your health and your job.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a powerful time, because Mercury and Mars are both in your sign. Today, however, you feel quietly pleased with yourself about something. It could be something private that makes you feel good. (You know about it even if others don't.) Tonight: Might be memorable for romance!

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today you will be pleased with something related to friends or a group, or perhaps a friend in particular. It looks like everything is unfolding as it should. In fact, you are so keen to have fun today that you might go overboard in some manner. Easy does it. Tonight: No regrets.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might be pleased with something to do with family or perhaps a parent at this time. You're happy and optimistic; however, you also have some pretty strong opinions about

something. But in the bigger picture, all is positive today. Tonight: You want to convince someone about something.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Optimism and physical activity are survival issues for you. They are important. That's why today is important, because you feel optimistic! It might be related to travel, further education, dealing with a foreign country or even legal matters. Whatever it is, it's all good. Tonight: Still good.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This has been your year to increase your assets or get richer in some way. Today you see this unfolding, and it makes you feel happy. As part of this process, you might take a realistic look in the mirror and decide to do some kind of a makeover. Tonight: You have firm ideas.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Something to do with a close relationship with a partner or friend will be very important to you today. Quite likely, it will be something positive and encouraging. (On the other hand, this is also a time when certain situations come to a culmination.) Tonight: Hope for the best.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

You're happy about your job today. Others might be equally happy about a health situation or something to do with a pet. Whatever happens might make you go overboard. "Fresh horses and more whiskey for my men!" Tonight: You are invigorated!

BORN TODAY

Actor John Stamos (1963), actress Kyra Sedgwick (1965), actor Matthew Perry (1969).

Contract Bridge

IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 7 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ A Q 8 2
♣ A 10 3

WEST
♠ A K Q 9 3
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 9 7
♣ Q J 7

EAST
♠ 8 6 5 4
♥ 10 5 4
♦ —
♣ K 9 8 5 4 2

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

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♥ 1♠ 2♦
2♠ 4NT 5♠ 6♥
Dble
Opening lead — king of spades.

slam reached was certainly sound enough, though six diamonds would have been better.

West led the king of spades, East playing the four, and continued with the ace, South ruffing. Declarer drew trump, claimed the balance and chalked up 1,210 points for making six hearts doubled.

Of course, the slam should have been defeated. West had two chances to beat the contract and muffed them both!

First of all, the opening lead should have been a diamond. East, the defender not on lead, had doubled six hearts, which called for an unusual lead in accordance with the slam-doubling convention. The only side suit that had been bid by North-South was diamonds, so this was the unusual lead being requested.

If West had led a diamond, East would have ruffed, returned a spade and then gotten another ruff to defeat the slam two tricks — 300 points.

Even after West led the king of spades, he still could have saved the day by switching to a diamond. But he blithely ignored East's play of a low spade on the king — which clearly told West to stop playing spades — and continued with the suit. After that it was curtains.

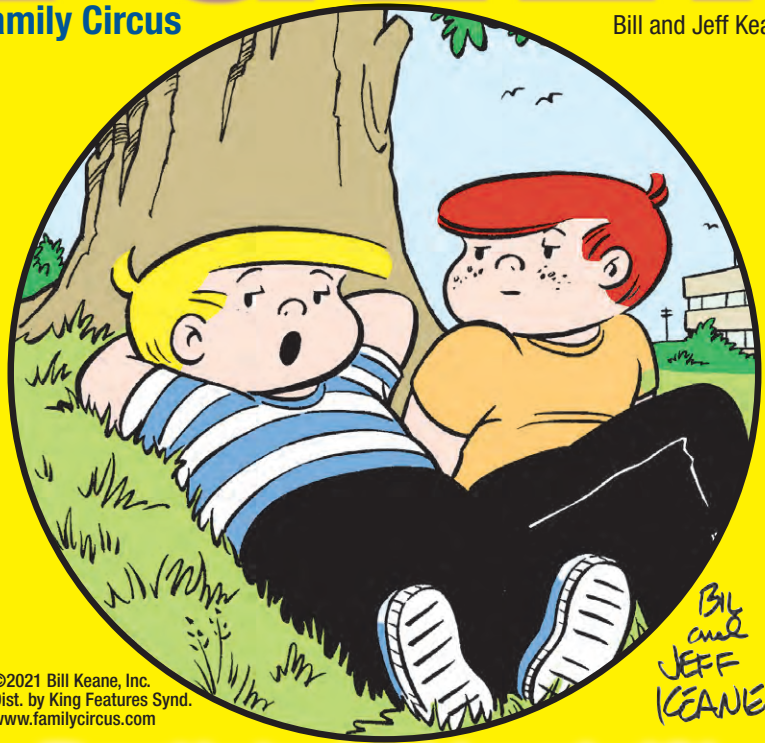
The moral, if there is one, is that bridge is a partnership game, and you can't afford to ignore critical signals from your own partner. Once, maybe there's some excuse for, but twice, never!

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by Steve Becker

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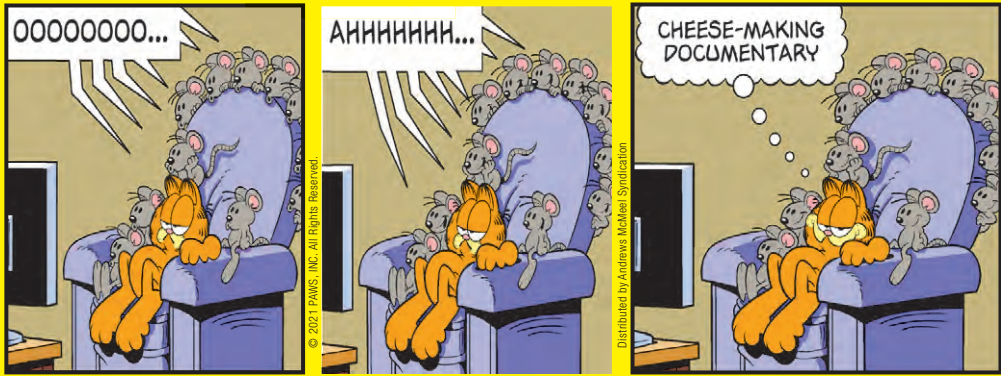


Bill and Jeff Keane

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"It must be tough bein' an only child. You're outnumbered by parents."

Garfield



Jim Davis

Dilbert



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Greg and Mort Walker

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 3, 8, 1, 9, 5, 4, 6, 9, 2, 4, 8, 9, 1, 2, 6, 5, 7.

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

Previous puzzle solution

Solved Sudoku grid.

8/19 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆ 8/12 Solution © 2021 by Andrews McMeel Syndication

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 12, 2021

- ACROSS 1 Mark from a wound... 5 Transmission concern... 10 Donkey... 13 Mythology and such... 14 Come about... 15 Man in "The Matrix"... 16 "Seasoning for the Christmas turkey"... 18 Thieves' place... 19 Word after "black" or "photo"... 20 ___ gras... 21 White rice's lack... 22 Pointless to discuss... 24 "Part in a play put on at the end of the school year"... 28 Protrudes... 30 Lead singer, often... 31 Oktoberfest souvenir... 32 Rap's ___ Rhymes... 34 Two, in Toledo... 35 "Halloween costume, e.g.?... 38 Yes, in Yokohama... 41 "Bland" color... 42 Kind of fork... 46 Italian football club in a fashion hub... 48 Go in circles, literally... 49 "Condition after hours of lolling in the sun?"... 52 Web location... 53 One of 12, in recovery... 54 Job for a body shop... 56 Failed firework... 57 Football Hall-of-Famer Dawson... 58 Luxury hotel chain, and a hint to the phonetic "changes" in the starred clues... 62 Most frequent letters in "lollipop"... 63 Ready to film, say... 64 Widespread... 65 Stain, as cloth... 66 Rush hour... 67 Some signable files... DOWN 1 Leave surreptitiously... 2 Gaming device... 3 Forger's domain... 4 Coral ridge... 5 Disgruntled diner's decision... 6 Yellowish shade... 7 Cold and slick... 8 Total... 9 Before, poetically... 10 Mobile operating system with a robot logo... 11 "For more information," in a dictionary... 12 Fourteen-line poems... 16 Beds before cribs?... 17 "Friends" friend ... or supreme Supreme... 21 Dude... 23 "So glad the week is almost done!"... 25 Cause for concern... 26 "Wasn't me,"... 27 Like expressionless eyes... 29 Give the power to... 32 Like someone who may read braille... 33 Fluffy boot brand... 36 King whose youngest daughter was Cordelia... 37 Listening devices?... 38 Bothered... 39 With intensity... 40 Huge... 43 Finally left alone... 44 Makes harmonious... 45 Exploits... 47 Little troublemaker... 48 Chromosome component... 50 Commercial salesperson... 51 Scrapes the peel of Diamond cover... 58 Watch chain... 59 ___-trick pony... 60 Exploit... 61 Nickname within "president"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

Grid with crossword answers like GERM, PEKE, PADUA, OLAY, ERIC, E KING, WAT, THER, Z, RIN, SE, WINGON, SNL, NEW, MEL, DUD, TEED, DABAT, MONA, ONAIR, WINDS, KNOT, FURLONG, SPOTS, TAIN, POWS, PEEVE, SEGA, ATT, DEM, ESP, NOM, CHOR, IZOS, FRACAS, IOWAN, JOULE, VOLT, ELEVE, ILSA, ERIE, REDID, SECT, REEL.

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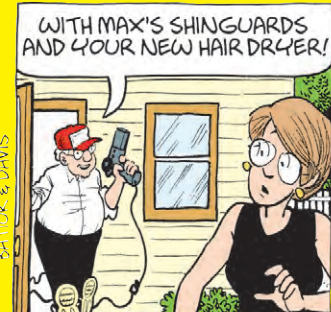
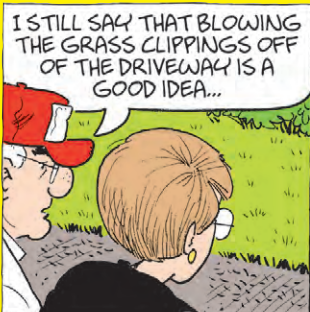
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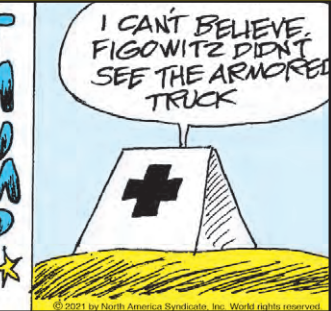
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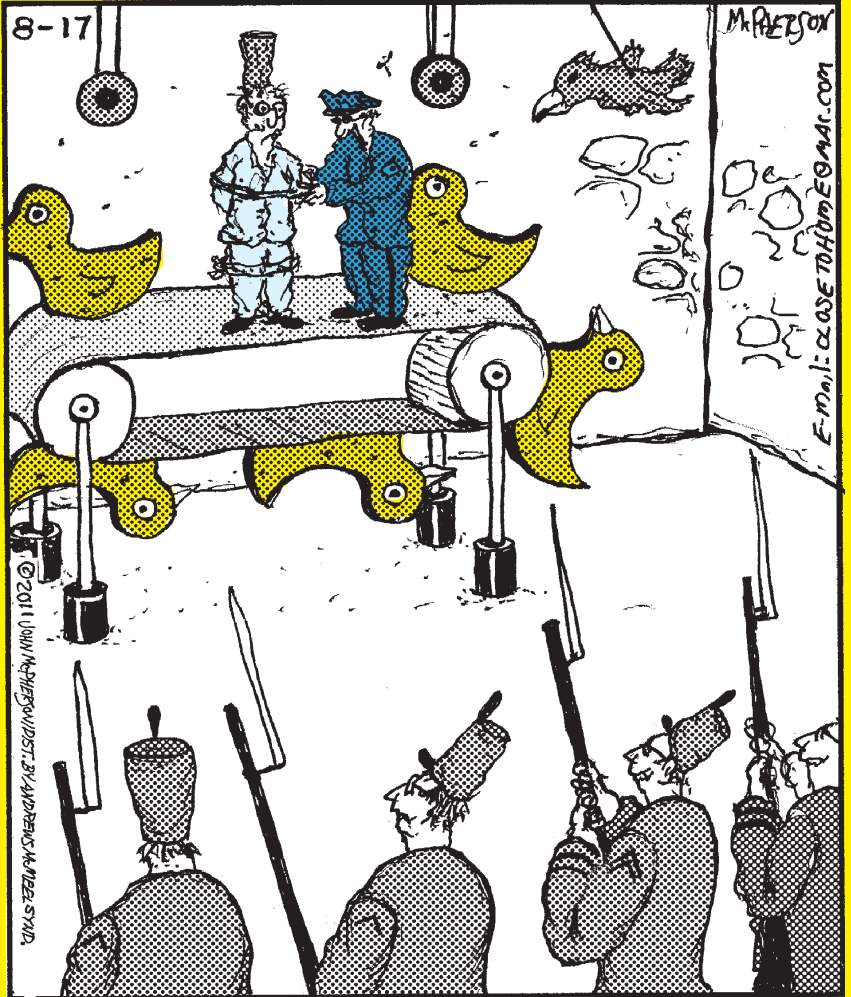
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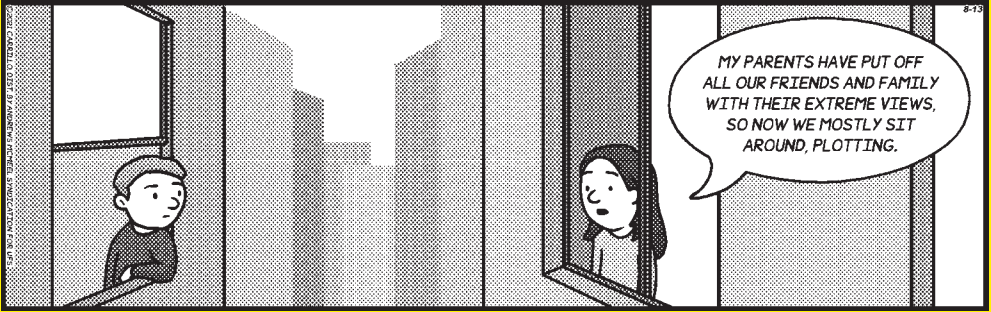
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"It just makes firing squads a lot more fun for the guys."

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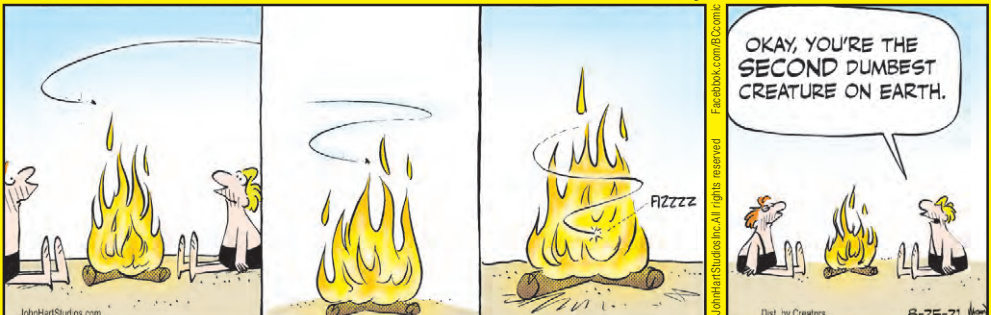
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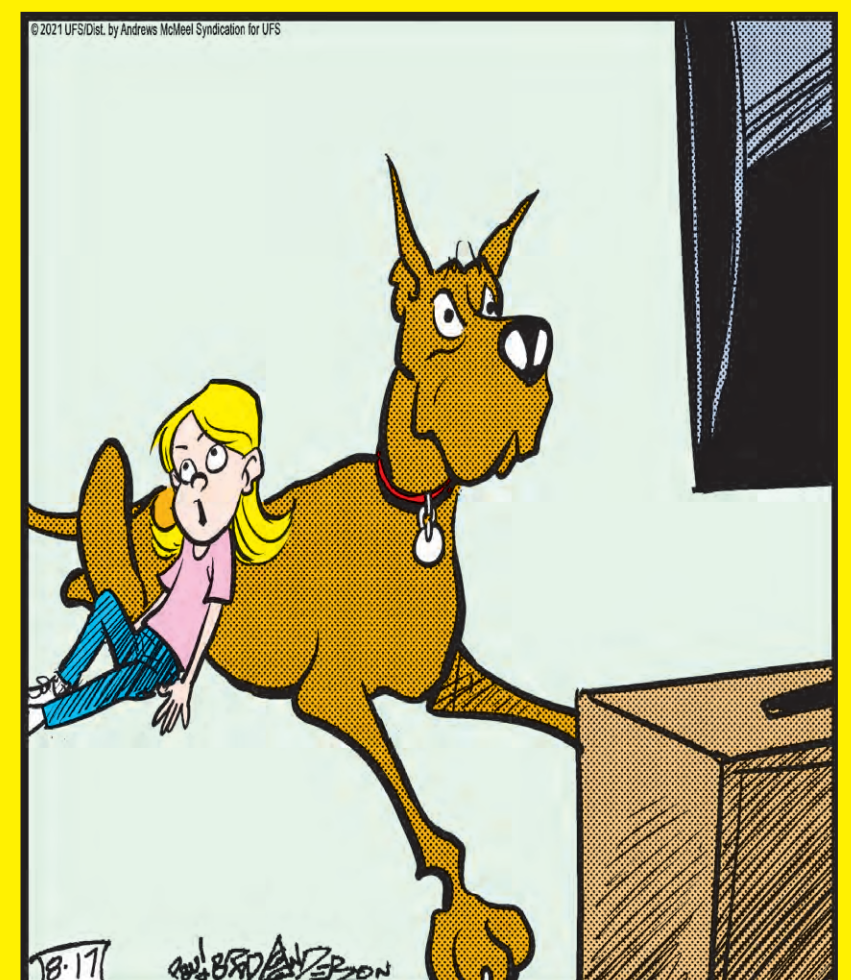
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"Yes, Marmaduke. I noticed that Catwoman is a villain."

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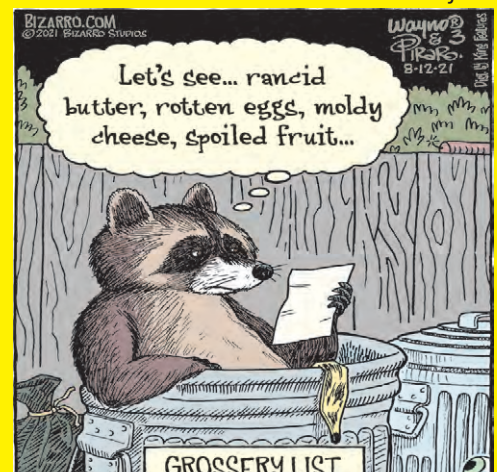
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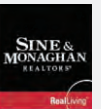
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University Liggett School senior QB Carson Roose is going to be trusted with a pass-heavy Knights offense.

Timing, precision key for Kumasi and Knights

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The 2020 high school football season brought difficulties and challenges for all kinds of programs. With the entire season up in the air due to the pandemic, the football team at University Liggett School had the additional challenge of bringing in a new head coach and quarterback. Now, as he prepares for his second season at the helm of the Knights, head coach Tarif Kumasi can feel himself and his squad truly starting to settle in.

“With COVID last year we had so many restrictions and I was new, so I was getting to know the kids and they were starting to learn our system,”

Kumasi said. “This summer has been much, much better. It’s been a really smooth transition this year.”

The Knights played just six games last year and finished with a 2-5 record (one loss coming via forfeit). This year, Liggett has a regular nine-game schedule on deck with hopes that a return to a normal season can help the team fully grow into Kumasi’s system.

Like many teams, the Knights stayed sharp over the summer by playing 7-on-7 football. Kumasi liked what he saw in many of the 7-on-7 performances, especially when it came to the way his team seemed to click together.

“The kids know the system and we get a lot

of repetitions, but our timing is so much better because now there’s familiarity. ... We are in sync,” Kumasi said.

Timing is going to be the key for the Knights this year as Kumasi expects his team to be putting the ball in the air a lot in 2021. The man who is going to be trusted to make those throws is senior QB Carson Roose, who also is entering his second year with Liggett after transferring into the program before last season.

In six games last season, Roose threw for 1,867 yards and 23 touchdowns, including a seven-touchdown per-

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PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Coach Tim Brandon and the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils hope to end the 2021 regular season at the top of the MAC Red.

Blue Devils eyeing MAC Red title in 2021

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Entering his 15th year as head coach of Grosse Pointe South’s football team, Tim Brandon is going to be working with one of his most experienced squads in 2021. With eight expected returning starters on offense and seven on defense, that level of experience could go a long way in helping the Blue Devils climb to the top of the MAC Red division.

“This group of kids has a tremendous amount of football IQ,” Brandon said. “They understand the game and the nuances of the game. ... Of those 15 returning starters I think five of them are multi-year starters, so we’ve got a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge.”

One member of that returning group is junior quarterback Anthony Benard. Benard got the starting job for South last year as a sophomore

after taking the football field for the first time when he was a freshman.

Also well known for his talent on the basketball court, Benard’s skill and confidence when it comes to basketball translates well to the gridiron.

“He’s got a level of confidence and that point guard swagger,” Brandon said about his QB. “He runs the team and has a little bit of edginess and

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PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

With an offense that likes to favor the ground game, winning the battles up front will be key for the Norsemen this year.

North looks for wins to come from the trenches

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Two years removed from a winless season in 2019, the Grosse Pointe North Norsemen football team is looking to continue taking strides in the right direction. That season two years ago was certainly rough, but the Norsemen have been and are still learning from it.

During 2019, North brought up a number of sophomores and even a few freshmen to the var-

sity squad. Despite the difficulties at the time, head coach Joe Drouin sees those young players from a couple of seasons ago now ready to lead and compete.

“We knew we were going to take some bumps that year, but now I think we’re going to reap the benefits from having those kids up on varsity because they’ll be three-year starters,” Drouin said. “We only have seven or eight seniors, so we’re young but experienced.”

One area in which the Norsemen are really seeing that growth is on the offensive line. Two years ago, North’s offensive line consisted of mainly sophomores and freshmen who are now going to be looked at as key leaders as upperclassmen.

Players like senior Corey Vardiman and junior Ben Kesteloot will be trusted with anchoring the offensive line and

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winning the battles in the trenches that are going to be crucial for the Norsemen this fall.

"It's the key to our offense, because if we win those battles we're going to have a good run game," Drouin said. "We're hoping to spread a team out and weaken them up in the middle and let our big guys take care of the run game. If they pack in to try and stop the run, then our passing attack can hopefully be able to take care of a team."

The offensive line will play a big part in opening holes for junior running back Jaden

Holyfield, who the Norsemen are looking to be the featured back in this year's offense. When North goes to the air instead of the ground, junior QB Daniel Taylor is going to see much of the action under center as he tries to get the ball to speedy receivers such as Kyle Armbruster and PJ Sorce.

North has a couple fast receivers of its own, but the Norsemen are going to need their defensive backs to step up in some key matchups against opposing receiving cores. Nick Dixon and Darian Stevens are going to be among those in the secondary tasked with defending some highly talented receivers North is going up against this season.

"Those guys hopefully can be a shut-down defense for us when it comes to shutting down receivers," Drouin said. "Looking at our schedule, we've got some really big-time receivers we'll be playing against. Will Johnson from South and then we've got Roseville, who has got two big D1 recruits at receiver, but I think those guys can step up to the challenge."

The Norsemen recovered from the dismal 2019 season by finishing last year with a 3-4 record, including going 3-2 in the MAC Gold. 2020 came to an end for North in the first round of the playoffs in a 28-14 loss to U of D Jesuit.

Coming into this season, Drouin and the

Norsemen are going to have a chip on their shoulder as they face a tough matchup with a familiar foe right out of the gate.

"We scheduled U of D week one with absolute intention," Drouin said. "We had a home playoff game against U of D last year and went toe-to-toe with them and were leading going into half-time. ... We gave them all they could handle and we've scheduled them week one to prove to our kids that it wasn't a fluke and prove to the state that we're here and on the map."

The first contest of the season is going to be an interesting first test for the Norsemen. Like many football coaches, Drouin is always viewing

the next game as the most important. Looking through the rest of the schedule, competing and even winning a couple of those big matchups could go a long way in helping the Norsemen continue to grow the culture of the program.

"Hopefully we can steal a couple of those games and win the ones we're supposed to win and compete in the ones we're supposed to," Drouin said. "If we compete in those three games against U of D, Roseville and Grosse Pointe South, it can really change the culture of our team."

With practices now underway and the start of the season getting closer, the Norsemen are working on the tough-

ness they hope will carry them far this season. Winning battles in the trenches is going to make a big difference for North and getting tougher and improving every day before week one is the mindset Drouin wants his players to have.

"We use the 'GP' and say 'Gritty is Pretty.' ... We want to fight, battle and make things difficult and I think that's the way we're going to run our practices too," he said. "We want practices to be even harder than a game so when it comes to game time, we're prepared for the mental stresses of a game."

North begins the season Aug. 26, with a home contest against U of D Jesuit.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Entering his third season as North's head football coach, Joe Drouin hopes that 2021 brings the type of success that puts the Norsemen back on the map.



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The Norsemen open the season against U of D Jesuit, the team that eliminated North from the playoffs last season.

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formance in a 54-0 win over Mount Clemens.

Tasked with being the heart and soul of the Knights' offense, Kumasi is confident in the growth his QB can continue to show.

"He has more auton-

omy this year," he said. "He learned the system quickly, but this year there's more progression where he can change plays and audible and kind of be more in command, talk to the

offensive line and change protections. ... He has a whole year under his belt and some of the mistakes he made last year he's not going to make this year."

Expect a fast offense

with plenty of passing for the Knights this year. Even if the playbook does not look very big, there is still going to be some variety every time Liggett snaps the ball.

"We fly around and get

a lot of reps and it's a very easy offense," Kumasi said. "I have about 12 plays, but we can do it in any situation because I know we don't have to learn a lot of plays, but within them we can do different things with different looks."

Keeping the same pass-heavy style on offense he began to implement during his first season at Liggett, Kumasi will change things up a bit defensively coming into the new season. Switching from a three-man to a four-man front on defense, the Knights hope to plug some of the holes that may have hurt them defensively in the past.

"That's a big change because it's a different philosophy," Kumasi said. "A 4-3 covers more so it doesn't leave us as vulnerable. ... When you have an even front, you fill all the gaps between the lines."

Liggett opens the season Aug. 26, at home when they take on Detroit Communication Media Arts.

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The Knights continued to build chemistry during the offseason through 7-on-7 and continue to work together as practices get underway.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA
Junior QB Anthony Benard had not even played football before his freshman year of high school, but is now entering his second season as the starter under center for the Blue Devils.

South:

Continued from page 1D

that's kind of what he is — a point guard playing quarterback. That's the mentality he brings to the game."

Another key member of the returning starters group is Will Johnson, who once again is expected to be the biggest playmaker for the Blue Devils on both sides of the ball. Things will be a bit different for Johnson this year, however, as he is going to have to adjust to his new position at safety instead of playing cornerback.

Moving Johnson to safety helps fill one of the biggest holes for South after losing last year's starting safeties Drew Maccagone and Luke Srebernak. Expected to be paired up with fellow senior John Williamson at safety, Brandon thinks the position move is going to help Johnson continue to grow as the focal point of the Blue Devils' defense.

"He's going to have to grasp safety when really he's a natural corner and is going to play corner at the next probably two levels," Brandon said.

"We don't want our best player on defense off on the side. We want him in the middle of the field where he can go both ways. He's going to have a learning curve because he's never played that position before."

While he adjusts to his new position on defense, Johnson again will be a main target in South's receiving core for this year's offense. Joined by other senior returning starters Williamson and Charlie Brandon, expect Johnson to have the ball in his hands a lot.

"Offensively we're trying to find creative ways to get him the ball as much as we can," Brandon said. "We'll run him on rockets, bubbles, stops, screens, all the normal passing plays and even kind of like we did last year late in the year with some of the wildcat stuff. If you've got a playmaker like that, you've got to get him the ball."

When South is not putting the ball in the air, Egan Sullivan, Jonathan Drake and Chase Campbell are expected to be the go-to trio at running back. Protecting them will be an offensive line anchored by senior Michael Hamilton and

juniors Peter Ulku and Joe Labadie.

2021 is going to be the second year in the MAC Red for South, who finished 4-3 overall last year with a 3-2 division record that left the team just one game short of a share of the MAC Red title. A late-season close loss to Stevenson kept the Blue Devils away from the top of the MAC Red last year, but Brandon knows reaching the top of the division standings is going to require as much toughness and focus as his team can handle.

"We were six minutes away from a share of the MAC Red title last year," he said. "Our goal is obviously not just to compete in the MAC Red, but to win the MAC Red and I think we can. We have the athletes. The only obstacle to that is how big those schools are and the rosters are. ... There is some attrition that can happen and we have to be prepared for that."

The Blue Devils open the season Aug. 26, with a road game against Detroit Renaissance. They stay on the road in week two when they face St. Clair Shores Lakeview before their home opener in week three hosting Stevenson.

Paolucci ends college career with history

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

As Grosse Pointe South alumna Madeleine Paolucci wrapped up her college tennis career this year, she did so while making history at the school she has called home the past few years. During her time at Case Western Reserve University, Paolucci became the program's first five-time All-American and recently was named the first Academic All-American for women's tennis in school history.

"It's really encompassing with what I did athletically and academically," Paolucci said about being an Academic All-American. "I think that my mindset

going through school was that tennis helped me manage my time really well. As a student athlete, you're really busy, but it helped me with my academics knowing that I had a certain amount of time to complete assignments and study."

The Academic All-American honor was awarded by the College Sports Information Directors of America, who named Paolucci to the Division III team. During her time at Grosse Pointe South, she was a state champion in 2014, and named first-team All-State for singles in 2015 and 2017.

Her accomplishments on the court, where she finished with the sixth most singles wins in

CWRU history, match her achievements in the classroom. She found tennis to be a perfect balance for her hard work when it came to studying.

"When I was on the court playing tennis, it felt like I never had to worry about what I was going to do next with studying and it gave me a mental break that helped me be able to achieve in both academics and sports," Paolucci said. "It instilled in me how to prioritize hard work as well as teamwork and how to achieve a greater goal and that can really translate into the workforce."

Paolucci graduated from Case Western Reserve this year with a degree in nursing and is looking to attend graduate school in the future.



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Grosse Pointe South alum Madeleine Paolucci became the first women's tennis player at Case Western Reserve University to be named an Academic All-American.



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The Blue Devils open the season on Aug. 26 on the road against Detroit Renaissance.



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Blue Devils volleyball aims for more postseason success this fall

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a season that ended in the regional finals in 2020, the Grosse Pointe South volleyball team once again has its sights set on a deep run into the postseason. Coming into her second year as the varsity head coach for the Blue Devils, Janeil DiVita and her team at South are on the hunt for another district championship and more in 2021.

“We want to win districts this year again and then last year we went further than most years by making it to the regional finals, so our goal is to keep progressing further into the state tournament,” DiVita said.

Expected to play a major role in South’s quest for success this year are a couple of key seniors. The biggest focus will be on Jada DiVita and Ellie Martin, a pair that often was the main force behind the Blue Devils’ offense last season.

Jada DiVita is going to be a leader for South on offense, but has a versatile play style that allows her to be effective anywhere on the court. That

complete skill set is what her coach, and mother, is hoping can help lead the Blue Devils far.

“She brings a very dynamic offense for us and is a very strong, powerful arm,” Coach DiVita said. “She scores a lot and is going to continue helping in the front row and in the back row on defense. ... She’ll be depended on a lot for her complete, all-around game.”

The Blue Devils finished last season with a 9-6 regular season record, including a 5-5 record in the MAC White resulting in a fourth-place finish in the division. They defeated Grosse Pointe North 3-0 to take the district championship, then earned a 3-2 win over Utica in the regional semifinals before losing to Dakota in the regional final.

Winning a district championship is becoming the normal for the Blue Devils, winning seven in a row since 2014. However, last year’s trip to the regional finals was one of the deepest runs into the state tournament South has had since making it to the state quarterfinals in 2014.

DiVita wants the team

to be able to build on last year’s success in her second year at the helm of the Blue Devils, and a big part of that will be making sure the team is consistently improving throughout the season.

“I’m always looking to trend so that we’re playing our best volleyball at tournament time,” she said. “I really want these girls to decide the legacy they want to leave behind — their work ethic and being good role models for building the culture that we’re trying to have in the program.”

One area of improvement the Blue Devils are looking for this year is offensive help from the setters. The team already is set up for success when it comes to scoring, but growth at the setter position could make a huge difference.

“Offensively I think we’ll be able to be pretty successful, so it’s really going to come down to our setters,” DiVita said. “We’re really looking to develop that position so it can help run our offense.”

The Blue Devils begin their 2021 campaign Aug. 25, opening the season with a road match against Royal Oak Shrine.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Coming or going in the Grosse Pointe Sail Club’s weekly races, part of the action for the crew of Das Boot is not being on an even keel.

Close racing, good viewing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Spinnaker start.

The phrase is meat to a lion and the scent of blood to a shark.

To a sailor, it’s the wiser but equally wild kin of the beach culture

benediction, surf’s up.

Somewhere between the imagery of British poet laureate John Masefield, of “And all I need is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,” and the practicalities of “Seventeen ways to get into trouble” described in H.A. Calahan’s 1932 book, “Learning to Sail,” are the Tuesday Night Sundown Series of sailboat races begun and ended across a tight start-finish line drawn across oncoming current between the Windmill Pointe Park outer breakwall and a temporary orange buoy set up for the weekly contests.

An average of 50 boats are divided into seven classes according to length, design and sail configuration. They race in separate heats starting at five-minute intervals. The first heat is 7 p.m.

On nights with good wind, larger boats need less than 1 ½ hours elapsed time to navigate a triangular course totaling almost seven miles from near the head of the Detroit River, into Lake St. Clair and back, twice crossing the freighter channel.

Smaller, lighter, nimbler boats of low freeboard, shallow draft and relatively high sail area race a shorter, five-mile course and often beat the fleet in real time.

On Tuesday, Aug. 10, the 25-foot sloop Hummer covered its 4.7-mile route in 56 ½ minutes. Pterodactyl, at 36.4 feet, finished a 6.9-mile course 11 minutes later. By 8:45 p.m., the last boat crossed the line and the race ended.

Results are posted on the club website, gpssc.org, along with a schedule of events. Forthcoming races are Aug. 24; Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Few skippers in these races have anything to heed from Calahan’s caveats, especially one about limiting passengers to “strong swimmers.”

Novice sailors almost always have the sense to stay out of the way with spectators on the park’s

fishing and sightseeing pier, within feet of the action but not in its midst.

Since 1961, races have been hosted and managed by the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, based at the park.

Denise Cotter, past club commodore and current principal race official, knew last week’s heats would be exciting because a steady, south breeze up the river put boats before the wind on the first leg of the course, a chance to set as much sail as mast and rigging can manage. A spinnaker start.

“If it’s a crazy-wind night, boats will be jockeying for position off the line,” Cotter said.

During the five-minute countdown to each heat, skippers combine seamanship and moxie to position their boats to burst across the starting line ahead of everyone else. This usually marks the height of the night’s close-order zig-zagging.

Spectators a few feet from the melee hear skippers fire adrenaline-fueled orders to crewmen in cockpits and on foredecks.

To crew: Hard alee, gybe-ho, get your foot off the jib sheet, no starts no we’re luffing.

To competitors: Get out of the way.

“Decisions have to be made quickly,” Cotter said. “They have to get their timing just right. If they don’t, another boat pushes them out and they have to go around and start again.”

Skippers trying to capture the utmost wind last week released main sheets until booms angled nearly 90-degrees off centerlines. They played jibs and gennies. A couple went wing and wing, foresail spread windward, main to lee.

Boats crossing the international navigation channel must yield to freighters. For all practical purposes, freighters can’t stop. They have no room to avoid hitting something in their path.

“Do not argue with a freighter,” Cotter said. “Get out of its way. We enforce that.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 9, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 12, 2021 and the Special City Council meeting held on July 26, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held on July 20, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held on July 28, 2021.
- 2) To receive and file the 2020 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City’s Auditors, Plante and Moran and also receive and file their management report.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the proposed Lot Split request at 17830 and 17860 E. Eight Mile Road.
- 4) To Close the public hearing.
- 5) To cast the City’s vote for the following persons to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Worker’s Compensation Fund:
Lois Allen-Richardson, Mayor, Ypsilanti; Brian Boggs, Council, Durand; Maureen Donker, Mayor, Midland; Scott Erickson, Manager, Ironwood and Susan Montenegro, Manager, Leslie.
- 6) To designate Mayor Kindle as the City’s official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Costantino as the alternate delegate at the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual meeting to be held during the September 22 through September 24, 2021 convention, unless another member of City Council is interested and plans to attend.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122423 through 122 in the amount of \$683,362.26 as submitted by the acting City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.(2) Approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$40,513.20 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2021.(3) Approve payment to Drive Creative Services, LLC in the amount of \$5,272.31 for the printing, sorting and delivery of the summer newsletter.(4) Approve payment to BS&A Software in the amount of \$11,284.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2021 through August 2022.(5) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance Inc. for the contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various area of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, library and the parks, and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.(6) Approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of August 2021.(7) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$38,011.96 for professional services during the month of July 2021 for the following projects: 2018 Concrete Pavement repair, #180-204; 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239; 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Pavement Joint Sealing, #180-258; Storm Sewer repair #180-256; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231 and 253; Sanitary Sewer Cleran, #180-259; Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Water Svc Material Invest, #180-265; EGLE Grant, #180-250; Everstream GPW Conn, #180-237; AT&T Tower, #180-261; Salter Park Basketball Court, #180-264, Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263 and Newcastle Sewer Backup, #180-269.(8) Approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,274.07 for software support on the district court’s computer system.(9) Approve payment to Grosse Pointe Woods in the amount of \$14,560.06 for the city’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period January through June 2021.(10) Approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$12,262.10 for the purchase of 5,001 gallons of unleaded fuel.(11) Approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$5,396.68 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August and for IT support for all departments and the purchase of two computers and cables.(12) Approve payment to PAATS and The Helm in the amount of \$20,000.00 for transportation services with Wayne County CDBG reimbursing us.
- 2) to approve the lot split request from Derek Kosicki of Michigan Surveying Inc. on behalf of Eastland Center Mall Realty Holding LLC to separate the free standing building and parking lot at 17830 and 17860 E. Eight Mile Road from the Eastland Mall site.
- 3) to approve the request from applicant Derek Kosicki of Michigan Surveying Inc. on behalf of Eastland Center Mall Realty Holding LLC to rezone Parcel Numbers 42-009-99-0003-008 and 42-009-99-0003-724, commonly known as Jimmy Jazz and Family Dollar from RS-1 to C-.
- 4) to approve the request from Northpointe Development to rezone the parcel at 18000 Vernier Road, commonly known as Eastland Center, for the development of three industrial buildings, from RS-1 Regional Shopping district to a Planned Unit Development (PUD).
- 5) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No 2021-01 entitled “Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance of the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 6) to approve the five-year agreement with CLEMIS Oakland County for Information Technology Services in the annual amount of \$26,897.00 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$6,724.25, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign this agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.
- 7) to approve the contract extension proposal dated July 28, 2021 submitted by Tim O’Brien of Simplified Business Solutions, LLC with the current rates in effect through September of 2024, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 8) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$327,133.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for July through September 2021.
- 9) to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harper Woods and the Command Officers Association of Michigan providing specific language for interpretation of the method of calculating pension benefits accrued after December 1, 2015 and a method of deduction of employee contributions.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Bella Dodson heads to Williamsport for HR Derby

Bella Dodson from Grosse Pointe Little League Softball is one of eight youth softball players from around the country headed to Williamsport, Pa., to compete for the title of national home run champ. Dodson's performances in the local and regional home run derby competitions earned her a spot in the 2021 T-Mobile Home Run Derby.

The regional contest, winning Grosse Pointe Little League Softball a \$5,000 prize from T-Mobile and earning her a spot in the national championship.

The championship is set to take place Aug. 24, at Volunteer Stadium in Williamsport, Pa., and will be televised on ESPN Aug. 29.

Dodson once again emerged victorious at

-Mike Adzima



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Bella Dodson will compete at the T-Mobile 2021 Little League Home Run Derby Championship in Williamsport, Pa.

Grosse Pointe News Yard & ESTATE SALE Map

THIS WEEK:

1. 716 Anita Ave. GPW	7. 354 Rivard Blvd. GP
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