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Illegal mischief as election nears

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — As a highly contested election approaches this November for city council, mayor and judge in the Park, campaign signage is a prominent sight across town. Rumor has it signs are being stolen from yards supporting candidates across the

board. In Michigan, this is a misdemeanor. According to Michigan Penal Code section 750.356, stealing property valuing less than \$200 is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment up to 93 days or a fine of \$500 or three times the value of the stolen property (whichever is greater), or both imprisonment and a

fine. Council candidate Max Wiener estimates around 40 of his signs have gone missing and had to be replaced. He said the Park's "cabbage patch" area and Balfour residents have asked for replacement signs three times now. Incumbent Darci McConnell also has heard reports of signs

stolen and vandalized. During the primary, she said, a neighbor's sign was stolen after one of the Charlevoix street parties. Just this past weekend, she replaced a sign a voter believed to be vandalized. "Political speech, which is how the display of candidate signs is categorized under the First Amendment, is the most

protected form of speech enshrined in our Constitution," mayoral candidate and Councilwoman Lauri Read said in an email. "I do not tolerate the stealing, defacing or damaging of political lawn signs, whether they are mine, my opponent's or any candidate's, nor should anyone be trespassing on private prop-

erty for the purpose of doing so. "I sincerely hope that this is not happening and I appeal to our better angels that community members are not tempted to engage in such mischief," she added. "It has no place in a civil society." According to Director *See SIGNS, page 3A*



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Sweet hearts

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted its "Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe" auction Sept. 23, at Ford House. Find more photos from the event online at grossepointenews.com.

Looking back, moving forward

Council talks property in Detroit

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — As an extension of conversation introduced by council members Vikas Relan and Aimee Fluitt at an August council meeting, the Park council further discussed properties it owns in Detroit at its most recent council meet-

ing Monday, Sept. 27. Mayor Robert Denner began the conversation expressing his disappointment in the way the topic was handled at the previous meeting. "I was disappointed that these items were raised as part of council comment with no prior *See FORWARD, page 2A*

Martin adds alcohol defense attorney

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

BIRMINGHAM — The misdemeanor defense of a local high school baseball coach changed course this month with the hiring of a new attorney.

The attorney intends to separate his client from fire, building and alcohol violations allegedly committed at property leased by the coach's limited liability company.

"When you levy misdemeanors for fire exit signs and certificates of occupancy, it easily could have been written in the name of the LLC," said Joseph Cross, newly representing David Harrison Martin,

varsity coach of the Norsemen at Grosse Pointe North High School. "Instead, they're attacking him personally." Martin is charged with *See MARTIN, page 11A*

Protesters call for optional masking

THE GROSSE POINTES — The past two Friday mornings, a group of protesters have gathered at Grosse Pointe South High School at 7:30 a.m. to advocate for giving students and parents the choice of whether or not to mask and vaccinate in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. "We think it should be the choice of the parents — with the input from their child depending on how old they are — but it should be the parents' choice whether or not they want their children to wear a mask to school," Corrine Zimmerman said. While acknowledging they are not experts on laws vs. mandates, the

protesters say the school board has the choice not to follow Wayne County's mask mandate for school districts put in place Aug. 27. "We legally have to follow all Wayne County Health Department orders," GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean said via email. "People are welcome to exercise their democratic rights in a peaceful manner that does not disrupt the learning environment, and we had a great day of school, where we remain focused on keeping students and staff safe and in face-to-face instruction." Although the protests *See PROTEST, page 11A*

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Shores adopts ethics policy

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — With the process to create ethical standards for Grosse Pointe Shores having kicked off pre-pandemic, a policy entitled Standards of Ethical Conduct for City

Officials, Employees, Appointees, Representatives and Candidates for Office was unanimously adopted by city council Tuesday, Sept. 21. While the standards were adopted in the form of a policy, rather than an ordinance, with the intent to work out any

issues and return to the matter in 12 months to enact a legal ordinance, the ethics ordinance drafting committee was named such because its members determined early in the process that an ordinance would be preferable to a policy for *See ETHICS, page 3A*

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Shores implements bird feeder restrictions

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — To address ongoing complaints about excessive bird feed attracting rodents to residential properties, Shores city council created an ordinance regulating the use of bird feeders within the city.

Under the new ordinance, feed within a bird feeder cannot exceed a maximum volume of more than 1 cubic foot and must be placed at least 4 feet above the ground.

Residents cannot have more than three bird feeders per property.

Feeders within the rear yard setback area of a property must be placed

at least 15 feet from the rear yard lot line of the property, as well as at least 5 feet from the side yard setback line of the property.

Feeders within the side yard of a property must be placed at least 5 feet from the side yard setback line of the property. "You can't put it to the back of your yard where the bird feeder is affecting the neighbors on the other side of the fence," City Manager Stephen Poloni said.

Also under the new ordinance, the city reserves the right to determine feeding wild birds as a public nuisance, such as if it is causing excessive deposit of fecal matter or the congregation of

rodents.

"This is basically so that people understand that (you can) enjoy nature, enjoy the birds, but when you get to the point where you're creating a rodent problem for your neighbors, chances are you're overdoing it," Councilman Matt Seely said. "This just creates some general rules about courtesy for others."

A municipal civil infraction violation for a bird feeder nuisance is punishable by up to a \$500 fine.

City council unanimously approved the new ordinance — Section 10-34, Article II, Feeding Wild Birds — at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

This bird feeder in Grosse Pointe Shores was named "Bed and Breakfast" by the homeowners, because the top portion is a birdhouse and the bottom is a feeder.

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discussion with administration or with me," Denner said. "Proper way for a member of council to understand previous city business would be to contact the administration so that the appropriate research and past records can be completed and then, if desired, request to add the item to council agenda, as we're doing tonight. We should also be sensitive to the fact that this takes considerable administrative time away from other city priorities such as infrastructure and other things the city is trying to focus on."

"The manner in which this topic was raised in August implies a purpose beyond understanding previous transactions and possibly influenced by election politics," Denner added. "Election politics have no place in city council meetings and any appearance of such

should be avoided by all members of council so we can all focus as colleagues, administration and elected officials, on city business."

Between Denner and City Manager Nick Sizeland, council was informed of everything administration knows on the properties in question, much of which may be read in the Sept. 9 issue of the Grosse Pointe News under the headline, "Beauty' agreement has council members up in arms." Additionally, Sizeland found the city owns 1588 Alter Rd. and 1596 Alter Rd.

Sizeland advised council they may want to consider selling the greenspace moving forward.

"This was done by prior administration and council and it was approved by such," he said, "however, moving forward I think for the city, it would be in the best interest for us to consider whether or not we want to put these

properties up with a fair market value analysis, seeing what those properties would obtain on the open market, as well as (get) an appraisal and consideration of selling those properties.

"I do believe as prior members of city council and the city council members that are here as part of that, that they accomplished their goal at the time to seek blight removal over in those areas," he added. "So I believe that's something I would like for the council to consider in regards to those Alter Road properties."

Councilwoman Lauri Read expressed her concern for how the matter was addressed with prior administration.

"When I'm looking at the packet of information that was given to us about this, there are a few questions, more than a few questions, that come to mind," Read said. "So I'm proposing that we take some corrective action and establish some policies and procedures for deals like this. Our city charter requires that the city attorney prepare or review all contracts, and this memorandum of land contract says it was drafted by the former city manager."

"So, contracts, when they're presented to council, should indicate that they were reviewed

or drafted by the city attorney so we have confidence that we're in compliance with our charter," she said.

Read added she did not see the benefit of a city government entering into land contracts, as they usually favor the seller and not the buyer.

"I'm not in favor of land contracts for city government and I'm not sure why we would be doing that," she said. "So I would ask that administration review that and explain to us why we would ever want to enter into a land contract."

Sizeland responded to Read by attributing the specific land purchases to the recession, which, Denner said, hit in 2008 and resulted in plunging property values, leaving abandoned and blighted homes in the Park and Detroit.

Fluitt, agreeing with Read in not seeing the benefit in buying the property, added her frustration with the lack of information received upfront.

"I believe I stated at our last meeting that I received this information on Sunday night before the council meeting," she said. "It has been historically difficult to get information if it's not asked in a public forum. I believe council member Relan had this information before I did, but I did not have a lot of notice and I don't believe he did either."

"And I don't think I

need to be scolded for asking questions about how taxpayer money is spent," she added.

Fluitt pointed out that when she asked for a list of all city-owned property in Detroit the previous year, it was not complete, as the two properties in the 1500 block of Alter Road were not listed. She added at the last council meeting, Relan asked what the Pitters property was being used for, to which Sizeland answered he did not know of its purpose at the time.

Monday, she expressed frustration that all are in agreement this month that the property was being used for department of public works storage.

"We put a lot of city business under the heading of stopping blight or thwarting blight," Fluitt said. "So I guess the biggest question I have is what is the overall goal here? ..."

"If we're hanging onto these properties indefinitely, I would like to know what that purpose is," she added. "There's potential for property tax revenue, there's potential for new families and income, so I would like to know what that vision is."

Denner said he sees now as the time to "take a fresh look at those properties."

Councilman Jim Robson added his defense of the past administration that

approved these purchases, of which he was a part.

"It is a good thing for a city to be proactive," he said. "Where I came from over the history is the issue of blight. I've been in the city for 45 years. One reason why I ran many years ago is because of the issue of blight. ... Looking back on it, it was the right decision, 100 percent. ..."

"This narrative that pre-2019 councils and administrations are corrupt and nefarious, it's a tired narrative, a childish narrative and a wrong narrative," he added. "I've lived in the Park for 45 years. I've seen a lot of good things. It's still a great city. It's going to continue to be a great city. If anybody wants to discuss that with me over a beer or a cup of coffee, I'm glad to (accommodate)."

Councilwoman Michele Hodges furthered Robson's sentiment, saying it's time to move forward from looking back.

"It is clear to me that at worst we were sloppy, but certainly acting in the best interest of Grosse Pointe Park," she said.

"The good news is we aren't sloppy anymore and we won't be in the future as we continuously improve under our leadership today. We can no longer undermine our administration, fuel mistrust in the community or demonize people. We have to move forward."



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The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 18, 2021.

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Meet the department: Public safety open house set

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Woods public safety department hosts its annual public safety open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, by the public safety scout car garage and apparatus bays, 20025 Mack Avenue.

The event will feature the Coast Guard, with its robot, Coastie; Michigan State Police bomb squad, likely with its robot, which usually demonstrates its abilities by handing out coupons to attendees; a MedStar ambulance; a smokehouse demonstration, including a fire safety lecture and hands-on demonstration; car seat inspections to help new parents ensure their car seat is properly installed; gun safety literature for kids;



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety hosts an open house noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3.

gun locks; and smoke alarm giveaways. Information on the kindness calls program also will be available.

Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said the aim of the open

house is to bridge gaps between residents and public safety. He believes this has been an especially important effort in recent years as law enforcement has been portrayed nationally in a

negative light.

"We need to get back to having law enforcement in a positive light," Kosanke said. "If we do something wrong, we take responsibility for it. If things need to be

changed, we change it. What the media was putting out all through last year and part of this year, it's trying to divide us and we shouldn't be that way.

"We're trying to change the negative narrative," he added. "Most officers are very good, hard-working people. They're not what's portrayed in the media."

Though he doesn't see the national narrative necessarily reflected in the Woods community, Kosanke is excited to help add positivity to public safety and community engagement through events like this one.

"This is your chance to see us up close and personal, ask us any questions and get to know us and build that relationship with your public safety department," he said.

As part of this effort, Kosanke also has introduced a partnership with Faith & Blue, an effort to help law enforcement and faith institutions, two key pillars of communities, collaborate to make their communities stronger.

"(Faith & Blue is) asking law enforcement to team up with the faith-based communities for support and positive reinforcement in the community," he said. "So I took it upon our department to turn our annual open house into an also Faith & Blue event."

All local church leaders have been invited and encouraged to attend the open house event.

The event is open to everyone and often finds attendees coming even from outside the Pointes to learn more about law enforcement and safety.

Enter to win during Buy Nearby Weekend in The Village

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Main Street Grosse Pointe is bringing Buy Nearby Weekend close to home for the first time Friday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 3, in The Village.

Led by the Michigan Retailers Association, the campaign encourages shoppers to support their

communities by spending locally.

"As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, our businesses need our support now more than ever," Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said in a press release. "Shopping locally boosts the economy,

keeps your friends and neighbors employed and makes our community a vibrant place to live."

Through an enter-to-win contest, for each purchase at a participating business in The Village, the customer can fill out a raffle entry for a chance to win a bundle of gift cards donated by local busi-

nesses. The more purchases made equal the more chances to enter.

Multiple winners will be chosen to receive a portion of the more than \$1,000 in gift certificates donated.

Participating businesses include Apple Blossom Baby & Décor, The Campus Shop, Chez

Lou Lou Salon, City Kitchen, Dawood Boutique, El's Boutique, Glitter & Scotch, LOFT, Moosejaw, Pet Supplies Plus, Posterity Gallery, Ridge Crest Outfitters, Savvy Chic Boutique,

Skye Salon, Small Favors Gift Gallery, Susie at Home, TCBY, Village Nutrition and Village Palm.

Visit The Village Grosse Pointe Facebook page for more information.

Hodges proposes flooding resolutions

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In trying to "get stuff done," Councilwoman Michele Hodges proposed at a council meeting Monday, Sept. 27, two resolutions to be drafted by administration regarding efforts to minimize flooding impact.

"I'd like to recommend that we as a governing body effectively ... serve our purpose by providing the administration with the necessary tools that will

support accelerated progress in the area," Hodges said. "We're not engineers, but we do have the power to give him tools that help him get his job done on our behalf."

She asked council to consider directing administration to prepare two resolutions: the first, asking the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to expedite its approval of an extreme emergency relief valve in the Park.

"(Great Lakes Water Authority) has proven

that we can't wait for them and we have to take matters in our own hands based on the actions hitherto," Hodges said. "This must happen and it's my opinion the administration needs the power of its governing body behind it to get that done."

The second proposed resolution aims at demanding accountability with fellow Pointes from DTE Energy and other public service commissions.

"I think these resolutions need to be impactful and in alignment

with the recommendations of OHM (Advisors), full of data and figures and a clear demonstration of how serious we are about getting stuff done," she said.

Mayor Robert Denner advised Hodges to work with administration to see if a resolution should come to council in October.

"Both those topics I know are being pursued by the administration already in terms of actions," Denner said, "but perhaps council having a vote could add some weight to it."

ETHICS:

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the city.

"First, a policy is nothing more than an ethical mission statement," committee chair Dr. Janice Pemberton said. "Sounds nice, doesn't it? But it's toothless and it is unenforceable. Furthermore, in our research, we learned that many municipalities that had initially adopted an ethics policy, soon found that they needed to convert it to an ordinance. That was due to a lack of a mechanism for addressing ethical matters."

Councilman Donn Schroder, who was appointed as a liaison for council in reviewing the ethics draft, said the intent is similar to trying on clothes before buying them.

"Based on what we just went through with another ordinance issue that was deemed unconstitutional and the city had to be involved in a very costly lawsuit and settlement, I think that it's prudent of us as fidu-

ciaries to approach it on this level," Councilman Matt Seely said, referring to a recently settled lawsuit that resulted in the city amending its signage ordinance to avoid regulation based on content.

According to Mayor Ted Kedzierski, the majority of the committee's draft pages remained as written and the only significant change was the removal of an Advisory Board of Ethics, which would have consisted of three residents making advisory recommendations to council regarding any ethical complaints.

"To have unelected people making decisions, I know that concerned the liaisons, Dr. (John) Seago and Dr. Schroder," he said.

The policy includes a lengthy section on conflicts of interest, such as preventing using one's office for personal advantage or gain, accepting gifts intended to influence, representing personal opinions as those of the city and nepotism. It also focuses on social

media, regarding which the city has dealt with controversy in recent years.

Types of social media use are categorized into official city; public office, which is run by elected officials with the sole purpose of communicating as an extension of their office; political/campaign; and private, where elected officials and employees can post private content.

Within these subgroups, regulation includes all pages aside from private being open to all viewers and only official city pages being supported by city personnel or financial resources.

The policy also includes a conflicts of

interest annual disclosure statement form.

"I think we can all agree that transparent government personifying the highest ethical standards is what we all aspire to when conducting city politics," Schroder said.

Before it was approved, one resident voiced significant dissatisfaction regarding the policy draft not being available to the public prior to a vote.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Standards Policy now can be viewed on the city's website, gpshoresmi.gov, under the Clerk tab.

Following a motion by Seely, council also unanimously agreed to disband the ethics ordinance drafting committee.

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of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell and Deputy Director Jim Bostock, the department has not received any reports of stolen signs.

"If we catch anybody in the act, we'll prosecute them," Jarrell said. "I don't care whose (signs) they're stealing."

To make a report, residents may stop in the public safety building at 15115 E. Jefferson, or call (313) 822-7400.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Fire Prevention Week public safety open house, noon to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Cook Schoolhouse open, 1 to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA Board meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

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

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Pointer wears baseball, many other hats

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Many in the community know Holly Rutherford as the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League mom who led efforts to successfully create a concession stand at Kerby Field, but fewer know of her 2007 escapades as an open water scuba instructor in Guam.

Among the many adventures during her year-long stay, the City of Grosse Pointe resident met her husband, Forest, who was in the Navy; dove to shipwrecks from several different eras and wars including the Tokai Maru and SMS Cormoran; learned different languages such as Japanese, German and Russian while taking foreign tourists on guided dives; and once took part in certifying 108 sailors of the carrier USS Nimitz in seven days, working 13 hours each day.

During one particular dive, Rutherford's hand was bitten by a giant trevally, while throwing squid for fish to eat. With significant gashes on her fingers, she was openly



From left, Tommy Rutherford, Carol Welch, Forest Rutherford, Jonathon Rutherford, Holly Rutherford and Molly Bennett at the Fishfly Café.

bleeding at more than 60 feet of depth and had a 150-yard surface swim to shore.

"I was convinced the whole way I was going to get attacked by sharks," she said, "but I did not."

Upon returning to the Grosse Pointes and becoming involved with Little League as her oldest son, Tommy, joined seven years ago, Rutherford noticed Kerby Park didn't have an official concession stand.

While another family ran a stand under a tent for a few years, the building at Kerby already had a kitchen in it.

Rutherford worked with the City to get approval to take it over, ensured the needed equipment was there, stocked the food, achieved licensing from the health department and maintained and staffed the stand, which turned a profit for Little League this year.

"It was cool too because it created such a true park-like atmosphere when you were there and games were being played," she said.

Voted onto the league's executive board in 2019, her impact on Little League can be seen in



COURTESY PHOTOS

Rutherford spent 2007 as an open water scuba instructor in Guam, where she met her husband, Forest, who was in the Navy.

almost every sense.

Through her position as information officer, she sends email notices, manages social media and schedules games; as committee chair for this year's state tournament, she coordinated fundraising and volunteers; because of her passion for photography, she often captures highlights of the games; and when her son, Jonathon, was a rookie, she managed his team, the Mustangs, teaching the group of 5-and 6-year-olds the fundamentals.

"When they recognize

you out in town and they're like, 'Oh my god, it's Coach Holly,' it's very cute," she said, noting it still happens today.

In June, she took the expertise gained from Little League efforts, along with years working at The Vintage Bistro on Mack in the 1990s, to step up and fill the empty space left by the retirement of the 40-year Pier Park concessionaire.

With the Farms park at risk of going without a concession stand for the season after a contract with National Coney Island fell through,

Rutherford threw her energy into the creation of the Fishfly Café.

"I thought it would be great for my kids to be able to work with me and learn a side of business that they may not essentially learn," she said. "My younger daughter, (Molly) she worked with me all summer, which was amazing. We had great times there."

"My boys are younger, but they came in and 'helped' for a couple minutes," she jokingly added. "(As in) they'd take an order and then they'd eat half the stock."

In perhaps a more physical sense, Rutherford's mark on the community also can be seen through her work as an artist for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. Participating in this year's project, "The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe," her hearts — separately horse and butterfly themed — could be seen at the Hoof n' Woof and Kercheval Financial, respectively.

Dog statues she painted in the past sit in front of and inside Little Blue Book, as well as in the window of John F. Martin Photography.

Master plan update kicks off

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — For the first time since 2012, the City of Grosse Pointe began the year-long process to update its master plan during the council meeting Monday, Sept. 20.

"The master plan is the city's opportunity — residents, property owners — to express what they want to see in the future," City Planner John Jackson said, "so it's a way to articulate the future of the city."

Focuses of the City's master plan include priority redevelopment areas, the zoning plan,

infrastructure and land use.

Future land use is one of the most visible parts of the plan, Jackson said. The last time the City focused on residential neighborhoods, specifically, was during the 2004 master plan update. Since then, interest has risen in ensuring new developments match the character and quality of existing neighborhoods.

"Residential design standards have come up in this group a number of times and I think there's some appetite to look at what those design standards could be like and what the options are for adopting something

along those lines," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

Other areas of improvement the plan update may address include opportunities for additional housing diversity, parking flexibility, green infrastructure and economic development.

Councilman Chris Walsh also suggested exploring whether the community has interest in allowing bed and breakfasts.

"The benefits of the master plan is putting the City in a proactive

position, and not a defensive position, in terms of the types of proposals that we get and how to respond to them," Jackson explained. "It guides developments in a coordinated and harmonious way."

Following the kickoff meeting, city administration and planners will get to work identifying trends, gathering data and creating opportunities for public engagement, ultimately bringing all the input together to develop goals and objectives for

the master plan update.

Public participation, which council has identified as a priority throughout the process, is set to include two stakeholder workshops — tentatively scheduled for November and December — and a variety of other opportunities falling under formal, informal, online and in person.

Once this is complete, efforts will begin to draft the amendments, develop the zoning plan and implementation strategies and then enter the adoption process, which includes a two-month review period where a draft of the document will be sent to the

surrounding communities, Wayne County and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The entire process is set to take a year to complete.

"At the end of this process, we're going to chart the course for the next two years in terms of who's going to do what, where the possible sources of funding are going to come from and what other priorities (are)," Jackson said.

The plan will be reviewed each year to ensure it remains appropriate, as well as flexible enough to make room for grants and similar programs when such opportunities arise.

Park rated best place to live in Wayne Co.

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe Park recently was ranked the No. 1 best place to live in Wayne County by Niche, a service ranking schools,

school districts and communities across the country, using the slogan "Find where you belong."

The Park was awarded an A+ for public schools and overall Niche grade. The community also notably received an A for housing; A- for nightlife; A+ for good for families; A for jobs; B for cost of living; A for health and fitness; B- for crime and safety; and B for diversity, among other scores.

Following the Park as the best place to live in Wayne County was Northville, then Grosse Pointe Farms, rounding out the top three of 207 cities. The City of Grosse Pointe came in fifth, with Grosse Pointe Woods sixth and the Shores eighth, making all five Pointes among the top 10 places to live in the county.

The Park also was ranked the second best suburb for young professionals in the county, with the Woods following closely in third.

The Farms topped the Park, which came in fourth, as the third best place to raise a family in Wayne County. The City and the Woods followed in fifth and sixth, respec-



FILE PHOTO

tively, with the Shores coming in eighth.

In Michigan, Grosse Pointe Park was ranked the sixth best place to live, behind Okemos, Troy, Bloomfield Charter Township, Beverly Hills and Ann Arbor. Next for the Pointes was the Farms, ranking 13th.

Even nationally, out of 6,785 suburbs to live in in America, the Park found its way into the top 100.

All the Pointes scored an overall Niche grade of A+. The City came in at A+ for public schools; B- for crime and safety; A- for housing; B for nightlife; A+ for good for families; B- for cost of living; A for jobs; A+ for health and fitness; B for outdoor activities; and C+ for diversity. The Woods scored A+ for public schools; B- for crime and safety; A for housing; B+ for nightlife; A+ for good for families; B for cost of living; A for jobs; A+ for health and fitness; B for outdoor activities; and B for diversity.

The Shores showed an A+ for public schools; B+ for crime and safety; A- for housing; B for nightlife; A+ for good for families; B- for cost of living; A for jobs; A+ for health and fitness; B for outdoor activities; and C+ for diversity. The Woods scored A+ for public schools; B- for crime and safety; A for housing; B+ for nightlife; A+ for good for families; B for cost of living; A for jobs; A+ for health and fitness; B for outdoor activities; and B for diversity.

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Business owners stand firm against political threats

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Del Sagnes, general manager of a Grosse Pointe Park restaurant, knows more about smoked ribs and brisket than about the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"I don't pay much attention to that," he said.

It thereby startled Sagnes when the corporation's Senior VP Christine Roeder seemed to threaten him and his employees' livelihoods about displaying on restaurant property campaign signs of four candidates running for Grosse Pointe Park mayor and city council. Sagnes backs Michele Hodges for mayor and council candidates Max Wiener, Christine Gallagher and Tom Caulfield.

"Word is spreading that you are backing an entire slate with signs," Roeder, a Park resident, messaged privately through

Facebook on Sept. 18, according to Sagnes. "Super disappointed in your decision to post signs. Most small businesses aren't cool with losing customers over it."

In the trendy era of cancel culture, where people with rabid attitudes and no tolerance for other points of view try to isolate and silence opponents rather than debate, prove and convince, Sagnes was primed to read between the lines.

"There's a veiled threat there," he said of Roeder's message. "Everyone's entitled to their own view, but when you start making statements like that, it makes you wonder."

Sagnes, of Red Crown restaurant, which opened nearly 10 years ago in a former service station on lower Kercheval, is among members of the Park merchant community undaunted by people of differing political agendas threatening free speech.

"It does surprise me,

seeing that she accuses us of being political where, meanwhile, her position is clearly political on her behalf," Sagnes said of Roeder.

One block down Kercheval at The Bricks, a Neapolitan-style pizzeria that opened in 2019, owner and chef Trenton Chamberlain is all about making dough from ancient grains, not letting himself be used as grist in the municipal political mill.

Chamberlain received a letter dated Sept. 15 from fellow Park resident and behind-the-scenes city council "director," Mary Rouleau. She chided him for hanging a gay pride flag outside his restaurant while also posting a campaign sign for council candidate Wiener. Wiener thinks, among other things, municipal officials can better serve constituents by bolstering storm water infrastructure to prevent basement flooding instead of spending

months mulling the display of gay pride symbols at city hall.

"It is offensive and a contradiction to fly the rainbow flag and express support for Max Wiener given the view he has twice publicly expressed at council meetings," Rouleau wrote. "Perhaps you were not aware of this. But now you are."

"It came as a bit of surprise," Chamberlain said, "but not so much because sometimes there are really aggressive activists who like to shove their opinions in your face. If you don't agree with them, they try to make you feel as if you have done something wrong."

Rouleau's emails to council members and candidates aligned against Wiener et al. are among municipal documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Many of Rouleau's messages contain directives which certain recipients on the council present

soon thereafter as their own.

"I think she likes to be a puppeteer, trying to control people," Chamberlain said. "I don't know her agenda, but I don't think she really has one other than control."

Across a side street from The Bricks at Belding Cleaners, owner Joe Hebeka seeks more staff to handle a nearly overwhelming load of work, including cleaning uniforms of all Grosse Pointe public safety officers for free.

Hebeka also heads the 30-member Grosse Pointe Park Business Association. He tilted his head quizzically upon learning colleagues feel targeted for endorsing certain candidates.

"I wasn't expecting this," Hebeka said. "I find it interesting that none of the opposing candidates have approached any of our businesses asking why we're supporting other candidates but not them."

His three signs for Hodges, Wiener and Gallagher are staying up despite those who'd pressure him to take them down.

"This (council) race is very important; it really is," Hebeka said. "It's really disappointing to hear what the other candidates are doing. They're putting roadblocks in front of the city manager. I mean, nobody's got time for that. It's not productive at all."

The role of the business community is to serve customers, he said, and threatening businesses thereby threatens residents' quality of life.

"If we're not here, it's not going to be that great of a place to live," Hebeka said. "This is the first time we have put signs in our windows and I feel good about doing it. I've seen some of my longtime customers wearing T-shirts for other candidates. We serve them. It should go both ways."

City of Grosse Pointe

ER threats

A security guard at an area hospital overheard a 30-year-old Detroit woman, upset about the emergency room wait time, threaten to shoot white people inside while on a phone call at 1:59 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

The woman left by the time officers arrived.

Mischiefous kids

A 45-year-old Grosse Pointe woman began noticing fraudulent charges to her Michigan First Credit Union account in March 2021, but assumed they were from her children making small, random purchases from her Apple account.

As the charges recently grew significantly in size and frequency, she canceled her bank card. Saturday, Sept. 25, she received a threatening text regarding her vehicle's extended warranty.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Illegal U-turn

After making an illegal U-turn at the Mack Avenue and Moross Road intersection at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, a 20-year-old Warren woman was cited for driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

Drawing attention to drugs

After being pulled over at 12:51 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Moross Road, for speeding 43 mph, failing to dim high beams to oncoming traffic and having illegally tinted front windows, a 35-year-old Chesterfield man was arrested for cocaine possession, synthetic narcotic possession and narcotic paraphernalia, as well as cited for driving while license suspended.

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The 40-year-old passenger, also from Chesterfield, was arrested for narcotics, as well as two no-bond warrants out of Macomb County for child neglect and assault and battery.

Clearing the air

When a suspicious vehicle parked in the 400 block of Moross Road was reported at 2:37 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, a 20-year-old Warren man was found inside the vehicle, which was filled with marijuana smoke. He was ticketed for possessing and consuming marijuana under the age of 21.

Barely hanging on

A 28-year-old Hazel Park man pulled over at Mack Avenue and Elizabeth Court because his vehicle's license plate was hanging by one bolt, was cited for driving while license suspended at 7:22 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. The vehicle was impounded.

Assault on officer in court

When a 29-year-old Mount Clemens man, originally in court for carrying a concealed weapon, was asked to remove his baseball hat or leave the courtroom, he began actively resisting officers at 1:58 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

As an officer attempted to take him into custody, the suspect punched him in the face.

Judge Matthew Rumora then held the man in contempt of court with 30 days jail time.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Improper registration

After being pulled over at Lakeshore and

Deeplands roads for speeding 68 mph, a 32-year-old Dearborn man was arrested for improper registration at 1:44 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Missing car

A white 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited went missing from a parking lot in the 15000 block of Kercheval sometime between 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The keys were not in the car. The license plate is DRD4167.

Missing phone

A blue Apple iPhone X was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 1000 block of Wayburn overnight Sunday, Sept. 19.

The phone is valued at \$900.

Mystery pills

A 38-year-old Harrison Township woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 9:18 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

She was pulled over for exceeding the speed limit at Mack and Wayburn. She was found intoxicated.

She also was found with unknown pills, which were confiscated.

No license

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving without ever having acquired a driver's license.

He was pulled over at Mack and Maryland at 10:51 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, because one of his headlights was not working.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drone problems

An equestrian was thrown from their horse at Grosse Pointe Equestrian due to a reported drone flying nearby around 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20.

A witness said a drone flying reportedly below 8 feet and within property fences was near the horse and startled it.

Detectives still are investigating and encourage witnesses to report any similar activity immediately, as it is extremely dangerous for riders.

Nap in the intersection

A 36-year-old Clinton Township man was found passed out behind the wheel at the Mack and Vernier intersection at 6:51 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21.

When an officer arrived on scene, he found the driver unconscious with his skin tone an ashen grey. Overdose was suspected.

The man was taken to the hospital. A search warrant for his blood was obtained.

Once he regained con-

sciousness, he was put under arrest for operating while in the possession of drugs.

Two previous operating while intoxicated convictions are attached to the man's name.

Window punch

A suspicious car in the 1800 block of Oxford was reported around 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

An officer called to the scene found the car belonged to a resident of Oxford. The driver's window was shattered, likely by a window punch.

Personal property was still safely in the vehicle. The owner had parked the car on the street at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

BB gun

Two cars were parked in the 1500 block of South Renaud at 6:35

p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

At 8 a.m. the following morning, extensive damage was reported to the vehicles, including damage to the front driver's side door above the window; a broken driver's side rear window; a dent behind the rear driver's side door; a mark below the driver's side window; and a mark on top of the driver's side door.

All damage seems to be attributed to impact made by a BB gun.

Shattered window

A car parked in the 2000 block of Anita sustained a shattered driver's side window at 8:39 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Protestors: Leave those kids alone!

In the United States, people have a constitutional right to be wrong, to publicly make fools of themselves. It's called the First Amendment. But just because they have the right to be wrong doesn't mean we have to believe them or listen to them.

I agree with those who have posted on the GPPSS Community Discussion page on Facebook who take issue with those accosting students the past two Friday mornings as they arrive at Grosse Pointe South High School. There are reports of the anti-masking protestors shouting at students, getting in their space and handing out specious literature. We even have protestors telling students (and their parents who dropped them off) that the school board does not legally have to follow the Wayne County Health Department's mask mandate for schools. Which, as Superintendent Jon Dean points out, is completely false.

If adults want to protest school policy, they should do it at the school board level. Protest outside board meetings, but not outside the schools, harassing students and, basically, telling them to disobey their parents, teachers and principals. What lessons are they trying to teach the students? Wrong-headed civil disobedience?

As our ICUs overflow with anti-vaxxers, as the COVID-19 death count surpasses the number of those who died of the Spanish flu a hundred years ago, as breakthrough infections occur with greater frequency and as the Federal Reserve is expected to announce that the delta surge is slowing our much-awaited and needed growing economy, it is time to stop mincing words. It is time to stop pussy-footing around about the pandemic that is engulfing us, the country and the world.

COVID-19 is real. It is not just "the flu." It is deadly and it is highly contagious. Masks work.

The vaccines are effective and are safe. No, there have not been many severe side effects and deaths. No, they do not make women infertile. Vaccine mandates are a perfectly legitimate public health function. Childhood vaccines have been mandated in order to get our kids admitted to school for decades.

Vaccines should be mandated for all public and private gatherings, including work and school. Anyone who says anything different is wrong and poses a danger to themselves and others. There is no constitutional right to endanger others.

Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 9/28	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	648,367	596,414
% of residents 12+	70.5	64.9
% 12-15 years old	46.6	41.3
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% 65+	87.2	82.6

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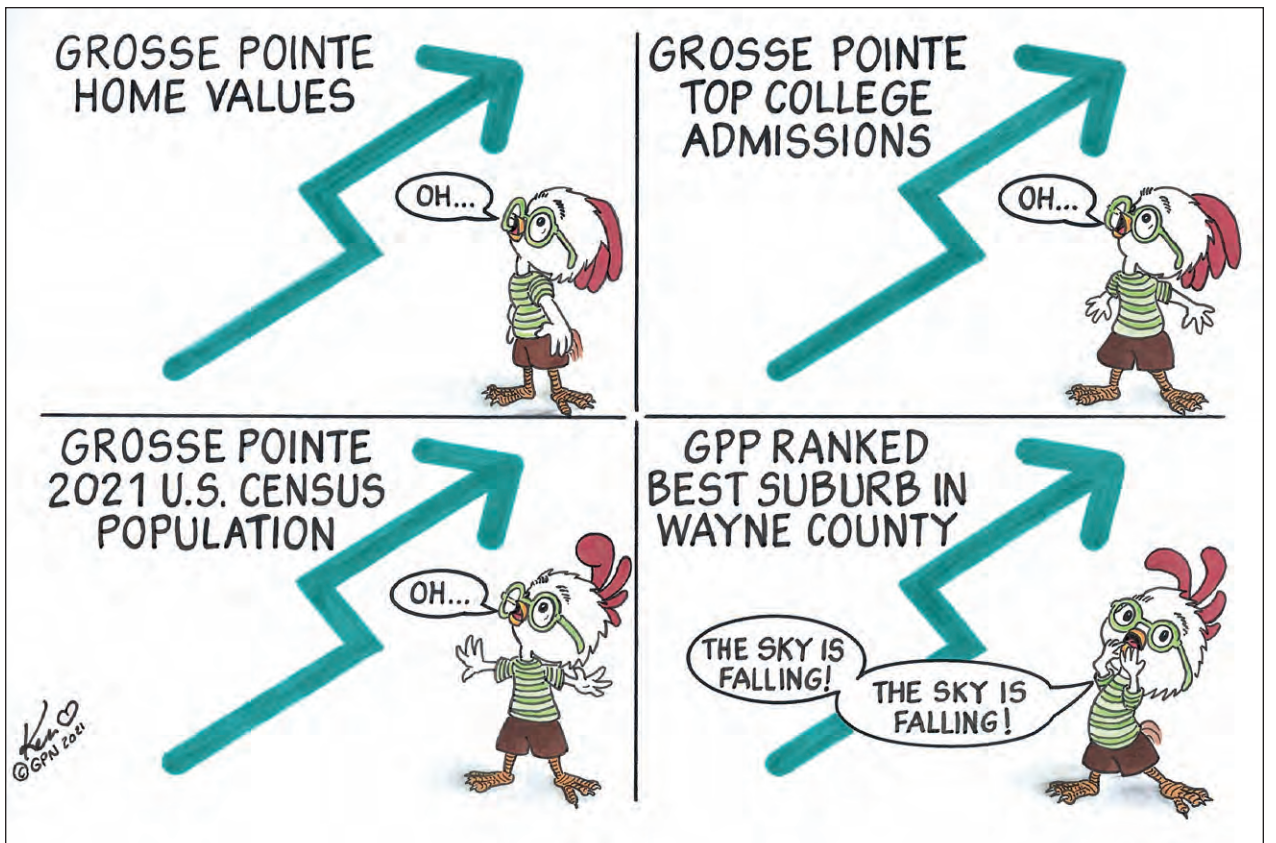


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OUR VIEW

G.P. Park ranked No. 1 in Wayne Co.

Just as certain city council members, candidates and their supporters are trying to convince us Grosse Pointe Park has gone to the dogs — oh, wait, it has with the recent opening of the dog park at Patterson Park, but that's not what they mean — now comes along a report that leaves naysayers standing in doo-doo.

Niche.com, the popular ranking and review website formerly called College Prowler, comes out with a ranking that makes Grosse Pointe Park the No. 1 place to live in Wayne County.

Who would have known? (Actually, we did.) The Park ranks better than Grosse Pointe Farms (No. 3), better than the City of Grosse Pointe (No. 5), better than Grosse Pointe Woods (No. 6) and better than Grosse Pointe Shores (No. 8).

Interestingly, the Park outranked the oft-cited Wayne County 'burbs of Northville and Plymouth/Canton and the other "Grosse," Grosse Ile.

The Park's overall Niche grade of A+ included A+ for Public Schools, A for Housing, A+ for Good for Families, A- for Nightlife, B for Diversity and B- for Crime & Safety.

The B- grade for Crime & Safety, the Niche report stated, was based on violent crime and property damage. However, we take issue with the methodology here. Niche translates the number of violent crimes as per 100,000 residents, 10 times the Park's population. A few incidents of violent crime here can look large at per 100,000 residents.

So, kudos, Grosse Pointe Park. Give yourself a pat on the back — and to all the rest of the Pointe municipalities, all of which made Niche's top 10 list of best places to live in Wayne County.

Returning to the dogs, kudos also go to Grosse Pointe Park on its new dog park and special thanks to Joe Backer and Dane Wilborn of Backer Landscaping, and Tim Weldon of Pointe Alarm, who did an incredible job bringing the project to fruition.

OUR VIEW

City manager as COO

Once again the Know Nothings in Grosse Pointe Park are trying to sell another "gotcha" moment. This time they point to our and former Mayor Greg Theokas' description of "strong city manager" form of government to describe the Park in last week's paper.

Their "gotcha" evidence is a section in the Park's city charter:

Section 4.1. Council-manager government. The city shall have the council-manager form of government.

But in citing the obvious they miss the entire point

and Mayor Theokas were making.

There are two forms of city management. One where the elected mayor as chief operating officer runs the day-to-day administration of the city. The other way to run a city is to hire a professional, a city manager, to administer city operations. The city manager as COO reports to the board, or rather, city council.

Under no system of government we are aware does the city council run the city day to day. Of course, our contention is that the current majority on the council does not get this and is trying to micromanage the city for its own agenda.

City manager as chief operating officer is what we refer to as a "strong city manager" form of government.

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Experienced, accessible, thoughtful leadership for GPP

To the Editor: As our community prepares to elect a new mayor, it's important they carefully vet those seeking public office. I am the most experienced candidate on the ballot for mayor and, if elected, will be the only member of city council to have completed a full term in city government.

My experience is valuable to our community. I have served on, and chaired, numerous committees and commissions during my tenure. I have used my 31 years as a practicing lawyer to ben-

efit our city, ensuring that we comply with state law, our charter and city code, and to propose the necessary changes when we haven't.

I have been the most accessible council member, bringing openness and transparency to our processes, meeting with and responding to residents on issues big and small (just ask them!) and bringing their voice to city government.

With my experience and accessibility, I bring a thoughtful approach to governing. I don't make knee-jerk decisions, but put careful consideration into every action, considering the long-term consequences, asking the tough questions and offering an innovative approach to problem solv-

ing. This election is about you: The residents have always been my priority. I am committed to delivering the core services our residents should expect, making our government function at the highest level and creating a community we all can be proud of. To learn more, please visit my webpage, read4gpp.com, and Facebook, facebook.com/read4gpp.

LAURI READ
Grosse Pointe Park
mayoral candidate

Reinstall classroom flags

To the Editor: Have you ever wondered what Grosse Pointe teachers are teaching our children regarding respect for our country?

Some fourth grade Richard Elementary students celebrated Constitution Day this Sept. 17, marking the anniversary of the U.S. Constitution's adoption in 1787. The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution coordinated the Bells Across America effort here and the students rang bells outside at 4

p.m. simultaneously as church bells pealed across America.

At Pierce Middle School, the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance each morning as they begin their day. Everyone participates, although every couple of years a student doesn't want to — and this is rare. Flags are in classrooms.

At North and South, the disarray is greater. The Pledge of Allegiance is broadcast over the public address system at advisory time, but during this patriotic ritual, students are permitted to stay seated. In fact, students are allowed to do homework or scroll through their phones. Does anyone find this disrespectful? Unacceptable?

It seems the time is ripe for teaching our oldest students the importance of holding respect and pride for the American flag and of its symbolism of the freedoms the United States grants its citizens.

Flag brackets were removed during summer construction and many classrooms have yet to display an American flag.

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Closure for the Class of 2020



never knowing if I would ever return to my campus. I did once last year just to get the remaining things from my apartment, but other than that it never felt like my college experience had any sort of closure.

Graduating from college in the spring of 2020 was surreal. In March, I packed up as much stuff as I could and drove back to Michigan from upstate New York,

My "graduation" in May 2020 consisted of a 10-minute prerecorded video presentation telling us congratulations. Talk about anti-climactic. I got my degree while sitting in my parents' living room and just like that, college was over.

I was back in Michigan and my friends were all scattered around the country finding jobs and getting our adult lives started in the midst of these crazy times. Now, with millions of people vaccinated and what seems like the worst days of the pandemic behind us, my classmates and I finally got the feeling of closure we missed out on last year.

Syracuse University, my alma mater, invited me back the Class of 2020 a couple weeks ago for a

proper, in-person commencement ceremony. Thousands of students and their families returned and we all got to sit inside the Carrier Dome stadium (masked up) to experience our graduation 16 months late.

The commencement ceremony was very well done. We got to wear our caps and gowns, move our tassels from one side to the other and feel like true college graduates. I know some people might not feel like college com-

mencements are all that important, but this one really meant a lot to me and the family and friends I got to share that day with.

I got to see friends I have not seen in over a year after spending practically every day with them during my four years at school. Our parents got to see us finally be honored properly for our achievements. We got to take pictures around campus in our caps and gowns to keep for the rest of our lives to

show people we did in fact really graduate.

Being out of college over a year and being members of the workforce now, it did feel a bit strange to be back walking around our campus. Despite that, commencement weekend for the Class of 2020 felt like a success.

I want to thank Syracuse for all of the effort they put into planning the weekend so my classmates and I could finally get that feeling of closure. The world is not back to normal yet, but it feels a bit more normal to me now knowing that my college experience is complete.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

GROUP TO READ ESSAYS ON WAR MEMORIAL:

The Study Group that was named several months ago to examine into an appropriate type of memorial to be erected in Grosse Pointe in honor of the men and women of the area who were participants in World War II, has named a subcommittee to make a study of the written suggestions which they invited from the people of the community. Prizes of \$100 war bonds each are to be awarded for the best suggestions from three different groups: the men and women themselves who were actual participants in the war, from the student body of the Pointe and from the citizens at large.

BILL FORD TO WED MARTHA FIRESTONE:

The week's romantic news, of the engagement of William C. "Bill" Ford and taffy blond Martha Firestone fast became the Pointe's favorite topic of conversation. Bill, son of Mrs. Edsel B. Ford and the late Mr. Ford, is an especial favorite at the Pointe, which was charmed by the very appearance here recently of the daughter of Harvey Firestone Jr.

1971

50 years ago this week

TEACHER PAY RULING CHANGED:

The Office of Emergency Preparedness, in a move that rocked the Grosse Pointe School system's board, administration and teachers, reversed its original decision ruling that the system's collective bargaining agreement for 1971-72 was effective prior to the wage price freeze of August 15. In simple lan-

guage, the teachers will not get their pay increases as originally indicated, until the freeze is lifted.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR DISCLOSES FURTHER CUTS IN SERVICE:

The Central Library will close Fridays and operate on a reduced schedule effective Oct. 1. This further reduction in service results from recent millage defeat, according to Director of Public Libraries Robert M. Orr, who points out the Board of Education was committed to resuming six-day service if the Sept. 13 election had passed. This is consistent with other school cuts.

Obituaries: Frank W. Hackenberger, Pearl Johnson, Roy E. Vogan, Robert Halbrook, Emil Rosberg

1996

25 years ago this week

PROTEST TURNS VIOLENT AT SOUTH:

Two students were arrested and an art teacher suffered a lacerated hand requiring 16 stitches following a rowdy protest against a stricter attendance policy at Grosse Pointe South High School.

DISTRICT WIRED AND READY FOR TECHNOLOGY:

The first steps have been taken on the 1,000-mile journey known as the technology plan for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The project is funded by a five-year technology millage, approved by voters in June 1995, that raises \$2.4 million each of the five years. The plan calls for five new computers and a printer in every kindergarten through fifth-grade classroom.

Obituaries: David Berggren, Carol Virginia Pruett, Anna May Atkinson, Edward Forrest Langs, William H. Crandall, Henry T. "Ted" Ewald Jr., Catherine "Kay" Goodnuff, Mitchell E. Taras

2011

10 years ago this week

COURT DEAL

APPROVED: Cost savings are expected to result from linking the municipal court with the one in Grosse Pointe Farms, according to the Grosse

Pointe Shores city manager. Shores officials this month signed an operating agreement making their court a subset of the Farms'.

Obituaries: Judith Daley Bigelow, Marjorie Ruth Healy, Anthony "Deno" Corrado, Gary Donohue, Robert M. Hays Jr.

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LETTERS:

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It's less powerful to recite our Pledge of Allegiance without a flag to remind us how we as a nation unite to show our appreciation, gratitude and respect for those who have fallen and those who have stood up to protect our country's rights through history. We hope administrators act with urgency to reinstall class-

room flags.

Although the Supreme Court ruled in 1943 that students can't be forced to recite the Pledge of Allegiance against their will or be punished from abstaining, the benefits of a daily exercise to unite all our students in support of our nation cannot be undervalued at this pivotal time in their development as young Americans.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Building a brand: First Detroit Barber Company, then Lucky Detroit, now Sweeties

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Jami and Chad Buchanan grew up collecting antique items separately through their childhoods in Detroit and San Francisco, respectively. When they were married and lived in the Detroit area, their love for antiques and Chad Buchanan's entrepreneurial spirit found their outlet.

"Chad I call a serial entrepreneur," Jami Buchanan said. "He grew up in northern California and we would go back and forth to San Francisco to visit his family. Back in 2013 or 2014, all these old-school, new-school barber shops were popping up everywhere. He would wait in an hour-long line to get a haircut." "I grew up going to a barber shop there as well," Chad Buchanan added.

The lack of barber shops like those they saw on the West Coast was obvious to the Buchanans. Their love for barber shops ran deeper than just the aesthetic; Jami Buchanan grew up under a mom who owned and ran salons.

"We kept telling her (about) all these barber shops and she was kind of our inspiration," Jami Buchanan said. "She kept saying, 'You guys have to do this.' So Chad ... was like, 'We're doing it.'"

An old building that had a "1930s, 40s feel," according to the couple, sparked their interest and the birth of Detroit Barber Company, colloquially known as Detroit Barbers, was upon metro Detroit.

That first location was an old office space in Ferndale on Woodward Avenue. They knew it was their spot as Chad

Buchanan peeled back old carpet and ceilings to find the building's original character: beautiful hardwood floors and old tin ceilings.

"It had a lot of really cool character," he said.

Thus, in 2016, the Detroit Barbers franchise began.

"We wanted to create a brand for barbers to go to, that had a home that we helped them grow," Chad Buchanan said. "... We make the business work, they do the hair part."

When a landlord of a vacant Corktown building

approached them saying he liked their business model and wanted them to check out his space, they couldn't resist the historic downtown space.

"It was honestly too big for us," Chad Buchanan said. "... We ended up having a space ... on one side that we weren't utilizing."

That space ended up being the perfect spot for a coffee shop Jami Buchanan had always wanted.

They brought in many of their antique pieces and created an upstairs coffee shop to its downstairs barber shop. Lucky Detroit was born.

"I found this file, where I had done all this research on the



Lucky Detroit pays homage to the past of the Corktown building in which it's housed.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Jami and Chad Buchanan, owners of Detroit Barbers and Lucky Detroit are now putting their unique touch on their latest endeavor, the former Sweeties in Grosse Pointe Park.

equipment and the coffee beans, from like 2008," Jami Buchanan said. "I showed it to him one day (recently) and I was like, 'Isn't it funny that we're here?'"

The name, Lucky Detroit, pays homage to the Corktown building, which previously housed Lucky Clover Bar in the mid- to late-1900s.

"That shop looks like a coffee shop you would've walked in in like the '30s, '40s," Chad Buchanan said of the Corktown location.

Truly a family affair, the Grosse Pointe Park location recently followed the couple's entrepreneurial adventures with Chad Buchanan's brother living in town.

"I had never been to the Park before," Chad Buchanan said. "We came down to one of the little restaurants down here and we grabbed a beer and we walked around. I was like, 'This is amazing. How does this exist and I don't know about this?'"

"We immediately fell in love with the downtown, the community, the neighborhood," Jami Buchanan added.

When the Buchanans found a good space in the form of a current gym, they were all in.

"We were just kind of waiting for something to open up that looked right," Chad Buchanan said.

The space, at 14940 Kercheval, used to be a gym with a connected space intended for a juice bar. Yet again, the joint deal turned out to be perfect for the Buchanans to continue their coffee and barber shop duo.

"Going forward, this is our business model," Jami Buchanan said. "It works."

"Weirdly enough, coffee and barber (shops) go really well together," Chad Buchanan said.

They renovated the space to fit their Detroit Barbers style, filling the building with their stored antique pieces and decor. In the intended juice bar, they added another Lucky Detroit location.

Throughout their businesses, they are very proud of their staff.

"(We have a) super diverse, very interesting group," Chad Buchanan said. "Everyone has a dif-

ferent background. We like to promote having a very eclectic group that works very, very well together."

The staff adds to the services and products they provide. In Lucky Detroit, all coffee is hand-made and the syrups are made in house by staff. To add to the eclectic, antique energy of the shops, the Park's Lucky Detroit location serves its nitro cold brew coffee out of a retro refrigerator.

For the Buchanans, the Park feels like home.

"When we looked at all the Pointes, I think I love the Park the best," Chad Buchanan said, "just because of our brand and our style. The Park kind of calls to us."

"All the business owners are very cool and very interesting," he added.

"And supportive of one another," Jami Buchanan said. "(It's been) a really warm welcoming. It truly feels a part of Detroit, too."

The Buchanans' business endeavors in the Park don't stop here. They recently picked up the former G.P. Sweeties location, which soon will take on a new name, likely Parlor Detroit.

The renovated shop will keep some candies on hand, but will shift focus more to ice cream, even installing a walk-up window for carryout. Some ice cream flavors will be made in house, featuring products on the vegan side, like oat milk ice cream.

"Stuff you can't get that people love," Chad Buchanan said.

Some of Lucky Detroit's coffee likely will find its way into the ice cream shop, too, with menu items anticipated to include both a coffee drink and ice cream.

Though the shop is operating while under renovation, the Buchanans plan to have Parlor Detroit fully completed by early spring.

For more information, visit detroitbarbers.com or luckydetroit.com.



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Conner Park Florist celebrates 75 years

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For 75 years, Conner Park Florist has been a steadfast part of countless special occasions, from local weddings to Christmases at the White House.

The third-generation business today serves second- and third-generation customers, whose loyalty to Conner Park is appreciated.

Owner John Adamo said a few current customers have been around since his father, Vincent, first opened Conner Park's doors, in 1946, at Conner and Gratiot in Detroit.

"We have a couple original customers and lots of long-term customers," he said. "For some of them, we did their parents' wedding, their wedding and their kid's wedding."

They are people with whom Adamo is familiar, as he started working at the shop at age 12.

"This is just something I always did," he said.

From its humble begin-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Andy Adamo, Connie Adamo and John Adamo thank the community for their continued support through 75 years of business.

nings as a small family business, to having provided flowers for presidents and a pope, Conner Park has earned a reputation for its fine flowers, greenery and arrangements, which feature fresh blooms from around the world, from California to South America to Canada,

Adamo said.

Adamo attributes Conner Park's longevity to "having a family that's dedicated to it," he said, "and never being afraid to try things that are new. We were one of the first around this area and in the country to get computerized in the early '70s. Florists were coming from all over the country to see our system."

Being an active part of the community also is integral to Conner Park's success.

"When you've been around long enough, you get involved," Adamo said, noting Conner Park's role, as part of the Society of American Florists, in decorating for the 2005 inauguration of George W. Bush.

Such occasions were nothing new to Adamo, whose father also pro-

vided flowers for Ronald Reagan's inauguration in 1985, and Pope John Paul II's visit to Detroit in 1987. The shop has repeatedly decorated the White House for Christmas as well.

"My dad always was involved, in the industry and the community," Adamo said. "He always said to get involved."

The business still is a family affair. Adamo's wife, Connie, is the head designer. Their son, Andy, handles online business. Adamo's brothers, Paul and Greg, also are on staff.

From its charming showroom to its multi-purpose atrium and behind-the-scenes order processing stations, Conner Park's current location was built in 2000 specifically for the business.

"We designed the store

similar but more efficient than the store on Conner in Detroit," Adamo said of the original location, which closed five years ago after 70 years in business.

The onset of COVID-19 brought changes to the flower shop, including the installation of ultraviolet lights in backroom areas, a hand-sanitizer station and Plexiglas at the front desk and a reorganized walk-in refrigerator that limits the number of occupants. Masks currently are mandatory.

During lockdown, Adamo and his wife and son stayed on at the shop, assisting customers with no-contact deliveries and curbside pickup orders. They also supported local frontline workers through donations to nurses and workers at Ascension St. John Hospital; Adamo is a longtime member of the St. John Guild.

Each week, the Adamo team takes flowers to

area cemeteries on behalf of customers and assists business clients through employee appreciation and sympathy efforts. Adamo said he enjoys having personal contact with customers — a rare commodity these days.

"We love people and making them feel special," Adamo said. "Flowers are very personal and mean so much to so many, especially in times like those we have been facing for the past year and a half."

The gift of flowers, he added, brings joy to the giver and receiver.

Celebrating 75 years in business also puts a smile on Adamo's face. He offered "many thanks" to all of his customers for their continued support for three-quarters of a century.

"We're glad to be able to serve you over the years," he said. "It really is a joy."

For more information, call (586) 773-1500 or visit connerpark.com.



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Vincent Adamo speaks with customers at the original Detroit store, circa 1940s.

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Opening day

Coreander's Children's Bookshope opened Tuesday, Sept. 28, to the delight of neighborhood children. When the doors opened at 10 a.m. a good crowd of children, parents and grandparents filtered in. Above, 3-year-old Allie Marano was the first customer in the store and she settled right in when she found a book to her liking.



Theresa Ceuninck and her 12-week-old son, Leo, came in for some books.



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Above, Kirsta Sawicki and her daughter, Sofia, each found a book they liked. Right, Andy Woodcock and his 19-month-old granddaughter, Hannah Woodcock, toured the bookstore while she played with the crayons that came with the book, "The Day The Crayons Quit."

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University Liggett School awards Thelma Fox Murray scholarships

Five University Liggett School students have been honored with the Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year.

This year's recipients, all from the Class of 2022, are Olivia Dickey of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grace Govier-LaParl of Grosse Pointe Woods, Elese Kogel of Grosse Pointe Farms, Logan Merriweather of Detroit and Ava Said of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship is awarded each year to students who

display integrity, humility, a sense of humor, athletic achievement, academic excellence and leadership qualities. Murray, a 1917 Liggett School alumna, left a lasting personal commitment to education in her endowment gift to University Liggett School upon her death in 1987.

Since that time, the scholarship has been awarded each year to deserving students at the school. The ULS scholarship committee and scholarship trustee S. Gary Spicer Sr. select the students.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Grace Govier-LaParl, Elese Kogel, Olivia Dickey, Logan Merriweather and Ava Said.

MARTIN:

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16 code violations — one liquor, five building and 11 fire — for facilitating an unlicensed nightclub in ground-floor commercial property in downtown Birmingham. Cross said Martin's event planning company, Martin Sports & Entertainment, leased the site.

"This wasn't a speakeasy with the selling of booze," Cross said. "We have 150 people who will testify to that. I live here and work here and know people in attendance. I trust their opinions. Not one has come forward and said they bought a drink or we sold a drink. Not one, because it didn't happen."

Cross intends to submit a motion this week for the court to decide if charges are better suited

to be filed against Martin's company.

"In the law, an LLC is treated as a person, basically," Cross said. "David Martin is an employee of that LLC. He signs the lease because an LLC can't sign, so an agent or somebody acting on its behalf signs a lease."

The final pretrial examination had been scheduled last week in 48th District Court, Bloomfield Hills. Two prior hearings were postponed while Martin's original lawyer looked for plea deals, which haven't been offered. Martin's first lawyer also was tardy submitting a list of more than 100 witnesses, according to the city attorney.

Last week's hearing also failed to go as planned.

"We've been dealing with these cases since May," Judge Kimberly Small told Cross. "The

date of resolution was July 14. I granted one last adjournment because everybody begged me to and, now, you're asking for motion practice?"

"It's imperative that issue gets flushed out prior to trial," Cross answered.

"The bottom line is, Mr. Cross, I will give you one week to file your motion," Small said. "I will set that for a formal jury pretrial and pretrial in October and, please note, folks, there will be no further adjournment period."

"Martin Sports & Entertainment leased the space," Cross said outside court after the hearing. "I substituted to file a motion to determine the proper party in interest, whether it should be the LLC or David Martin personally. People form LLCs to insulate themselves from damages or harm."

Charges date to a night in March when the Birmingham police chief and an officer witnessed what they characterized as members of the public consuming alcohol during a live music performance.

Cross said there wasn't a concert, just members of a rock band, with Martin on drums, rehearsing. The music drew increasing levels of attention from the public otherwise homebound due to the pandemic.

"They weren't doing gigs because of COVID," Cross said. "They rehearsed every night and people started coming in to listen. People started supporting the band by donating to the band. People brought in their own alcohol. I'm not aware of any law or ordinance against alcohol being served in a private area. Law firms do it at Christmas.

Salons do it around the clock."

Martin's final jury pre-

trial hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

PROTEST:

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are organized by the Eastside Michigan Chapter of Faith, Education and Commerce United, anyone is welcome to come and peacefully, respectfully protest, Zimmerman said.

"We are not there this

Friday, next Friday or anytime in the future to hand out any literature or to stop students and try to tell them that mask wearing is bad," she added. "We're just there to let our views (be heard) on children having the choice, parents having the choice to wear them."

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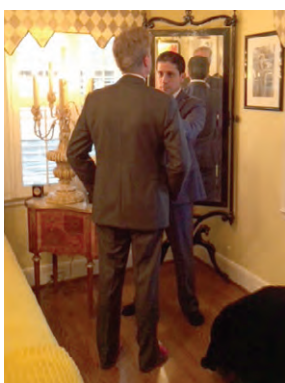
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Above, 6-year-old Julian Gagnon shows off the mastodon tooth he discovered at the Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester Hills. Right, representatives from the University of Michigan inspect the tooth.



COURTESY PHOTO

Amazing discovery!

Monteith first grader finds mastodon tooth

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Gagnon family enjoys frequent trips to the Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester Hills. Its scenic trails and bubbling creek provide a fun atmosphere for hikes and other outdoor activities.

A recent trip to the preserve's Paint Creek yielded more than anyone expected.

"We happened to go the day before school started to spend the afternoon there," said Mary Gagnon, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "My son said he was going off to find a dragon tooth in the water."

She watched her son, Julian, a first grader at Monteith Elementary School, go exploring and then make a discovery.

"He pulled something out of the water that we thought was a tree root," she said.

Though they considered tossing it back into the creek, they decided to take it home to join the menagerie of rocks and other finds from previous outings.

"When we came home, I started to inspect it a little more," Gagnon said. "I got some of the dirt off of it and saw that it looked exactly like you would think a tooth would look like."

A call to the University of Michigan and a follow-up investigation confirmed it is a tooth: a molar from a mastodon, dating 10,000 to 11,000 years old.

Gagnon said the university plans to conduct more research and preserve the tooth, then put it in an exhibit. But first, her 6-year-old son took it to school to show his friends.



COURTESY PHOTO

Julian Gagnon shows a representative from the University of Michigan where he discovered the tooth.

"All of his classmates at first didn't believe him," she said. "But then they were mind-blown, from the first-grade perspective. He was so excited to bring this tooth in. He still can't stop talking about it."

Gagnon said for Julian to find a mastodon tooth seemed a perfect fit for her son, who adores paleontology and archeology.

"At home we have a little room with rocks and sand tables and magnifying glasses and a black light," she said. "He's so interested in rocks and

fossils. To find this, for him, it was only natural." She also noted the irony of the location of his discovery.

The nature preserve got its name 40 years ago, during the development of a subdivision, from neighborhood children who dubbed it "Dinosaur Hill."

"It's incredibly ironic that this is the site where he found a mastodon tooth," she added. "Julian would like to officially make the motion to change the name to Mastodon Hill."

Emergency blood and platelet shortage

Red Cross supplies drop to lowest post-summer levels since 2015

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood and platelet shortage and must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week during the next month for the blood supply to recover and meet hospital and patient needs. Donors of all blood types — especially type O — and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment to give now and in the weeks ahead to overcome this current shortage.

Blood donor turnout has reached the lowest levels of the year as many delayed giving amid a return to the work-

place and in-person learning, as well as a recent surge in COVID-19 cases across the country due to the delta variant. As cases spiked in August, blood donor participation decreased about 10 percent, but blood product distributions to hospitals have remained strong, significantly outpacing blood donations in recent weeks.

Historically low inventory levels

The national Red Cross blood inventory is the lowest it's been at this time of year since 2015, with less than a

day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks. The supply of types O positive and O negative blood, the most needed blood types by hospitals, dropped to less than a half-day supply at times over the last month — well below the ideal five-day supply.

"Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds as donors are more available to give than during the busy summer months, but this year has presented a unique and serious challenge," said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer

for the Red Cross. "While it's clear the pandemic continues to weigh heavily on our minds, the Red Cross asks the public to remember donating blood and platelets is essential to the many patients that rely on lifesaving transfusions every day."

People across the country depend on the generosity of blood donors. Appointments to give blood or platelets may be made by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling (800) RED CROSS.

As a thank-you, all those who donate in October will

receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby's Signature Sandwich reward or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. Additional precautions — including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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WEDDING

Leathers—Brecht

Chelsie Kay Leathers, the daughter of Jennifer and Michael Leathers of Bettendorf, Iowa, married Karl Gregory Brecht, the son of Michelle and Gregory Brecht of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Friday, July 30, 2021, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Celeste Brecht officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the GPYC.

The bride wore an ivory mikado silk gown by Modeca with a structural bow accent. She carried a small, delicate bouquet of lily of the valley, alabaster roses, sweet pea and white peonies, with sprays of southern smilax and Italian Ruscus.

Décor included centerpieces of 5-foot trees of manzanita branches and southern smilax with large, natural, organic fluted-glass vases with woven spray roses and varying white floral and hanging clear globes with floating candles, Italian Ruscus and southern smilax hand-laid garlands with tall white taper candles in varying heights woven throughout the greenery by Jen House Design.

The bride's sister, Kathryn Leathers, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's Delta Zeta sorority sisters, Bryce Garczynski, Alexis Ammon and Madeleine Rich, and the groom's sisters, Candace Brecht



Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brecht

and Charlotte Brecht.

Attendants wore brushed-satin trumpet gowns with a champagne-colored bow at an open back. They carried petite, short-stemmed white peonies in a sweetheart shape.

The groom's friend, Ryan Miller, served as best man. Groomsman were the groom's friends, Dominic Padovini, Derek Verbruggen, Christopher Zuby and Scott Feist, and the groom's cousin, John

Schulte.

The bride earned a degree in Advertising and Business Management from Grand Valley State University. She works in Digital Marketing at MotorCity Casino Hotel.

The groom earned a degree in Supply Chain Management from GVSU. He is an Engineer at Mayco International. The couple honeymooned at El Carmen in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They live in Grosse Pointe.

ENGAGEMENT

Zier—Solomon

Edward and Mary Tara Zier of Naples, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerriann Zier, to Jim Solomon Jr., the son of Jim and Pam Solomon of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Zier earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2013, from the University of Notre Dame. She is a Managing Director in Finance at CIBC.

Mr. Solomon graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2005, earned a BSE degree in Industrial Engineering in 2009 from the University of Michigan, and graduated with an MBA in 2014, from the U-M Ross School of Business. He is a Director of Commercial Strategy at Medidata Solutions.

Miss Zier and Mr. Solomon both live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A December 2021 wedding is planned in Naples.



Jim Solomon Jr. and Kerriann Zier

‘The Search’ coming soon to St. Paul on the Lake

All are welcome to join St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church for “The Search,” a seven-part series that answers life’s most basic questions fulfilling one’s deepest desires. This video series will reflect on questions

such as “What do you seek?” “Who are you?” and “Who is Jesus?” in an informal, relaxed setting. The series takes place at noon Mondays, starting Oct. 4, and at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Oct. 5, in the church assembly

room. The series is free of charge. For more information on this and other opportunities at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, email Anne Graves at agraves@stpaulonthelake.org or call (313) 885-8855.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ Sustainability Talk: Materials’ Afterlife, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30.

◆ Family Workshop: Printmaking, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

◆ Storytime: Stumpkin, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 5 to 26.

◆ Central African Dance Class with To Sangana, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 6 to 20.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

◆ Mother Daughter Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, for girls in fourth and fifth grade and their adult female mentor, via Zoom.

◆ October Storytime, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1st Tuesday Book Group, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Michigan Science Center presents “Eureka!” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Woods, 20680 Mack.

◆ Creative Floss Crochet: Infinity Scarf, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Ewald, 15175 E.

Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Friends of the Library Book Exchange, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, via Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7.

◆ Horror/Thriller Book Club, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, via Zoom.

◆ Land of Stories Trivia, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, via Zoom.

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

The Helm

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

◆ Chili Cook-Off, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6. Free for constants, \$5 for tasters.

◆ Powerful Tools for Caregivers, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 6 to Nov. 10, with facilitators Margaret Cooper and Allie Short.

◆ Glassware Painting: Pumpkins, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley of On the Gogh Studio. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie “Dark Waters” is shown 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents

Mindful Movement & Meditation with Colleen Yeloushan from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, under the lakefront tent at The War Memorial.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Friends of GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a book exchange from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Central Library plaza, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are invited to stop by with a bag or box of books they are interested in exchanging with others. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents “Finding Your Zen,” a workshop with Jody Pear of Jody Pear Designs, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Participants of this Learn at Lunch event will learn to make their home and home office a haven for the soul. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, and includes lunch. Register at grossepointechamber.com.

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OBITUARIES

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

Carrol C. Lock

Carrol C. Lock, 93, passed away Friday, Sept. 17, 2021.

He was born Sept. 1, 1928, in Detroit, to Wiltmer William Lock and Georgia Marguerite Lock, both now deceased.

He graduated from Michigan State University with Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in business. Following graduation, he met and married Cynthia Taylor Blake in June 1950, in Detroit.

Carrol's pride and joy were his 10 children, who arrived in rapid succession during the 1950s and 1960s. His children have many fond memories of camping trips in the Volkswagen Westphalia and tent trailers across eastern Canada, New York, Florida, the Smoky Mountains and the Western United States.

Carrol also enjoyed taking his family to the Hiawatha Club in Northern Michigan, where fishing, swimming and beach excursions were favorites. He loved traveling, cars and motorcycles and enjoyed long drives with his family.

He also liked visiting museums — he could spend all day in the smallest of museums, especially if they were about history or military topics — and he also enjoyed researching the Civil War and visiting sites.

He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Kaiserslautern, Germany, from 1951-53. Carrol worked many years as the assistant manager for the city of Grosse Pointe Farms.

In 1982, Carrol married Barbara “Bonnie” Thompson and became a stepfather to two more children. Carrol, with Bonnie, in retirement enjoyed many travels around the world, spending six weeks visiting South America, many travels to Europe, as well as trips with the Miata Club and activities in and around Traverse City, where they lived after retiring.

They also adopted Bud, a feisty dog they doted on. They very much enjoyed hosting large family reunions and much fun was had by all at these big family gatherings.

Carrol was a long-term volunteer with Meals on Wheels in Traverse City. He enjoyed delivering the meals and having a visit with the seniors on his route.

Carrol and Bonnie were members of the First Congregational Church in Traverse City.

Carrol was predeceased by his first wife, Cynthia, in 2018; his wife, Bonnie, in 2020; his son, Douglas, in 1964; and his son, Jonathon, in 2016.

He is survived by his children, Susan Marcus (Jay), Patricia Atkins (Fred), Christine Kageff (Jerry), David Lock (Maria), Timothy Lock (Sarah Innes), Richard Lock (MaryBeth), Daniel Lock (Chellie), Martha Lock, Tracy Thompson and Don Thompson (Angela Henley); 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Carrol has been cre-

mated, with his ashes soon to be joined with Bonnie's in their final resting place at First Congregational Church in Traverse City. A memorial will be at First Congregational Church in Traverse City at a date to be announced.

Dina Soresi Winter

Dina Soresi Winter, 91, passed away at her Grosse Pointe Shores home Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021. Her death was due to natural causes; her mood was one of peace, tranquility and quiet contentment. She is survived by her husband, Eric, whom she married in 1970.

Dina was passionate about whatever she turned her hand to. In her early teens, she saw her first opera “La Traviata,” looking out over the rail in a balcony above the stage at the old New York Metropolitan Opera. She was mesmerized by the splendor of the scene, the costumes, the sets, the orchestra and, most of all, the singers. She told her mom, “I want to become an opera singer!” And become an opera singer she did, winning a big prize that enabled her to be coached in Europe, where she would sing leading operatic roles.

Her operatic claim to fame was singing the lead role in the first significant 20th century production of Donizetti's then-almost-forgotten opera “Mary Stuart” in 1958. Her success brought this opera to the attention of major opera producers, with the result that “Mary Stuart” is now a staple of opera theaters across the globe.

Dina's next passion was Waldorf education and she was a key member of the team that got the still-thriving Detroit Waldorf School off the ground in 1967. She tried always to be the person answering the phone and, if there was even a glimmer of interest, Dina was articulating the values of Waldorf education. At what other school, she would ask, “Do the children weep when they are too sick to attend?” Her primary interest later returned to music and she became the director of opera programs for the award-winning Detroit Concert Choir, where some of its most successful concerts were opera programs.

Her final passion was Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, where she was asked to join the board and went on to become president. Tuesday Musicales puts on monthly programs and annually features an Artist of the Year and Young Artist of the Year. With her unquestioned musical credentials, the organization's substantial financial resources and a storied history going back to 1885, Dina was able to gather around her a board and musicians who together raised Tuesday Musicales of Detroit to a new level. She also selected and inspired the leadership of Tuesday Musicales's Student League, where

highly talented teenagers meet monthly to perform for one another and receive advice on how to develop their art from some of the finest musicians in the area. Dina served one three-year term and one four-year term as president before resigning from this position in June.

Dina will be sadly missed by her husband and her many friends and admirers. She will be celebrated and revered for her many contributions to the life of Southeast Michigan.

Carol Elizabeth Sauter

Carol Elizabeth Sauter, 82, passed away peacefully at home Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021.

She was the beloved wife of Alfred A. Sauter for 61 years; cherished mother of Elizabeth Fischer (David), Karen Beze (James) and David Sauter (Melissa); adored grandmother of Alexander and Isabella Fischer, Andrew and William Bezel and Ross and Riley Sauter; and dear sister of Joan Kucken, Janet Lynk and the late Jim Weiss.

Carol was born April 2, 1939, in Detroit, to Norman and Norma Weiss.

She graduated from Denby High School in 1957, earned an associate degree and started her career at Charles A. Beltz and Company, where she met her loving husband, Alfred. Carol also worked at the Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corp. She then joined Gale Research, where she worked for more than 20 years before retiring as its director of human resources.

Carol was a Master Gardener and lovingly cared for the flower gardens at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church for 30 years. She started the gardening company, The Yardeners. She also leveraged her passion and skills as a volunteer for the Junior Master Gardener program and the gardens at Children's Home of Detroit. Carol also enjoyed volunteering as an usher at the Fisher Theater in Detroit with her husband, Al.

She was extremely strong in her faith. A life-long Lutheran, Carol was an active member of First English for 42 years. During her time there, she led a committee that developed a reflection garden on church property. She was a member of the Peace Circle, past chairman of the Board of Social Action, the 2004 Woman of the Church stewardship secretary, a Lutheran Social Services of Michigan action representative and a member of the building committee for the Family Life Center. In 2004, Carol was the recipient of the Woman of the Year award at First English.

Active in the Grosse Pointe community, Carol was a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Gardening Club, book clubs of Grosse Pointe Woods and St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe



Carrol C. Lock



Dina Soresi Winter



Carol Elizabeth Sauter



James Warren Hanika



Elizabeth Anne Krusz



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Woman's Club, Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission, Grosse Pointe Garden Center and Fox Creek Chapter of Questers International.

She loved to travel and enjoyed excursions throughout North America, Asia, Canada, Europe and Central America. She was an avid reader and was known for her cooking and pickling.

Carol was the epitome of strength — in her faith, in her family and in her battle. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were entrusted to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church and A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial donations in Carol's name may be made to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, feelc.org; or, the Van Elslander Breast Cancer Research Fund, healthcareascension.org.

James Warren Hanika

James W. Hanika, 88, died peacefully surrounded by his family at home Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.

He was born Nov. 20, 1932, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Frank Hanika and Inez Hanika, both now deceased. He grew up in Grosse Pointe with his brother, Jack, and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Wayne State University.

In 1960, he moved to Huntsville, Ala., married his true love Barbara McCullough and had three children. After working with NASA for several years, he moved back to Grosse Pointe to work for Chrysler.

James devoted his life to and loved spending time with his family. He was so proud that he built by hand his vacation home, aka “Back 40,” in northern Michigan. He was passionate about the outdoors and loved hunting and fishing when he had the chance.

The one word that describes him is kind. He was a quiet man who lived his life with humility. He loved a good margarita, an occasional cigar while sitting outdoors enjoying his cabin and gardening in his backyard.

He also was known for making the best popcorn, hands down. Most importantly, he was full of gratitude and pride for his family and often said,

“Not a bad one in the bunch.” His infectious laugh was abundant at family gatherings.

James is survived by his children, James Hanika Jr. (Anita Shina), Tracy Babcock (Scott) and Wendy Pletcher (Ken); grandchildren, Isabella and James Hanika III, Ava and Ella Babcock, Ben, Max and Addy Pletcher; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Anne Krusz

Elizabeth Anne Krusz, 33, passed away Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

She was born Sept. 30, 1987, in Detroit. Liz — also known to many as Eli — grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. She earned an associate degree in general studies from Macomb Community College and worked there 10 years as an English and philosophy tutor. She also was a dedicated employee of Grace Community Church and, most recently, Port Huron's famous Troy Cleaners. Liz had a strong faith in Jesus as her Lord and savior. She attended Grace many years and then Bridges Church.

Elizabeth was truly one of a kind — an intelligent, quirky, creative, loving and beautiful young woman with a depth of soul that is rarely seen. There was nothing superficial or artificial about Liz. She loved to discuss theology, literature and many other topics, but at heart was an avid listener and deep thinker. Her poetry and prose demonstrated her keen insight and ability to delve into her inner self.

Elizabeth had a happy childhood, growing up with four siblings, dog Jake, grandparents and so many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. She had a special relationship with her dad, resembling him in so many ways. She created fun memories with Yasuko, a Japanese exchange student who lived with the family during the 2000-01 school year. Liz cared for multiple small pets over the years, having always loved nature and animals, with a particular fondness for wolves.

One of Liz's charms was her eclectic clothing choices, mixing patterns and colors in well-worn layers. The jaunty hats, peasant skirts over leggings, shawls and antique jewelry — Liz only wore what she loved and never cared what others

thought. She was rarely seen without headphones in her ears, listening to music or podcasts. She enjoyed taking long walks and bike rides, often with her longtime partner, Andy, using vintage bicycles they collected together. They were “each other's person” and had many adventures together in nature and urban exploration areas. Other interests included photography, playing guitar and Bible study.

She was a beloved partner and best friend to Andrew Joseph Baillargeon for 12 years; cherished daughter to Thomas and Tracey Krusz; loving sister to Alex Krusz (Hui), Andrew Krusz (Marti), Sophia Krusz and Mei Krusz; and dear aunt to Autumn Krusz and Benjamin Krusz. She was predeceased by her adoring grandparents, Arthur and Dorie Krusz and Bruce and Eva McDougall; and uncle, Jim Krusz.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. There will be time to visit from 1 to 2 p.m. and also after the service. Masks are required.

Memorial donations in Liz's honor may be made to Grace Community Church, gracewired.com; or, Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center, sacredheartcenter.org.

Gretchen E. Fletcher

Gretchen E. Fletcher (nee Sauer), 89, passed away in St. Clair Shores Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert J. Fletcher; loving mother of Beth Prevost and the late Bradford Cowan; dear grandmother of Micayla and Sean Prevost; and cherished friend of Donald J. Makemson.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. until the service at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, followed by interment at White Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org/donate; or Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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Robert Anthony Piccirelli Sr.

Robert Anthony Piccirelli Sr., 90, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, Sept. 13, 2021.

He was the beloved husband of Jeanette for 55 years, until her death in 2015. Robert will be deeply missed by his children, Marybeth, Teresa, Robert Jr., Annette (Bruce), Gina, Mark (Carolyn) and Kurt Schneider; and by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert was born Dec. 9, 1930, in Queens, N.Y., to Anthony and Lucie Piccirelli (nee Aucoin). He attended Xavier High School in Manhattan and earned his Ph.D. in physics at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

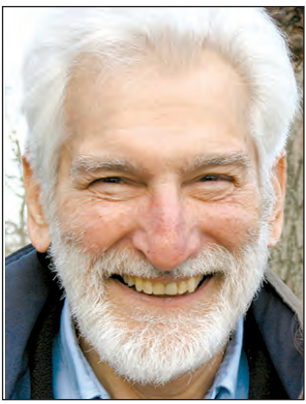
In 1957, Bob began his career as a physicist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. Bob met his wife, Jeanette (nee Henning), also a physicist at the bureau, through work friends in the Heat Division. Bob and Jeanette married in 1959.

In 1968, Bob relocated his growing family to Michigan after accepting a professorship at Wayne State University. In 1977, Bob and Jeanette moved their tribe to a grand old fixer-upper on Lakeshore Drive, where they maintained a famously open-door policy for all their children's friends.

Until his retirement in 1997, Bob taught courses such as thermodynamics and heat transfer. He cared deeply about his students, often inviting them to family holiday dinners. After retirement, Bob and Jeanette logged many hours at their vacation home in Presque Isle, reading, walking, cross-country skiing, bird watching, salmon fishing or just enjoying the peace and quiet.

In July 2020, Bob moved to Beechwood Manor in St. Clair Shores. His twinkly eyes and cheerful smile quickly endeared him to the staff. Family and friends have shared that Bob was sweet, kind, gentlemanly, brilliant, patient, faithful, distinguished, playful, welcoming, unselfish and dutiful to family.

Visitation is scheduled from 10 a.m. until time of service at noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at Living Hope Evangelical Church,

**Robert A. Piccirelli Sr.**

24010 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores. Those unable to join may watch the livestream at bit.ly/3IP9Btu.

In lieu of flowers, consider a contribution to the Beechwood Manor Employee Appreciation Fund, 24600 Greater Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, or beechwoodmanor.net.

Theodore "Ted" Joseph Sweeney Jr.

Theodore "Ted" Joseph Sweeney Jr., 67, passed away peacefully in his home Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021.

He was born Feb. 11, 1954, in Detroit, to Theodore Sweeney Sr. and Marguerite Sweeney (nee Hogg). Ted was a third-generation Grosse Pointe and a third-generation Mackinac Island Cottager. He attended Grosse Pointe High School and continued his education at Georgetown University. After graduating, he became an entrepreneur and developed several patents through his companies.

Outside of work, Ted loved nothing more than watching his children. They both played tennis for Grosse Pointe South High School; his daughter went on to become a collegiate player. Singing in the Christ Church choir was a weekly event and traveling to watch his son perform with major symphonies was a thrill for Ted. He also co-chaired the Christ Church Antique Show in 2012 and 2013.

In his retirement, Ted relished his weekly Pedro games at the Yondotega Club. In addition to being a member of "The Yon," he was a member of the Country Club of Detroit and Mackinac Island Yacht Club.

Ted was predeceased by his parents and an infant brother. He is survived by his children, Maggie and Teddy, and their mother, Amie.

Ted possessed the rare combination of being a true gentleman with a

**Theodore Sweeney Jr.**

wicked sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service in celebration of Ted's life is planned at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christ Church Music Fund, christchurchgp.org.

Luiz Eduardo Kahl

Luiz Eduardo Kahl, an innovative software developer, passionate sailor, longtime member of Bayview Yacht Club and founder/owner of Yacht Scoring with friends around the globe, passed away Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. He was 60.

Born in Houston, Texas, while his father was in graduate school, Kahl and his family returned to their native Brazil when he was an infant. They lived in Campinas in the state of Sao Paulo for two decades. Kahl celebrated his Brazilian heritage, introducing Michigan friends, for example, to Brazilian barbecue in his backyard.

With a grandfather who was a pilot in the Brazilian Air Force, as a child Kahl was fascinated with airplanes as well as the ocean. He took up scuba diving and sailing, the latter a passion that eventually would translate to his hobby, lifestyle and professional career.

Kahl started college in Brazil as an engineering student and moved with his family to Buffalo, N.Y. in 1981. He attended the University of Buffalo, University of New Mexico and graduated from Canisius College with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1986. His family owned a boat called "Business," that they sailed on Lake Ontario.

After college, Kahl first worked for Trico Products Corp., a Buffalo-based windshield wiper company, and began teaching himself coding. In 1988, he joined The Hoosier Magnetics Group in

**Luiz Eduardo Kahl**

Toledo, Ohio, and then moved to Spiralock Corp. in Madison Heights in 1992, where he worked six years before launching his company, Interactive Creations, in 1995. His work won awards for its interactive software and website development. He left corporate work for full-time self-employment in 1998.

In 1995, he joined Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit and became an active racer and invaluable volunteer. He was the 2005 and 2022 Bayview Mackinac Race chairman, a two-time assistant chairman, 2017 chairman of the club's nominating committee and chairman of the 2007 National Offshore One Design regatta.

Kahl volunteered countless hours of local race committee work and regatta administration. With a cap on his head, a twinkle in his eye and possibly a rum drink in hand, members often could socialize with him at his beloved Bayview clubhouse, where he always was eager to provide wise counsel about event management, website design and other sailing-related matters.

On the water, Kahl crewed on dozens of boats, winning numerous events around the country. On the Great Lakes, he sailed in Mackinac races on Lakes Huron and Michigan, the Trans-Superior Race and countless weekend regattas and weekday club races. He competed on yachts in the Caribbean circuit, including the Miami-to-Havana Race in 2016, St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, BVI Sailing Festival and Rolex International Regatta. In Europe, he competed in the famed Fastnet Race and Cowes Race Week. Wherever he was, he always sent photos to his mother and other family members saying, "Check this out."

Local sailors have stories they'll remember and retell for decades about Kahl's everlasting opti-

**Thomas J. Roney Sr.**

mism. He was part of a Thistle team competing in the Detroit Regional Yachting Association's one-design event at Crescent Sail Yacht Club. His team finished a few points out of first place. Kahl, with his trademark grin, shared that unlike the winners, his team would still be popular. "No one hates you when you're second," he said, a phrase used to this day by those who sailed with him that weekend.

In 2006, Kahl combined his yacht racing experience, software coding skills and event management work. He launched Yacht Scoring, a regatta management platform that grew to include some 400 events in 2019. The company became the leader in online, real-time sailing event management for scoring, registration and communication. Yacht Scoring is used by regattas around the world, impacting thousands of sailors each year.

In addition to Bayview, Kahl also was a member of the Storm Trysail Club in Larchmont, N.Y., where he served on the board of governors from 2008-09, and the Royal Ocean Racing Club, in London. He was the executive director of the US-IRC Foundation from 2008-11, and served as director of the Southern Ocean Racing Conference beginning in 2007.

In 2011, Luiz reconnected with his college sweetheart, Claudia Mori, who brought his Brazilian side back to life and with whom he has shared the last several years.

Kahl is survived by his mother, Sonia Kahl; sister, Cristiana Collins (Daniel); brother and sister-in-law, Gui and Janet Kahl, and their sons, Justin, Matthew and Christopher.

Viewing takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The funeral Mass is at noon Friday, Oct. 1, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a

Celebration of Life from 3 to 7 p.m. at Bayview Yacht Club.

The family asks that donations be made "In memory of Luiz Kahl" to the Bayview Yacht Club Renovation Fund, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.

Thomas J. Roney Sr.

Thomas J. Roney Sr. passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021.

He was born Jan. 30, 1929, in Detroit's Indian Village, to Edward Charles Roney and Rosemary Trombly Roney, both now deceased.

Tom lived a full life as one of eight children, with his strong interest in hunting and fly fishing highlighting his adult life.

He attended the University of Notre Dame where he was on the fencing team, received his Bachelor of Arts degree of Philosophy in Commerce and then settled down in Grosse Pointe. In 1955, he married Katharine "Kay" Bartemeier and together they raised four children.

Tom worked in the automobile industry for almost 30 years, eventually starting his own consulting company. He organized incentive/promotion events that took him and Kay to worldwide destinations with the reward recipients.

Tom and Kay retired to Grayling where he designed and built their dream home on the banks of the AuSable River and remained there 18 years. Then they moved closer to family in the Grand Rapids area for the remainder of their days.

Tom was a pilot with his own plane, a member of the Naval Reserves for eight years as a 3rd Class Petty Officer and President of the Michigan Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

He was predeceased by his wife, Katharine Bartemeier Roney in 2007. He is survived by his four children, Katharine (Marc Morin), Tom Roney Jr. (Carrie Waha), Sharon (Scott Otto) and Janet (Robert Gardella); 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother.

There will be a Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a private interment.

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Laerke and Jebbie may be seen at the Detroit Zoo starting Thursday, Sept. 23.

Grizzly, polar bears fast friends

An orphaned grizzly bear cub from Tok, Alaska, has found sanctuary at the Detroit Zoo. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game received reports of a grizzly bear cub wandering alone near a neighborhood in June. Much too young to be separated from his mother,

the ADF&G moved him to the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage for immediate care and a health assessment before he was transferred to the Detroit Zoo.

Named Jebbie by the local residents who saw him and notified ADF&G, he arrived at the Detroit Zoo weighing 76 pounds;

today he weighs 180 pounds. After a quarantine period and an exam by Detroit Zoological Society veterinarians, Jebbie moved to the Arctic Ring of Life polar bear building, where he and the Detroit Zoo's hand-reared polar bear cub, Laerke, have been gradually getting to

know each other. Now, the two young bears wrestle, play with toys and spend their days together.

Polar bear cubs Astra and Laerke were born at the Detroit Zoo in November 2020, to 8-year-old mother, Suka and 16-year-old father, Nuka. Two days after their births, Laerke appeared weak and stopped moving. She was brought to the Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex for around-the-clock emergency care.

"There are no other polar bear cubs who we can bring here to live with her, so we reached out to state agencies that frequently must find homes for orphaned grizzly bear cubs," said Scott Carter, chief life sciences officer for the DZS. "We're thrilled that we are able to give Jebbie sanctuary and provide a much-needed companion for Laerke. This social development is critically important for both Laerke and Jebbie.

"Suka is a great mother



The two young bears have quickly become friends.



Jebbie and Laerke explore the Arctic Ring of Life, where they spend their days often wrestling and playing with toys together.

and very protective of Laerke's sister, Astra, but it's clear that she no longer recognizes Laerke as her cub," Carter added. "Returning Laerke to her mother and sister is not an option for us."

Starting Thursday, Sept. 23, visitors can see Laerke and Jebbie grow up together in the Arctic Ring of Life.

The Arctic Ring of Life is one of the largest zoo

polar bear habitats in the world. It includes a grassy tundra, a freshwater pool, a "pack ice" area and a 190,000-gallon saltwater pool. This state-of-the-art facility encompasses more than 4 acres of outdoor and indoor habitats and was recognized by The Intrepid Traveler's guide to "America's Best Zoos" as one of the finest zoo habitats in America.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Amelia Lehto and Amanda Stein

Risk factors, warning signs of suicide

Q: What are the signs to watch for that someone might be suicidal and what should one do if they are concerned?

A: According to the CDC, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and from a 2019 report, 12 million American adults seriously thought about suicide, while a quarter of those made an attempt. Research from the American Association of Suicidology found that 40 to 50 percent of the population have been exposed to suicide in their lifetime.

If you are concerned about an individual in your life, the best course of action is to ask them directly. Use the word "suicide" and share your concern, as in, "I've noticed you seem to be struggling lately. Have you had thoughts of suicide?" By asking and saying the word "sui-

cide," you give the person permission to talk about it with you. While this may not be the case for every person experiencing suicide, research has informed and supported this approach.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention lists the following as some of the risk factors for suicide:

- ◆ Mental health and illnesses such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, conduct disorders and substance use disorders;
- ◆ Serious physical health conditions, including pain and traumatic brain injury;
- ◆ Prolonged exposure to stress (a recent loss or threat of a loss);
- ◆ Exposure to another person's suicide; or
- ◆ Personal history of abuse and past suicide attempt.

AFSP also lists the following as some possible warning signs:

- ◆ Dramatic change in behavior;
 - ◆ Isolation;
 - ◆ Change in sleeping, either too much or too little; or
 - ◆ Talking about feeling like a burden, hopeless, helpless, feeling trapped.
- It's important to remember these lists are guides and what's most important is if you feel concerned or are questioning, you should ask. There are many contributing factors to suicide, both internal and external. Many people worry that by asking about suicide, even bringing the topic up, they may plant the idea. The opposite is true. Asking directly and talking about suicide, using the word, helps to reduce stigma and eliminate shame, both of which are healthy and protective factors. These challenging con-

versations also may provide opportunity for change and access to support or services the person may not have yet considered.

Amelia Lehto, advisory board member to

Kevin's Song, and Amanda Stein, LMSW-Clinical, serve as co-facilitators to Kevin's Song Suicide Loss Support Group. Visit kevinssong.org for more information.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I was first introduced to Putterball by a friend at her cottage. It looked pretty much like a fake-grass, narrow putting green with a bunch of random holes.

The most intriguing part about it was that kids ranging from 6 to 14 and all of the adults were completely into it — for HOURS.

If you read this column, you know what's coming: I HAD TO TRY IT!

The game is supposed to be like Beer Pong, with basically the same rules. Ideally, you have two people on each of two

teams, but you can easily play one vs. one.

You take turns trying to sink putts and the first person to do so, wins.

Obviously with children around there is no alcohol involved in the game. And I have to say, it's pretty entertaining in itself and definitely does not need alcohol to make it fun.

After enjoying a week-end of Putterball, I bit the bullet and ordered it. It was an easy order and arrived in a few days.

I worried that my kids wouldn't love it, that it was fun on vacation but not at home. Wrong!

The kids tore it out of



the box and started playing immediately (the zero assembly is a definite plus; this would be an

amazing Christmas gift). The playing, shouting, trash talking and fist-pumping started almost immediately.

My husband and I regularly challenge the kids to games. We bet things like, "Winner gets to stay up for 15 extra minutes" or "Loser takes the trash out."

This game is actually fun and it's so much better than Barbies, suffering through Pokemon card discussions or other non-fun parent-child activities.

The game is not cheap. It's about \$189 at putterballgame.com.

But if you ask me, any game that literally EVERYONE who comes to your house enjoys playing is priceless. It has held up to four kids, plus friends and adults, with zero signs of wear and tear.

I am giving Putterball 4.5 alligators — less than a perfect score only because of the high cost. It's amazing and a purchase you won't regret.



Overall Rating 4.5 out of 5

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Ghosting story

I'm a straight guy using dating apps. What's with the constant flaking guy friends and I experience from women we're meeting for first dates? One woman on Hinge texted me to confirm 30 minutes before we were meeting at a bar but never showed and stopped responding to my texts. The next day, she complained that her phone had died. Another girl on Bumble agreed to have drinks, but when I texted her the day of, she unmatched. This extreme rudeness only happens with women I meet on dating apps, not those I meet in person, like at a friend's

party. Any idea why?
— Disturbed

There are valid reasons to be a no-show for a date with no explanation, for example, the experience so many of us have of being abducted by aliens who don't have a charger that fits our phone.

This rudeness you're experiencing -- all these women treating you like a disposable object instead of a person with feelings -- isn't caused by app use, per se. The problem is that we are now "living in societies too big for our brains": vast, transient

"strangerhoods."

We didn't evolve to be around strangers and aren't psychologically equipped to live in a world filled with them because the psychology still powering our thinking (and behavior) today is adapted for small ancestral hunter-gatherer societies

Ancestral humans might've been stuck with pretty much the same 25 people for much of their lives (per estimates by anthropologists Robert L. Kelly and Irven DeVore) and might've had a larger surrounding society of per-

haps 100 to 150 people.

In the tiny ancestral world, the need to preserve one's reputation was a psychological police force that kept even rotten people from acting their rotten worst. (This is still a factor today in small towns where everybody knows everybody.)

In contrast, strangers "meeting" in the virtual world -- on apps that are basically eBay for dates -- have no shared social context, so...bye-bye fear of reputational ruin!

In other words, when connecting via an app, it's probably a good idea to expect unreliability. You might even bring a book to read in case a woman ends up running a little late --



uh, intends to leave you sitting there at the bar until you decompose.

Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA

90405, or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com. @amyalkon on Twitter. Weekly podcast: blogtalkradio.com/amyalkon. (c)2021, Amy Alkon, all rights reserved.

Teen navigates opposing currents of reality

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl, and I've been struggling a little bit. My family is super-Christian. They believe that members of the LGBTQ community are sinful because of who they are. I do not agree.

I have a small group of friends. Two of them have come out to me as bi and gender-fluid.

When my family talks about gay people, they say horrible things.

I want to tell them what they are saying is wrong and that the mean comments they

make apply to my friends, but I'm afraid to give them my opinion.

I'm unsure whether I should say anything at all. Can you help me? -- KEEPING QUIET IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR KEEPING QUIET: You are free to think the way you do, and to support your friends. However, you are not likely to change the way your parents feel on this subject.

Your friends have come out to you, but not to your parents. If you out them to your parents,

they may forbid you from seeing those friends.

In two years, you will be 18, legally an adult and more able to express your thoughts with fewer negative ramifications. If I were you, I'd wait.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was annoyed and upset by a cricket in the house. He had used insect spray, but it was still chirping, so he asked me to take care of it.

I told him I didn't know how to get rid of a cricket, since we didn't know where it was exactly. He was banging

around the utility room. I called his name and asked him where he had sprayed -- no answer. I asked again.

No response. I then used his full name, and he got upset that I did! He said it was disrespectful and that I was "treating him like a child."

I apologized if I had hurt his feelings, but he's still upset with me because I don't agree it was disrespectful. Am I wrong? IS it disrespectful to use your husband's full name when trying to get his attention? -- SAD IN NEVADA

DEAR SAD: It's not disrespectful if you can't get him to respond any other way. I don't know what your husband's relationship was with his mother. Perhaps she used his full name when he ignored her as he did to you when he was "playing cricket."



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

The next time he tells you to take care of something you can't handle, pick up the phone and hire a professional. That way you won't have to inconvenience your husband.

DEAR ABBY: The owner of a store I shop at every week, who I believe is in her 40s, recently posted on her Facebook page that she was having a sale because it was her birthday.

I thought it was greedy and inappropriate, as I was always taught that it's a breach of etiquette to announce that it's your birthday, especially as an adult.

Am I right? Or am I reading too much into

this? -- BOTHERED IN THE EAST

DEAR BOTHERED: You are reading too much into this. There is nothing wrong about people revealing that it's their birthday.

It doesn't obligate anyone to fork over anything more than their good wishes.

If you decide to shop the sale, all you have to do is say, "How nice! I hope you are enjoying your special day."

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

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All three regions continue to grow into their niche and explore outside of it as well for the curious consumer. We will taste many of the classic varieties of each region, with a few surprises in style.

So although most of us will not be traveling to New Zealand, Australia or South Africa anytime soon, we can at least enjoy their lovely wines!

The Village Wine club offers your choice of six bottles of wine for \$70, which range in value from \$14-18 per bottle; or choose three higher end bottles for the \$70, which are valued at \$25-\$32 each.

In addition to this, all wine club members enjoy 10% off any non-sale wines in the shop as well as 20% off a case of wine and 15% off the purchase of six bottles at a time. There's nothing like a local expert guiding you through your purchase and giving honest and thoughtful opinions regarding 'what to get'.

Zack Assaf will take care of you and once you get used to the charming space and attentive service, you may never go anywhere else.

This Month's 6 for 70

These wines have a retail value of 14-18 dollars and represent exceptional value. The wines are:

Matua Pinot Noir, New Zealand

This wine starts pretty and lifted, full of bright fruits, florals and holiday spices—think blueberry, strawberry, rose, clove and cracked pepper.

This good value Pinot Noir from New Zealand is light cranberry colored, and it opens with a cherry, smoke, cedar and damp earth bouquet. On the palate, it is light to medium bodied and dry with bright crisp acidity.

The flavor profile is a cranberry, cherry and strawberry blend. We found this to be a soft and pleasant Pinot Noir whose flavors drift

away nicely.

We would serve it slightly chilled with grilled shrimp. A great value for the price.



Elderton Shiraz, Australia Natalie McLean 93/100

This is a smoky, full-bodied 100% Shiraz from the Ashmead Family Vineyards in the Barossa Valley sourced from vines that are between 15 to 100 years old. Intense with dark plum, blackberry, smoky vanilla and toasty oak spice flavours on the palate. Pair it with smoky ribs from the grill.

Shiraz food pairings: BBQ meats, hearty meat meals, aged cheddar, grilled lamb.

Ken Forrester Petit Pinotage, South Africa

This cheerfully Petit Pinotage reflects the modern fruit driven wine style that is in huge demand today. Classic Pinotage aromas of spicy mulberries, plum pudding and cherries, supported by smoky bacon nuances. Juicy and accessible with soft palate and delicious fruit concentration. This cheerfully unwooded wine can be served with a generous slice of pizza or a barbecue, ideal for a "braai".



Vavasour Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand

A serious, concentrated and expressive wine, Vavasour Sauvignon Blanc flaunts a powerful bouquet of fresh herbs, tropical fruits and bright citrus.

Point Ormond Sauvignon Blanc-Semillion, Australia

The Savvy is picked based

on flavor and acid profile. It undergoes a long, cool fermentation in stainless steel. Minimal fining, cross flow filtration. The end result is a balance between The tropical passionfruit notes known to the region, and delicate floral herbal nuances with capsicum and citrus notes.

AA Badenhorst Secateur's Curator White

The Curator White Blend is a feat of brilliance. It's vanishingly rare to find this kind of flavour, balance and freshness in a white at this price.

In fact, the only winemaker we know who really nails it is Adi with his Secateurs! But with his Curator white, the bearded birdman of Kalmsfontein has managed to dial up the value factor another notch to produce what we think has to be the most bargain-tastic white wine on the planet.

The spontaneously fermented chardonnay took ages to ferment, resulting in great texture and wacky aromas of dried peaches, apricots and ripe citrus.

This month's 3 for 70

These wines are chosen for their fine quality and innovation. They are valued at 25-32 dollars. A chance to try something a bit different at a great price. The wines are:

Rupert and Rothschild Classique Red, South Africa

Produced by Anthonij Rupert & Benjamin de Rothschild, this is a rich and smooth red blend of 50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc. Juicy red berry, ripe raspberry and savoury herb flavours can be found on this intense Wester Cape red.

Penfolds Max's Chardonnay, Australia

Subtle stone fruits, yellow peach, nectarine and faint wafts of citrus are foremost. Upon further swirling, hints of floral notes shine through, Jasmine and white rose petal perfume, and a touch of Ginger spice.

Mount Beautiful Pinot Noir, New Zealand

Subtlety is the secret inside this wine. It begins with sophisticated floral fragrances of sweet spice and ripe soft red berry fruits, while showcasing an elegant medium-weight palate that features fragrant strawberry and bramble fruit, earthiness and subtle tannins.

Dear Ann Landers: Our son and his wife adopted a beautiful little girl when she was 7 days old. The child soon will be 4 years of age, and they have not told her that she is adopted. We believe this is not right but hesitate to interfere. Any suggestions? -- Concerned Mom and Dad

Dear Mom and Dad: I don't mind interfering on your behalf. Tell your son the child

Classic Ann Landers

should be told that she is special because she was "chosen." columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

To find out more about AnnLanders and read her past COPYRIGT 2021 CREATORS.COM

An elegant fall salad Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

So many fall spices are represented in this knockout salad. A poached pear with warming cinnamon, star anise and cloves is partnered with goat cheese, peppery arugula and crunchy toasted walnuts.

A mustard and maple vinaigrette ties everything together. I wrote this recipe for 6 side salads.

The picture shows you how beautiful the whole pear looks but my suggestion would be to serve one half pear per salad.

The key to the dish is the red wine you use to poach the pears to tender perfection.

I found Matua Pinot Noir, from the Village Wine Shop. At the owner's suggestion, I used it because it's a light red that won't overpower the spices and flavor of the pear.

Determining what wine to use in a recipe can be tricky and confusing. I enjoy going there to get advice about how to match the wine with whatever food idea I have. Plus any remaining wine goes perfectly with what I've just created.

Your kitchen will smell amazing.

Wine Poached Pears with Arugula and Goat Cheese (Yields 6 salads)

3 cups Matua Pinot Noir

½ cup sugar

1 cinnamon stick

1 star anise

4 whole cloves

Peel and juice of an orange

3 Bosc pears

Arugula

6 oz goat cheese

1 cup raw walnuts

⅛ tsp salt

Bring the first 6 ingredients to a boil in a medium saucepan. Reduce to a simmer.

Peel the pears and add immediately to the



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poaching liquid. The pears will brown if they sit out too long.

Poach for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a dry saute pan over medium heat, toast the walnuts until you start to smell them and their oils begin to come out. Make sure not to burn them, about 3 minutes.

Once toasted, add the salt and toss. To assemble, layer a big handful of arugula to each salad plate with a healthy serving of goat cheese sprinkled over top.

Finish with toasted walnuts and drizzle with the maple mus-

tard dressing. Top with the half pear. This dish is truly best served with whatever wine you used to poach with.

Maple Mustard Dressing

2 tbsp dijon mustard

1 tbsp maple syrup

¼ cup balsamic vinegar

½ cup olive oil

½ tsp salt

Whisk all ingredients together until emulsified.

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Robert Redford and Jennifer Lopez in the Miramax movie, "An Unfinished Life" directed by Lasse Halstrom from the novel by Mark Spragg.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
"An Unfinished Life"
2005 - 1hr 48min

I'm not sure how I missed a film starring Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman, and Jennifer Lopez, but I guess with so many movies out there, it's hard to see every single one of them.



In this case, with such an excellent cast, it would be hard for this movie to disappoint.

It's one of those timeless Hollywood films about forgiveness and redemption. Excellent writing and story, fine acting, beautiful locations, and as a bonus--a marvelous soundtrack.

The story begins with Jean (Jennifer Lopez), who is in a toxic relationship. She and her daughter Griff (the talented young Becca Gardner) live with her boyfriend Gary (Damian Lewis) who physically abuses her. When she's finally had enough, she hits the

road and seeks shelter with her father-in-law Einer (Robert Redford), on his ranch in Wyoming.

Einer wants nothing to do with her because he blames her for his son's death--she was driving late one night, when they were involved in a fatal car accident. However, because they were estranged, Einer had no idea he had a granddaughter.



Einer takes care of Mitch (Morgan Freeman) an old friend who was recently mauled by a bear. So there is a compassionate side to him, although he keeps it buried pretty deep. Even though he's a stubborn, mean old cuss, he eventually warms up to Griff. He lets her help him around the ranch and even teaches her how to drive his pickup truck.

To get back on her feet, Jean takes a job waitressing at the local diner and of course, meets a handsome sheriff. But things

can't turn rosy just yet. Gary's the gift that keeps on giving--he tracks Jean down and makes her life miserable again. I won't give away any more of the story, but let's just say it is somewhat predictable.

I must add that I really enjoyed the soundtrack. I'm a big fan of the genre and have a decent sized collection of film music. To me, it's a subtle art.

So many film composers take the easy way out and pick a dozen current pop tunes and intersperse them with the action. The perfect soundtrack is one that enhances a movie without you even noticing it.

Deborah Lurie wrote the score and it ranges from quiet bluegrass to sweeping, majestic sounds befitting the spectacular scenery. Ms. Lurie's film credits include "Safe Haven" and "Captain Marvel". And her original score helped make this a memorable film experience. Streaming currently on Netflix and other viewing platforms.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

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

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT today (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY or Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021:

You are imaginative, playful and friendly. You have a strong personal code by which you live. Personally, you love your creature comforts and enjoy good times socializing with others. This year is a wonderful time for you because you are getting the recognition you well deserve -- kudos, promotions or some kind of acknowledgement. Bravo!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Although this is not an excellent day for financial negotiations, you might come out smelling like a rose. However, most of this day is a Moon Alert! Be careful, because today is not good for spending money. Tonight: Get out and mingle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are the financial wizard of the zodiac so do be aware of today's challenge. Restrict spending to food and gas, and avoid important decisions. Nevertheless, another influence encourages doing business with bosses and VIPs. Tread carefully! Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Avoid important decisions today and restrict your spending to food and gas. Be careful when making decisions about work-related travel and in interactions with co-workers because you might go overboard. Do your homework but wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Talk to someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

This is a fantastic, creative day! If you work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry, you will come up with original, imaginative ideas. Make note of them. Write them down. After the Moon Alert is over, check them out. Meanwhile, socialize! Tonight: Check finances.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a great day to entertain at home and enjoy the company of others. You might be tempted to do a real-estate deal today because it seems too good to be true. Nevertheless, it's a bad time to sign a paper or commit to any real-estate negotiations. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: You rule!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have a fantastic way with words today, which is why you can sweet talk anyone. Today, some of you will make money from your words. Be aware of today's restrictions on shopping or decisions. Hold back for most of the day. Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You're energetic because the Sun and Mars are in your sign. Furthermore, this is a fabulous money day. You can boost your earnings, and will enjoy spending money. However, most of this day is a Moon Alert -- it's bad for shopping or important decisions. Be careful! Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a fabulous day to entertain at home and enjoy the company of

others. By all means, grab every opportunity to schmooze and relax. Check the Moon Alert and postpone shopping and important decisions until afterward. Enjoy! Tonight: You are noticed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is a popular time for you; however, you might enjoy some solitude today. It's a perfect day to relax and pamper yourself. You can't be all things to all people all the time. Set aside some time today just for you. Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a lovely day to socialize. You will enjoy their company and vice versa, they will be glad to see your face. However, don't volunteer for anything today. Postpone important decisions when talking to bosses and VIPs. Tonight: Check financial agreements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Travel and enjoy socializing with others. You make a great impression on bosses and important people today. (A romance might strike up for some.) Please be aware of the restrictions of today's Moon Alert. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You might be focused on shared property and financial matters, and making travel plans. Nevertheless, most of today is a poor day for important decisions or shopping (other than food and gas). Be careful! Tonight: Help someone.

BORN TODAY

Actor Eric Stoltz (1961); actress Fran Drescher (1957); actor Ezra Miller (1992).

Contract Bridge

FAMOUS HAND

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Everyone is occasionally guilty of becoming enamored of a particular hand and overestimating its value. All players should, of course, strive to keep such excesses to a minimum, as steady overbidding is a serious fault in anyone's game. The best policy in bridge is to try to bid your hands

— but this is not always easy to do.

Consider this deal from the Italy-U.S. match in 1951. Howard Schenken was South for the American team and, at favorable vulnerability, decided to open one club.

He found his partner with a huge hand, and North never did stop bidding until a small slam was reached. Schenken did everything he could to slow his partner down, but North had the bit firmly in his teeth and refused to let go.

The Americans were exceptionally lucky on the deal because, as the cards were divided, the slam could not be stopped. West led a diamond. Schenken won the trick with dummy's queen, finessed the jack of clubs, led a heart to the queen and cashed the A-K of trump. When he next led another heart, West took the ace, and that was that. Declarer had 12 ice-cold tricks.

Schenken would have gone down had West held the queen of clubs or had East held the Q-10-x-x of trump, or if West had led a spade initially and East had the king.

North was extremely pleased by the favorable outcome, which was attributable for the most part to his optimistic series of bids. But he knew he had dodged a bullet, and no doubt vowed not to press his luck quite as much in the future.

by Steve Becker

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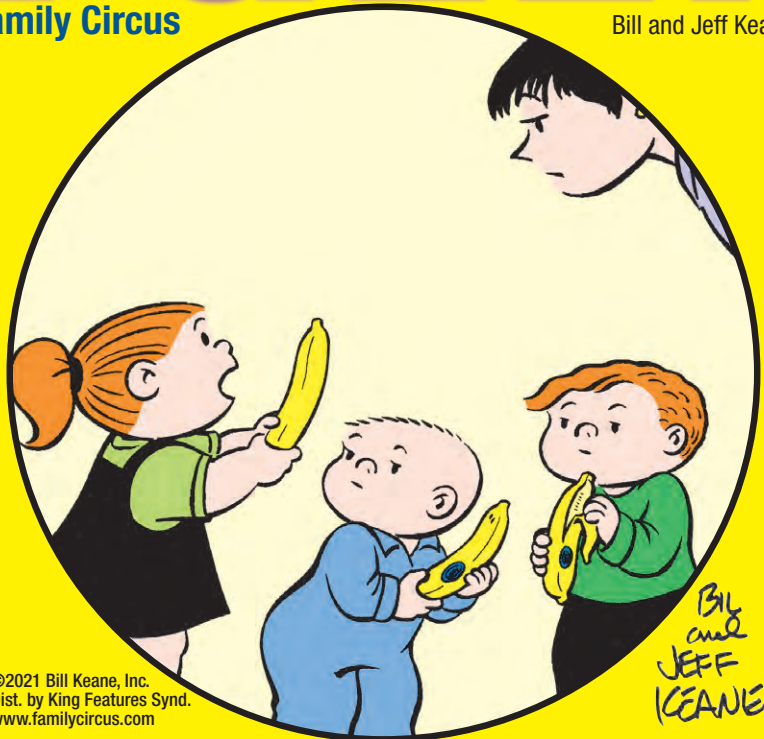
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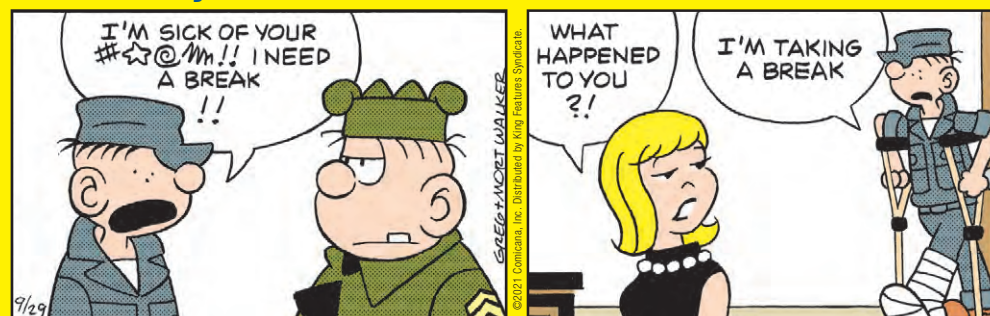
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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4	5	6	2	3	1	8	9	7
7	3	2	9	8	6	5	4	1
9	1	8	4	5	7	6	3	2

9/30 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆
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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 30, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Self-righteous killjoy
- 5 Story lines
- 9 Clumps of hair
- 14 Raise, as a child
- 15 Like healthier beef
- 16 Harden (to)
- 17 Part of your seat that a thriller has you on
- 18 City where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded
- 19 Catwalker
- 20 Reason to skip a conference call
- 23 Gadot who portrays Diana Prince
- 24 Young chaps
- 25 Rains icy pellets
- 27 Chip with a Nacho Cheese flavor
- 30 When repeated, "Amen!"
- 31 Man (red-and-gold superhero)
- 32 Market research panel
- 38 Test that some colleges don't require
- 39 Afflict
- 40 Code of life
- 41 Suspicious mouse activity, perhaps
- 46 Tantrums
- 47 ex machina

- 10 Card game whose name is shouted
- 11 Misrepresent, as figures
- 12 Award after Best in Show?
- 13 Successfully markets
- 21 Marbling
- 22 Avail, oneself of
- 26 Go wrong
- 27 The "D" in CD
- 28 Like some histories
- 29 Naan alternative
- 30 "Nomadland" streamer
- 33 Rowers' implements
- 34 Espionage org.
- 35 Father of Thor
- 36 "Do others..."
- 37 Get through a difficult course
- 42 Chicago summer hrs.

- 43 Electronic entry gadgets
- 44 Prepare to store, as a flag
- 45 Strayed
- 46 Insect with a burning bite
- 49 She/pronouns
- 50 Long-tailed parrot
- 51 Carne
- 52 Bars under bar cars
- 53 Many a crossword has one
- 56 Basics
- 57 Make airtight
- 58 Acronym for a dressing ingredient
- 59 Intense state of focus
- 60 Fleecy females
- 62 Jeans feature that may be intentional

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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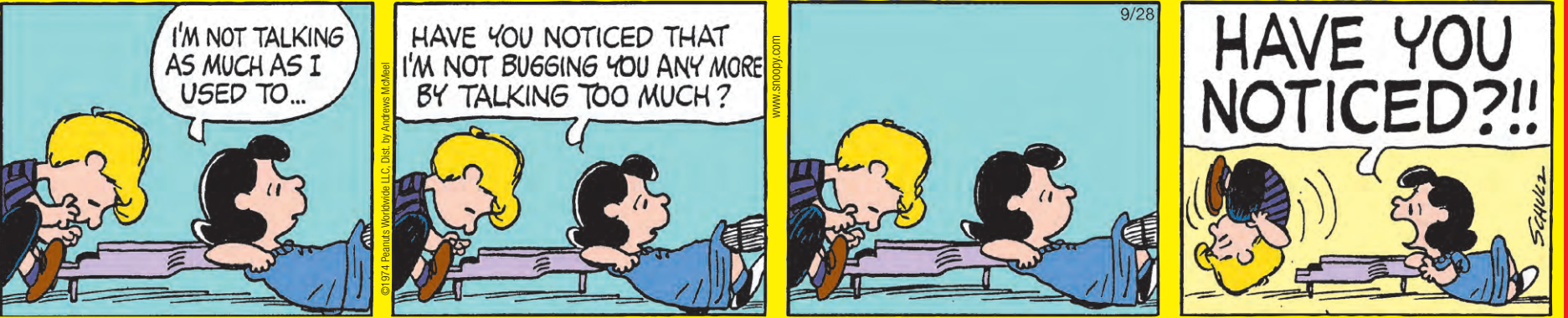


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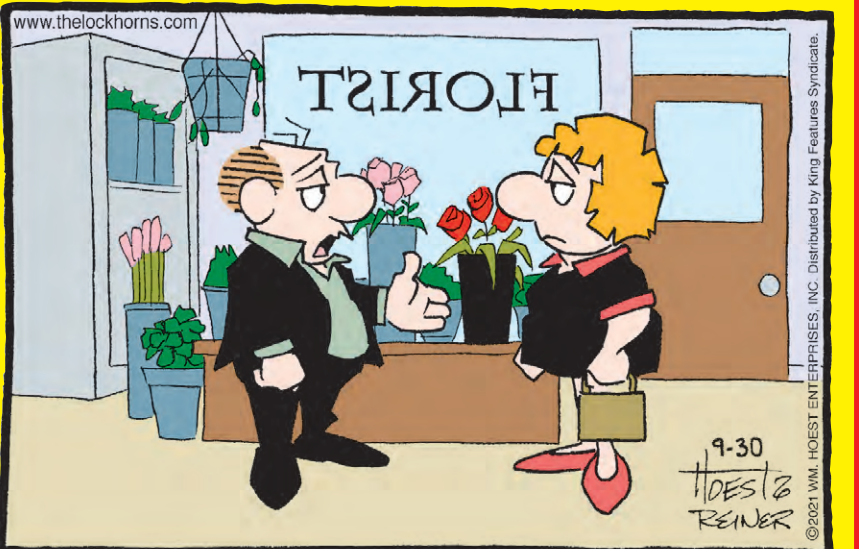


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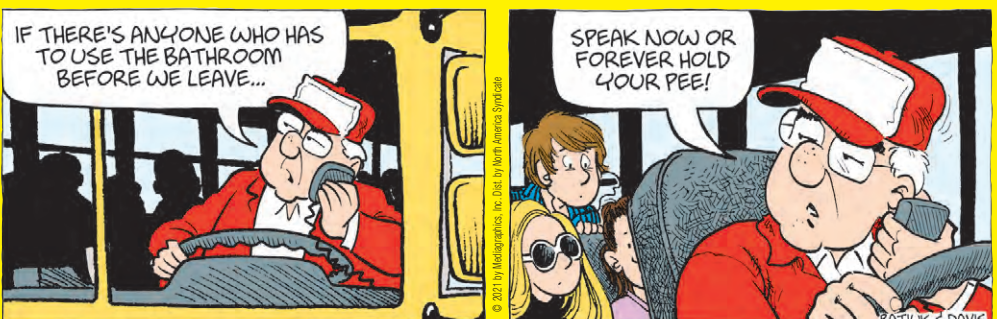
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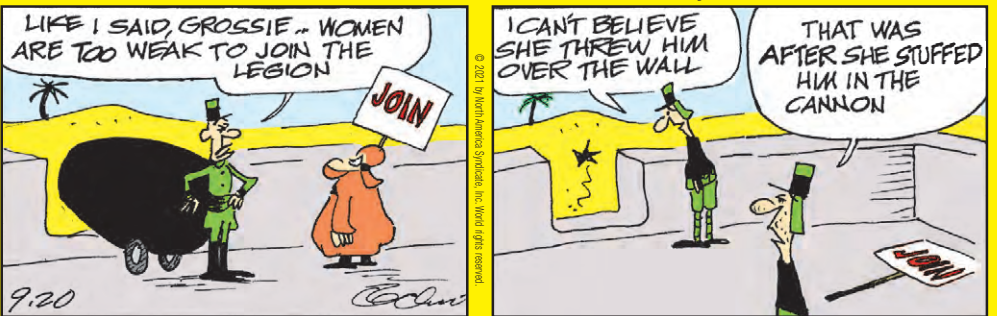
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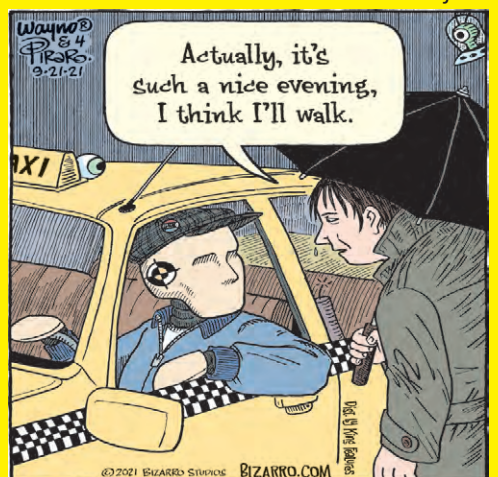


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"Still having hot flashes, I see."

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"I don't know if Marmaduke is keeping me young or making me old."

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North wins close rematch over Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

If one thing has become clear after two matches between the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys soccer squads this year, it is that there is not much separating these two rivals when they take the field together. The Blue Devils were victorious in a close 1-0 battle with North earlier this month, but the Norsemen managed to even the season series Monday night with a 1-0 victory of their own that was just as tightly contested as the first match.

The Norsemen welcomed their crosstown rivals to their home turf for the second meeting of the season. Just like in the first matchup, momentum was fairly even throughout the first half, with either side getting a couple of chances. Also like their first meeting of the season, neither team was able to break onto the scoreboard in the first 40 minutes as they entered halftime 0-0.

Momentum seemed to be with the home team

for at least a short while in the early part of the second half as North began creating more chances in the attacking zone. Despite a few chances, the Norsemen still could not find the back of the net and the game entered the final 10 minutes still locked in a scoreless tie.

After North spent a good amount of time in the second half on the attack, the Blue Devils began finding some chances of their own. South's Nicholas Litsas won the Blue Devils the first matchup by scoring from a free kick and nearly did the same in the 72nd minute, but the chance was turned away by North this time.

Shortly after the near miss by South, the Norsemen were able to net the game's first and only goal. Senior James Streberger was the hero for North in front of the home crowd in the 75th minute, putting the Norsemen up 1-0 and sealing the victory in the rematch with the Blue Devils.

"My boys played hard and played together," North coach Brad

VandeVorde said after the win. "South has a great team over there and they're having a remarkable year so far. We've played the No. 1 team in the state and the No. 2 team in the state. We play all of these top-level teams and it was a rough stretch to get going, but we're starting to believe. ... South is a really good team and really well coached, but it's a rivalry game. You never know what's going to happen."

The win for the Norsemen is their third in a row after taking victories over Cousino and L'Anse Creuse North last week. South takes just its second loss of the season moving to 9-2-1, while North now sits at 3-8-1.

South looks to bounce back from the close loss and continue its overall impressive season when it hosts Cousino Monday night, then travels to L'Anse Creuse North next Wednesday. North will hope to keep the momentum from the big rivalry win rolling into two upcoming road matches at Clarkston Friday and Romeo Monday.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's James Streberger scored the lone goal to lift North to a win against the Blue Devils on Monday night.



North fans take the field after the game to celebrate with the team after the Norsemen's victory over South.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Senior Will Johnson had six catches for 46 yards and rushed for 26 yards on the ground in the Blue Devils' win over Eisenhower.



Charlie Brandon finds the end zone for South scoring the only touchdown of the game for either team.

South football gets first MAC Red victory against Eisenhower

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe South football team won in a competitive Red Division game versus Utica Eisenhower Friday, Sept. 24, on their home turf.

Utica Eisenhower took the 3-0 lead on a successful field goal attempt in the first quarter. The Blue Devils scored at 9:19 in the second quarter on a pass from Anthony Benard to Charlie Brandon for a 32-yard touchdown. The Blue Devils kick by Cam Brathwaite was blocked, denying South the extra point and holding the score at 6-3 until nearing the end of the second half when Braithwaite scored a 25-yard field goal, ending the half 9-3 in the Blue Devils' favor.

The third and fourth quarter remained scoreless, although not with lack of excitement as

South ended the game with 115 rushing yards and 108 passing yards.

"This win was much needed," said Grosse Pointe South head coach Tim Brandon. "We needed to get back in win column after a couple of disappointing losses in the Red Division. We needed it for both our emotional well-being and our chances at playoffs."

Brandon explained that just hours before the game, the team found out they were losing two key players to quarantine. Because of that, both the players and the coaching staff had to make last-minute adjustments.

Joe Klunder played both tight end and offensive tackle, first stepping on the field as No. 3, and then strapping on a No. 77 vest to fill in on offense for his teammate who suffered an injury earlier in the season. Brandon also said

missing Jonathon Drake put a lot of stress on the running backs.

"Donovan Moody and Luke Willson carried the load offensively in the running game and they both did a good job."

"I was extremely proud of the guys and the coaching staff," he added. "It was because of everyone's effort and resilience that we were able to win this football game."

Brandon is looking forward to and preparing for an upcoming league game away versus Dakota Oct. 1.

"Dakota is a big school," he said. "They have 3,000 kids to draw from and have a strong team. We have to clean up some aspects of our game heading into this week. We have had some fumbles and snap infractions that have plagued us the last three weeks and we want to work on eliminating these types of mistakes."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Week 6



Grosse Pointe North
@
Eastpointe
Friday • 7:00 PM
Eastpointe



Grosse Pointe South
@
Dakota
Friday • 7:00 PM
Dakota High School



University Liggett
Vs.
Cabrini
Saturday • 1:00 PM
University Liggett School



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen QB Daniel Taylor set a new school record with five passing TDs.

Late mistakes cost Norsemen homecoming win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Following a disappointing loss to Roseville in week four, Grosse Pointe North football hoped to get back above .500 in front of a homecoming crowd. The Norsemen looked to be on their way back to the win column Friday night hosting St. Clair, but a string of bad luck and costly errors late in the game allowed the win to slip away from North, losing 39-33 and falling to 2-3 on the season.

"We're so young and we're only starting two seniors on offense and four on defense," North coach Joe Drouin said after the loss. "They're still growing and have to learn more to come back. They did it against Woods-Tower and we thought we had the magic again, but it just wasn't there."

Before the dramatic fourth quarter, much of Friday night's game was closely contested. North trailed early on after St. Clair scored on its opening drive of the game. However, the Norsemen answered with a 27-yard touchdown pass from QB Daniel Taylor to receiver Kyle Armbruster to knot the game up at 6-6 after the first quarter.

The Norsemen came out in the second quarter and were able to take their first lead of the night. A long completion to Nicholas Robie set up North at the St. Clair two-yard line and was followed by another TD pass from Taylor, this time to P.J. Sorce, who ended up with a big receiving night.

Later in the quarter, the Saints answered and once again tied the game

13-13. In the closing minute of the first half, Taylor and Sorce made another connection to reach the end zone — with Sorce making a beautiful catch on a ball that was tipped by a St. Clair defender — and North took back the lead. In this game, no lead was safe as the Saints marched down the field with less than 50 seconds to go before halftime and scored a touchdown of their own to make it 19 apiece at the break.

North came out of the halftime locker room looking ready to be in the driver's seat. On their first drive of the second half, Sorce found the end zone again for his third receiving touchdown of the game, tying a Norsemen school record and giving them a 26-19 lead. Taylor set a school record of his own to close out the third quarter as the junior QB found receiver Drew Hill for a 30-yard touchdown, his fifth passing score of the night to put North ahead 33-19.

Looking like they were on their way to a win in front of the homecoming crowd, the Norsemen were reminded that anything can happen in the game of football. St. Clair reached the end zone early in the fourth quarter to bring it back to a one-score game. The ensuing kickoff after the Saints touchdown is where the momentum of the game began to change sides.

The Norsemen fumbled the return, giving the ball back to the Saints with great field position. St. Clair took advantage of the mistake and scored again, but missed the two-point conversion, allowing North to keep a

slim 33-31 lead.

Another costly mistake was still holding onto its narrow lead. With just less than 7 minutes left, the Saints intercepted Norsemen QB Taylor and took it back to the house to claim the lead for the first time since the first quarter and go out in front 39-33.

North had a couple of opportunities to mount a comeback. The turnover bug bit the Norsemen again on the very next drive when Taylor fumbled the ball back to the Saints. Although St. Clair did not score again, North's last attempt to tie or win the game came up short, giving the Saints the victory.

Despite the loss, North's offense had a record setting night. Taylor completed 15 of 22 passing attempts for 306 yards to tie a school record and his five touchdowns set a new North record for single-game passing TDs. Sorce tallied 176 yards on five catches to go along with his three times reaching the end zone.

"The lights come on and he plays," Drouin said about his receiver's big night. "He's a prime-time player who had a great game tonight. He and Danny hooked up a lot last year on the JV squad, so they know each other well and P.J. is just an incredible athlete."

The loss for the Norsemen brings them to 2-3 through the first five weeks of 2021, and 1-2 in MAC Gold division play. North heads back on the road this Friday night to take on Eastpointe, another team that is 1-2 in the MAC Gold.



North receiver P.J. Sorce tied a school record with three touchdown catches.

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High School

SPORTS

THIS WEEK

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, September 30

3 pm Girls Varsity Golf vs. Port Huron Northern @Lochmoor
5:15 pm Girls JV & Freshman Volleyball vs. Port Huron Northern @North Gym
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Port Huron Northern @North Gym

Friday, October 1

4 pm Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Port Huron Northern @GPN Courts

Monday, October 4

4 pm Boys Varsity Tennis vs. L'Anse Creuse @GPN Courts
5 pm Girls JV Field Hockey vs. Cranbrook @GPN Turf
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Cranbrook @GPN Turf

Tuesday, October 5

5 pm Girls JV Field Hockey vs. West Bloomfield @GPN Turf
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. West Bloomfield @GPN Turf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, September 30

4 pm Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Brother Rice @Elworthy
4:30 pm Boys JV "B" Soccer vs. Romeo @Barnes
4:30 pm Boys JV Football vs. Dakota @South
5 pm Girls Swim & Dive vs. Multiple @Boll Athletic Center
5:30 pm Girls JV & Freshman Volleyball vs. Utica @South Gym
7 pm Boys Freshman Football vs. Dakota @South
7 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Utica @South Gym

Friday, October 1

5 pm Girls Varsity Swim & Dive meet @Boll Athletic Center

Monday, October 4

4 pm Boys Varsity Tennis vs. U of D @Elworthy
5 pm Boys JV Soccer vs. Detroit Catholic Central @South
7:30 pm Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Cousino @South

Tuesday, October 5

4 pm Boys JV "B" Soccer vs. Eisenhower @Barnes
5:30 pm Girls JV & Freshman Volleyball vs. Port Huron Northern @South Gym
6 pm Girls Varsity Swim & Dive vs. L'Anse Creuse North @Boll Athletic Center
6 pm Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Marian @South
7 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Port Huron Northern @South Gym

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Friday, October 1

4:30 pm Boys JV Soccer vs. Grosse Pointe North @ULS
5 pm Boys Varsity Football vs. Cabrini @ULS

Saturday, October 2

11 am Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. TBD @ULS

Monday, October 4

4 pm Boys Varsity Tennis vs. TBD @ULS
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Soccer vs. North Muskegon @ULS

Tuesday, October 5

5 pm Boys JV Soccer vs. Cranbrook @ULS

Everest hands Knights third straight loss

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Since opening the season with back-to-back wins, the University Liggett Knights football team has had a rough go of things so far in Catholic League competition. The Knights returned home Friday after road losses to

Cardinal Mooney and Our Lady of the Lakes, but even being back on home turf was not enough to help Liggett return to the win column as the Knights fell to Everest Collegiate 65-30.

The points started coming early in what was a high-scoring affair Friday afternoon. Everest got on the board first,

taking an early 7-0 lead, which the Mountaineers then extended to 15-0. The Knights finally got on the board in the closing minute of the opening quarter with a touchdown pass from quarterback Carson Roose to receiver Eddie Narva.

After pulling within one score at the end of

the first quarter, the second quarter got off to a bitter start for the Knights. A pick-six thrown by Liggett allowed Everest to add to its lead making it a 23-8 game. The Mountaineers struck again and took a firm hold of the game's momentum, going up 30-8.

Liggett was able to bite into the Mountaineers' lead near the end of the first half with a touchdown catch by Andrew Stalker. Everest answered right back with

another trip to the end zone, sending the game into halftime with a 37-16 lead.

To start the second half, the Knights brought the game within two scores when Stalker struck again and took another TD that reduced Everest's lead to 13. The Mountaineers answered once again to keep extending their lead. Stalker found the end zone for a third time to get the Knights to 30 points on what would end up being their final score of the game.

Everest ended the game with three unanswered touchdowns to leave with the win 65-30. Roose finished with three touchdown passes and Stalker was the standout skill player for the Knights with his three touchdown catches.

The Knights stay home this week as they keep searching for their first win in the Catholic League. Liggett hosts Cabrini on Saturday with the visiting Monarchs also entering the game at 2-3.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Receiver Andrew Stalker found the end zone three times for Liggett in the loss to Everest on Friday.



Knights' senior QB Carson Roose threw for three touchdowns against the Mountaineers.

Blue Devils top North in field hockey faceoff

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Coming into Thursday night's matchup against Grosse Pointe North, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils field hockey team was faced with the tough task of taking on two crosstown rivalry opponents in a row. South took on the Norsemen looking to rebound from a close 2-1 loss earlier in the week to University Liggett and was able to get back in the win column with a 5-2 victory over North.

The Blue Devils jumped on the board early with a goal by senior Katelyn Carion within the first three minutes of the game. A moment later, Olivia Frye put South up by a pair of goals with the

early lead.

North answered in the first quarter's closing minute when senior Ella Maltby found the back of the net to help the Norsemen break onto the scoreboard, cutting South's lead in half at the end of the first 15 minutes.

It did not take long for South's offense to bounce back in the second quarter. Molly Ryszewski put the Blue Devils back up by two with an assist from Kate Adams. Katy Griffin rounded out the scoring in the first half with another goal for South, giving them a 4-1 lead over North heading into halftime.

North came out of halftime on the hunt to get back into the game and did just that with an

early third-quarter goal by junior Sophia Borowski. South answered back once again as Griffin netted her second of the game to extend the Blue Devils' lead to 5-2, which ended up as the final score following a scoreless fourth quarter.

"I am very proud of the way our team played together," South coach Jessie Rouleau said after the win. "We worked all week on goal-scoring opportunities under pressure and their hard work in practice showed on the scoreboard."

The Blue Devils look to stay on the winning track with games this week against Cranbrook and Chelsea. North heads on the road to face Dearborn Friday and then hosts Cranbrook Monday.



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South field hockey celebrates a road victory over crosstown rivals North.



Senior Katelyn Carion scored the first goal for South in a 5-2 win over North.

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4D | SPORTS

Cavallo and Cooley lead Knights soccer to victory

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Currently third in the state among Division 4 soccer teams in the MIHSSCA rankings, the University Liggett Knights have put together an impressive season so far. The Knights endured their first losses of the season in recent weeks after a string of nearly ten straight victories to open the season. Liggett dropped its first game of the season against crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe South 4-0 and followed that with a second consecutive loss to Romeo Summit.

A 4-2 win on Saturday over Oakland Christian helped Liggett get back on the winning track after its first slip-ups of the year. A couple of big performances Monday

helped Liggett secure another win as the Knights came out on top against Cass Tech 5-2.

The Knights seemed to have the momentum out of the gate with a few early chances on goal. Around 10 minutes into the game, Cass Tech narrowly stopped a great shot by Liggett's James Daily that could have put the Knights on the board first. It was not long after that when the Knights finally did jump out in front, as sophomore Claudio Cavallo scored on a penalty kick to make it 1-0 Liggett.

Six minutes after Cavallo's successful penalty kick, Liggett struck again to extend its lead even further. Cass Cooley, another Knights sophomore, found the back of the net to put Liggett up by

a pair heading into the halftime break.

Eleven minutes after halftime, Cavallo put one past the Cass Tech keeper for the second time, bringing the Knights up by three. Cass Tech managed to score twice in the second half in an attempt to pull things close, but another goal by Cavallo to complete the hat trick and one more from Cooley were enough to give the Knights the win.

The win brings the Knights to an impressive 11-2 record on the season as they look to stay near the top of the Division 4 rankings. Liggett heads on the road Thursday for a Catholic League contest against Detroit Cristo Rey before hosting North Muskegon Monday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Cass Cooley celebrates after scoring his first of two goals in the Knights' 5-2 win against Cass Tech.

Numbers show great history of baseball in the Pointes

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Baseball has a huge presence in the sports community around the Pointes, with high school baseball often taking the spotlight during the spring sports season. When taking a look at the numbers, it seems perhaps that love for the game comes from the fact the Pointes are home to a couple of the most historically successful public high school baseball programs in all of Michigan.

In the history of Division 1 high school baseball in Michigan, Grosse Pointe South

ranks third in total Final Four appearances and is the top public school in that group. With eight trips to the Final Four, the Blue Devils are tied with Saline for the most by a public school program in Division 1, but South's two state championships are more than Saline's single one.

"I think it's so noteworthy to the community because Final Fours, state championships and district titles, I've always looked at as community accomplishments," South baseball coach Dan Griesbaum said. "All of our kids come from within our school district boundaries. They

live in the Farms, the Park or the City. For a school to make eight Final Fours, that's public with no open enrollment. People don't realize how great of an accomplishment that is."

Being so successful while having players who come within specific boundaries is a testament to the level of baseball talent that comes from the Pointes. Both South and Grosse Pointe North have managed to build and sustain successful baseball programs with the players from within their respective boundaries.

With South's eight Final Four trips, North

also is high up on the list of the top Division 1 public school teams. North has made the Final Four four times and has two state championships just like the Blue Devils. For Griesbaum, having that level of talent and competitiveness so close together makes what both schools have achieved even more special.

"We even have to go through North, which is another great program," he said. "Frank Sumner had two state titles and four Final Fours and we've had to go through each other to get there. It's an amazing accom-

plishment for both us and North, to be able to do what we've done and have two state championships each and 12 combined Final Fours."

This year the Norsemen came just one game short of making it to the Final Four for a fifth time. Of the 12 combined Final Four appearances between North and South, seven have come within the last 20 years.

The top two programs when it comes to Division 1 Final Four appearances are Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central. Both are private schools that do not have to adhere to the same boundary restrictions as North and South.

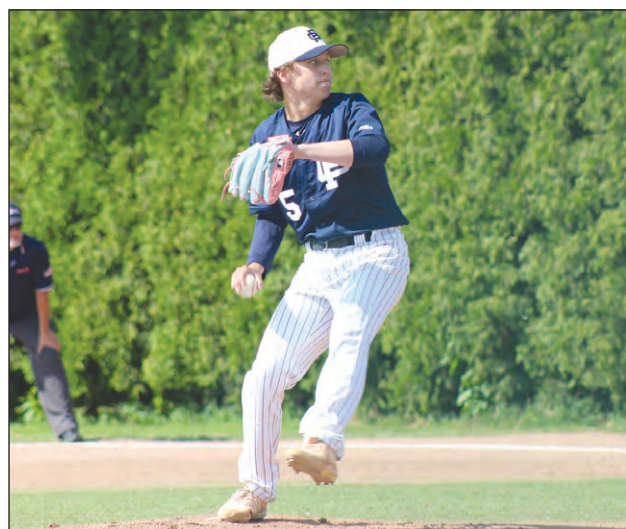
"The thing I'm most proud of in what we've done is that all our kids come from within our boundaries. ... So many other schools can grab kids from wherever," Griesbaum said.

The Grosse Pointe schools do get some talented baseball players

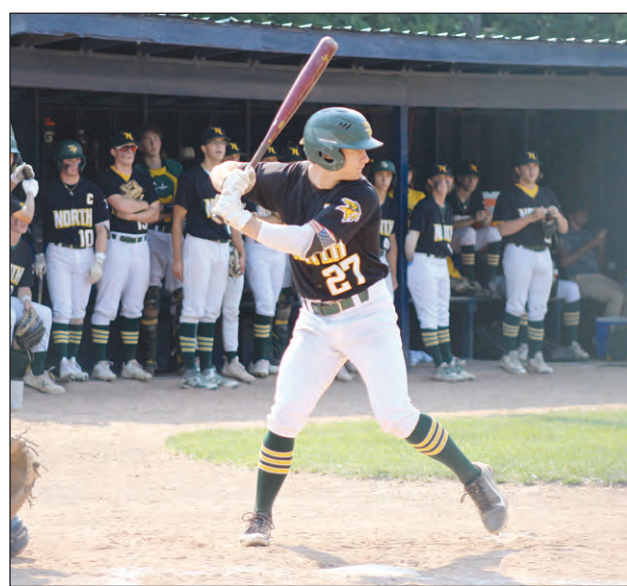
from around the community, but part of the success has to be attributed to incredible coaching. Griesbaum is a member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and so is former North coach Sumner.

Hall of fame coaches are a plus when it comes to building some of the most successful public high school programs in the state. For Griesbaum, it also is the consistency and experience in the coaching staff around him he believes has helped South accomplish so much.

"My top three assistants — John Hackett, Matt Reno and my son, Dan Jr. — have been with me a combination of 58 years," he said. "Nobody has that kind of stability and all three were premiere players in their time too. ... I've been around for almost 40 years and nobody has assistants, to my knowledge, who have been with them for that long."



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA



The Norsemen are also among the top public school baseball programs in Division 1 for state titles and Final Four appearances.

South is tied for the most Final Four appearances among Division 1 public schools in Michigan.

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES,
A MICHIGAN CITY
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
OF ORDINANCE NO. 271**

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting on September 21, 2021, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 271.

Ordinance No. 271 amends Chapter 6 of the City Code of Ordinances by revising Article V, Section 6-143 – Floodplain Management, wherein the City adopts by reference the updated Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") Flood Insurance Study (FIS) entitled Wayne County, All Jurisdictions, effective October 21, 2021, and the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels: 26163CIND1C, 26163CIND2C, 26163C0134F, 26163C0142F, 26163C0153F, 26163C0161F, effective October 21, 2021, for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

A copy of Ordinance No. 271 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk

GPN: September 30, 2021

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES,
A MICHIGAN CITY
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
OF ORDINANCE NO. 272**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE
CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A
NEW SECTION 10-34, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED
FEEDING WILD BIRDS**

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting on September 21, 2021, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 272.

Ordinance No.272 amends Chapter 10 of the City Code of Ordinances by adding Section 10-34, under Article II, entitled Feeding Wild Birds, to prohibit the feeding of wild birds unless certain conditions are met and the feeding does not constitute a public nuisance under the City Code of Ordinances.

A copy of Ordinance No. 272 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

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The doubles pair of Owen Sanford, left, and Adam Chugh earned a win to help the Blue Devils clinch a share of the MAC Red division title.

South tennis captures share of MAC Red

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For the past several seasons, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils have been the team to beat in the MAC Red when it comes to boys tennis. South came into 2021 looking to stay at the top of the MAC Red and managed to clinch another division title, this time having to share with St. Clair, with a 5-3 win over Eisenhower on Monday.

The Blue Devils were mostly dominant in singles play, taking three of four matches against Eisenhower. Connor Stafford, Corbin Ifkovits and Luke Holowinski all

were victorious in their singles contests for South.

Doubles play was a bit more tightly contested, but South was able to capture the victory by taking three wins out of five doubles matches. The top doubles pair for the Blue Devils — Alex Prather and Blake Discher — were victorious once again. Owen Sanford and Adam Chugh also helped carry South to victory with a win in their doubles contest. Shawn Coyle and Chase Bartoszewicz rounded out the field for the Blue Devils with a doubles win as well.

“I was very impressed with the boys’ play today,” South coach

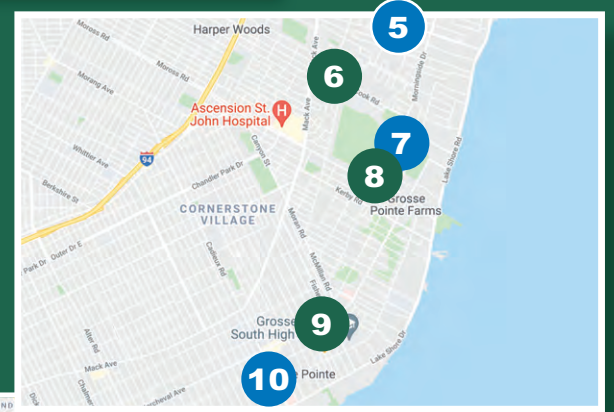
John Willard said after his team clinched a share of the division title. “We accomplished one of our season goals and that was to be division champions. Our seniors took their play up a notch today to help earn the victory.”

The Blue Devils finish MAC Red play with a 4-0-1 record in the division, tying them with St. Clair for the top spot. South now faces a couple of non-league opponents by hosting Brother Rice Thursday and U of D Jesuit Monday. Regionals begin Thursday, Oct. 7, when the Blue Devils will look to qualify for a spot in the state championship.

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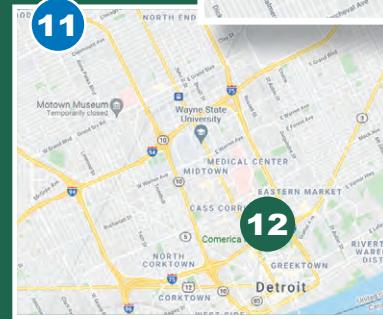


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