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Pointes demand accountability from GLWA

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Since storm events in June and July flooded the Pointes, the cities have been picking their brains trying to figure out the best way to proceed in finding a solution for problems that have oc-

curred time and time again. Thanks to Park City Manager Nick Sizeland, demanding accountability from Great Lakes Water Authority is starting to happen. The “Eastside community member partners” had its first meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29. The group consists of city

members from Wayne County, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Macomb County, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District and GLWA. Around 40 city managers, engineers and department of public works directors took to

Zoom, estimated Sizeland, to converse and collaborate on the cities’ storm and sewer issues. The idea for the group came from Sizeland’s initial collaboration with GLWA on behalf of the Park. “Because we all share similar piping or area together, it only makes

sense,” Sizeland said. “Oftentimes during storm events, we’re calling communities upstream, they’re calling us, (saying) ‘What are you seeing?’ “So to have that communication with the Great Lakes Water Authority I thought would be really essential

for us moving forward,” he added, “just to understand our issues that we’re having or what we’re experiencing.” At the meeting, GLWA admitted to needing to improve communication to its communities, according to Sizeland.
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More retirees affected amid healthcare stalemate

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A discussion on retiree healthcare appeared on the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council agenda late last month, but not in the way retirees have been pushing for since significant changes to their plans were made last May. Rather than revoking the changes or working to find an agreeable compromise, four additional retirees were added into the plan design changes after their respective collective bargaining agreements expired June 30. “The reason I came to the meeting tonight was because I saw the agenda and I saw (item) 11A says ‘retiree healthcare discussion’ and I was cautiously optimistic that the last 19 months (of the

pandemic) might have resulted in some change in the opinion of the council with respect to our retirees’ healthcare,” resident Dr. Raymond Rahi said. “Sadly, I am very disappointed that that does not turn out to be the case.” Mirroring the healthcare plans of current employees in the city, the changes made last year include a 20 percent premium cost share, which retirees cite as the largest burden. Pre-Medicare retirees have a \$2,000/\$4,000 annual deductible with annual funding made into a health savings account by the city equal to \$2,000 for individual coverage and \$4,000 for two-person and family coverage, while Medicare-eligible retir-

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Fired up!

Grosse Pointe Woods held its annual open house during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, which honors first responders and teaches kids and adults fire prevention. Henry Kline and his dad, Evan Kline, pose in front of the Ladder 5 fire truck, as Henry gives a tip of the hat to the first responders. Find more photos online at grossepointenews.com.

Charter amendment on Woods ballot

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Accompanying an uncontested city council election, the Woods ballot this November will feature two proposed charter amendments. The amendments would alter language in two sections of the city charter, 4.5 and 4.7. If approved, an ordinance would be able to place the city clerk and treasurer positions, and their respective departments, under the authority of the city administrator.

As it stands, these positions report to city council. Council would still have the power to appoint and remove the positions under a new ordinance. “It will make things run smoother at city hall,” Mayor Arthur Bryant said of the purpose behind the amendment. According to Clerk Lisa Hathaway, the clerk position has reported to city council her entire career — 28 years — as did her

predecessor. Bryant said it likely has been this way since the beginning of the city. Approving the amendments would move the Woods city government to look more like its surrounding communities; in a city with a city manager, as the rest of the Pointes have, all positions within city hall report to the manager.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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Park provides updates on flooding causes, solutions

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Since storms caused backup of sewage in a majority of residents’ homes, the Park has been working to provide monthly updates of work it’s doing as administration looks into potential

causes and solutions. At its council meeting Monday, Sept. 27, administration addressed downspout disconnection, outreach and collaboration with various entities, as well as sewer televising and manhole condition assessment, a bid for which was approved unanimously by council,

with Councilman Vikas Relan absent. **Downspout disconnections** An ordinance approved at a council meeting Aug. 23 requires all downspouts in the Park be disconnected, or homeowners will face a penalty. OHM Advisors,

the Park’s city engineering firm, is helping educate residents on how to disconnect them. “The goal is to really make this first connection a productive one,” principal engineer Patrick Droze said, “to help get people to understand why a downspout disconnec-

tion is important and then what some of their options might be if they’re not familiar with what could happen out there.” OHM Advisors has put together an example flier explaining how to disconnect down-

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Council candidate has role in UIA screw up, attacks business

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — March 2020 began an interesting 11 months for a city council candidate.

First, the candidate and some of his coworkers spent weeks being questioned about their roles in the Michigan Unemployment Agency losing still-unaccounted-for millions of dollars to fraud and lack of oversight.

Second, in November, the candidate advocated a boycott of a potential constituent's business.

The period ended in February 2021, with the candidate seeming to establish a municipal foundation named confusingly similarly to one that has been operating in the community for more than a generation.

The candidate, Tim Kolar, is seeking a first term on the Grosse Pointe Park council.

Millions gone

As head of the investigations department and in other leadership roles for the unemployment agency, Kolar's name appears throughout a forensic review of the operation conducted over four months last year by the Detroit office of Deloitte & Touche.

Auditors questioned why and how agency higher-ups ordered or condoned the abandonment of security protocols and gave out an estimated \$150 million in false unemployment claims coinciding with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's state of emergency and business shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Kolar was head of the investigation and fraud division when they turned off the fraud detectors," said State Rep. Jack O'Malley, R-Lake Ann, at the time a member of a joint oversight committee composed of House and Senate members from both parties. "You've got to ask yourself why they did that."

They stopped looking for fraud so support payments could be issued quicker by an agency being walloped by unprecedented volume, according to a letter Susan Corbin, acting director of UIA, wrote to Whitmer's Chief Operating Officer Corbin Foster on Nov. 25 last year.

"The agency has processed 2.8 million unique claims since mid-March, handling as many claims in seven months as it would normally see in six years," Corbin wrote.

"We need to shut off the identity verification in whatever capacity we can for the time being," Kolar wrote to three colleagues in a chain of emails starting April 7, 2020, according to the forensic review.

There's no evidence in the audit that Kolar, in his shifting roles as: 1) head of investigations; 2) a member of a special projects unit; 3) assigned temporarily to the finance and data section or, lastly, 4) a member of the finance, reporting and investigations team, ever cautioned or queried anyone about the wisdom of exposing state coffers to multimillion dollar fraud.

"Kolar appears to have

been at least in the vicinity of many of the screw-ups that took place with unemployment," O'Malley said. "Within about a three- or four-month timeframe, he held three or four different titles. We don't really know what was going on there, but it does appear that whenever something didn't go right, he was there."

Kolar sees himself differently.

During his opening statement Nov. 12, 2020, while applying for appointment to a vacated seat on the Park council, Kolar said, "My background and skills are best summarized as someone that our current governor, prior governor and both of their executive teams came to and currently come to for solutions to some critical problems, as someone who has consistently exceeded all expectations in delivering timely and measurable solutions."

"Kolar is a tech-savvy guy," O'Malley said. "If he didn't think turning off the fraud mechanism was the right thing to do, why didn't he push back against it or at least take it up the chain?"

Kolar agrees with O'Malley's "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem" way of thinking.

On Aug. 31, 2020, in an email to Park Mayor Robert Denner, the council and city attorney, Kolar alleges a Park resident is poking into his background. Kolar scolds Denner proactively for not doing anything about it.

"Your silence on this is approval of this behavior," Kolar wrote.

Even before the pandemic, the unemployment agency was a leaky vessel. During an average year, 3 percent of unemployment benefit payments were fraudulent while 10 percent were "improper," according to the audit, citing former Department of Labor Inspector General Scott

Dahl.

All those millions of dollars that went out to people stealing from the state happened while Kolar was in charge or had key roles, according to O'Malley.

On the other hand, some people were wrongly denied unemployment aid. One group included mothers who left the workforce because their children, enrolled in schools that were closed during Whitmer's shutdown, needed to be taught at home, according to a state administrator.

Members of the House oversight committee, on which O'Malley now serves, don't know exactly how much money was lost to fraud because the unemployment agency hasn't provided a total despite having several months to do so.

"The Deloitte report estimates about \$150 million, but they (the UIA) won't give us an actual number," O'Malley said.

Kolar describes himself in at least one piece of campaign literature as valuing transparency, communication and fiscal responsibility.

'Nailed it'

James DePuys, owner of Marge's Bar and Grill in the Park, isn't sure what Kolar has against the business.

DePuys thinks it has something to do with his, DePuys', membership on the Park Tax Increment Finance Authority, or TIFA, board.

During a TIFA meeting Nov. 25, 2020, held virtually over the internet due to pandemic cautions, a member of the public warned that hand-wringing over construction of a new public works facility could cause delays and unintended consequences reaching \$1 million in real and opportunity costs.

"Nailed it," an unidentified male voice called out in support, breaching meeting rules and etiquette. "Nailed it," an unidentified female echoed.

Kolar, speaking soon thereafter during the public comment period,

sounded rattled when interrupted by cross-talk about adjusting microphone volumes.

"I'm being interrupted right now," Kolar said. "You can tell how serious many of the board members are taking these conversations (and) public comments. Board member DePuys, with his 'nailed it' comment (which Kolar mimicked in a sing-song voice) should tell every single member of the community to no longer go to Marge's Bar and Grill."

"His beef is something he thinks I said," DePuys said last week. "And here's the thing, I didn't say it."

He welcomed Kolar to run his campaign however he feels comfortable.

"I'm going to stand by my customers as they've stood by me no matter what their political beliefs are," DePuys said. "We've been here 55 years. This guy thinks he's going to knock me off the porch? It'll never, ever happen. I don't care what my customers' political beliefs are. They're my customers."

DePuys said pique is misspent in the race for council.

"We all know what the biggest problems are right now in this community—schools and flooding," said DePuys, who also is a real estate agent. "Our house values will drop if we're not careful. That's the real problem, not what someone heard someone say at a meeting. Who cares what your political beliefs are? Fix the stuff that's broke."

"Nailed it" has become a meme on local social media.

"People on our side now use that phrase as an honor — 'Nailed it,' a battle cry," said Park resident Tom Steen.

Name game

In February of this year, Kolar submitted an application to the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to establish a domestic nonprofit corporation titled, "Grosse Pointe Park Community Foundation."

The name is unneces-

sarily similar to the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, established nearly 40 years ago, said the latter's president, Lena Carlile.

She mailed a letter to Kolar in early August asking him to change it.

"He did not respond," Carlile said, "so I sent him a second one, certified, to his residence. I have a tracking number indicating it was left with the individual Aug. 31. He did not respond to that, either."

The letter reads, in part, "I write to respectfully request that you change the name of your organization. The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation has developed a vibrant and loyal donor base, and we are concerned that your fundraising efforts may confuse donors due to the confusingly similar names of our organizations."

"You kind of scratch your head about why he would do this, especially someone who appears to be such a big critic of the real foundation," said Jay Kennedy, a lawyer and Park Foundation member for 30 years. "He's had several weeks but hasn't responded. We've given him a chance to explain himself."

Brian Wassom, an intellectual property attorney whom Kennedy consulted, said, "It's called either trademark infringement or unfair competition. If someone is causing confusion with your organization by using a confusingly similar name, you have a remedy for the court to change the name. I litigate this all the time."

Kennedy doubts Kolar's organization qualifies as community foundation under Michigan law. The operative word is "community."

The state Community Foundation Act requires so-named organizations to have, among other things, existed at least 10 years and assets totaling at least \$5 million.

"The point is, not only is he using a deceptively similar name, he can't hold out this organization as a community foundation because it

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Foul flag protected

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A flag hung in the doorway of a Littlestone home denounced President Joe Biden using an expletive, with additional words for those who voted for him underlining the statement. Also in the yard displayed a sign reading “Burn Loot Murder.”

The glass doorway revealed the flag, reading, “F--- Biden” with smaller words: “and f--- you for voting for him.”

During the presidential campaign in 2020, the Woods public safety department saw a similar situation.

“We had (one) that said,

‘Trump 2020, f--- your feelings,’” Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said. “One of the gentlemen (in the neighborhood) wasn’t happy because he walks his 7-year-old grandson down the block.”

On behalf of the city, there’s no legal action that can be taken in response to complaints about similar signage.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Cohen v. California* foul speech is protected under the First Amendment and cannot be prosecuted. The case dates back to 1968, when Paul Cohen wore a jacket reading “F--- the Draft” into a courthouse. The Los Angeles court convicted Cohen of violating a state

breach-of-the-peace law, which prohibited disturbing peace with offensive conduct. When taken to the Supreme Court, the conviction was reversed.

Falling under foul language, the anti-Biden flag is protected, as well.

“We reviewed it with our prosecutor,” City Administrator Bruce Smith said. “Every time one of these comes up, we check into it, just in case there might have been a new ruling or a new decision.”

“We don’t like to see that in the neighborhood,” Kosanke said. “... None of that is productive to building a strong, tight-knit community. That stuff just further divides everybody.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

No legal action can be taken against publicly showing obscene language unless it includes words to effectively provoke a fight, as was ruled in *Cohen v. California* by the Supreme Court.

Shores public safety to seek accreditation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Along with the City, and with the other Pointes likely to follow, the Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety is preparing to pursue certification through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The 24-month process will “take the department to another level,” Director of Public Safety Kenneth Werenski said, by achieving a blueprint of 109 law enforcement policies.

“This is a voluntary process right now,” Werenski said. “... What’s going to happen is it’s going to become

mandatory and it really needs to be, because this is like the Bible for the police department when we get done with it. It’s just going to be a great tool and it really puts a layer of security.”

Bringing the opportunity to decrease the city’s liabilities and insurance costs and increase public confidence, the policies will provide officers a uniform blueprint of how to handle every situation they encounter such as arrests, going to court, vehicle inspections and handling the petty cash box.

“It was really an impossible feat for one department of this size to do it by itself,” Werenski said, “so the five Grosse Pointes and

Harper Woods, the six of us got together, went to the state and said, ‘Can we do this together?’ And at first they said, ‘No,’ and then they quickly changed their mind and said, ‘There’s a lot of small departments and if you guys can pull this off, you can be the model for the state.’”

While the cities will have to file separate applications, meaning costs do not get saved — the estimated cost to the Shores is \$19,000, less than \$10,000 of which will be needed in the first year — they are able to work together on certain policies that can be tailored to appropriately fit all of them, such as the chase policy, which

makes sense to keep uniform under the mutual-aid agreements.

Having already attended the training and begun working on the software, the Shores department intends to officially start the 24-month process no later than Nov. 1.

“It’s a lot of work, but we’re going to get it done,” Werenski said. “It’s the right thing to do. It’s the best thing to do.”

Once accreditation through the state is achieved, it is good for three years before the department has to be re-accredited through another assessment.

Ultimately, Werenski added, the city will work toward national accreditation.

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doesn’t qualify under the statute,” Kennedy said. “It will be hard to defend

the similar name and the use of ‘community foundation’ in the name.”

Myriad community enhancements the Park Foundation supported range from decorative

streetlights to movie theaters, a boardwalk, splash pad and more.

Next is an exercise facility for the public safety department.

“We contributed to the

police gym because when officers are on a roof with an ax chopping through, looking for the source of a fire, they’ve got to be in tip-top shape,” Carlile said.

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The group discussed developing an emergency contact list so, in storm events, city managers, DPW leads and pump station managers would all be on the same page. They also are looking to use the supervisory control and data acquisition, or SCADA, systems to collaborate during storm events — potentially being able to notify communities upstream when it’s time to engage emergency relief oppor-

tunities.

“With that whole discharge discussion, obviously several of us don’t have those options anymore,” Sizeland said. “That’s something that Great Lakes Water, since these storm events, as much as we all agree we care about our environment and our water quality (and) we want to protect the environment, at the same time we also have to have emergency options in the case of an extreme emergency, which these June and July events were.”

Sizeland noted GLWA

expressed a belief that all communities should have a relief point within their system.

Of this first collaborative meeting, Sizeland believed it was productive and said they will meet again in the coming weeks to continue the conversation.

“Even though all of us are member partners, it’s hard to be one voice among so many Wayne County or other communities,” he said. “If we can have a block set that has that representation, I think that will help GLWA, too, when it

comes to planning and all of us working together, whether it’s federal funding (or) state, and just having a bigger voice at the table. ...

“The most pleasing thing that came out of this meeting and even these storms,” he added, “is that the communities used to hold some of their resources and information tight-knit, close to them, instead of sharing. I think we’ve all realized we have to band together. ... We all need to just work together, or divided we fall.”

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ees have a \$400 annual deductible with a \$10 copay for generic medication and \$50 copay for brand names.

With three of the four retirees eligible for the hardship exemption because their annual pensions with the city are less than \$32,200 — when the changes initially were passed last year, pensions had to fall under \$31,225 based on the 2020 federal poverty level — they are exempt from the 20 percent cost share.

“These employees,

from what I was told because it was before I got here, were made aware of it at the time the change happened that that would happen once they got there,” City Manager Stephen Poloni said, “so I don’t think this is a surprise for those employees. They were made aware of it in the original discussions.”

Among retirees in the audience was 33-year public works director Brett Smith, who once again called out council’s decision to renege on obligations that were agreed to in exchange for employees accepting less than average pay and fewer pay increases.

“This isn’t about money to me and it never has been,” said Rahi, who has remained outspoken in support of the retirees. “It’s about the fact that we made a commitment, at least our predecessors made a commitment, to these employees to provide them a benefit that they could look forward to in

their retirement and, because of whatever reason, we have decided to renege on that and there are no words that can express how disappointed I am in all of you.

“We’re a community that should stand for something more,” he added, “and apparently we don’t.”

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety Faith in Blue open house, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Patterson Park.

MONDAY, OCT. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Awards ceremony, time and location to be determined.

FRIDAY, OCT. 15

◆ Hob Nobbins’ with the Goblins, 6 to 8 p.m. at Lake Front Park.

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1200 Parkway.
◆ Autumn Harvest at Pier Park.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park shredding event, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park.

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Becoming a pickleball pro

By Mike Adzima
Sports Writer

Racquet sports have seemed to always come naturally to Eva Welsher. The lifelong resident of the Pointes is a former Division 1 college tennis player at Northwestern University who has in recent years risen to the top of the ranks in the growing sport of pickleball.

Welsher, who was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, had years of experience playing tennis and paddle tennis before she picked up pickleball. Before she became one of the world's top senior players in the sport, it was a simple initiative from a friend that got her into the sport in the first place.

"I have a racquet background and competed across the country in paddle tennis," Welsher said. "I kind of was done with those two things and I became an empty-nester and didn't know what to do. My friend who was a tennis player as well basically sent me a paddle and said she signed



COURTESY PHOTOS

Welsher and her mixed doubles pickleball partner, Scott Moore.

us up for a tournament in two months."

Despite being thrust into the sport a bit unexpectedly, Welsher's experience in other racquet sports allowed her to excel at pickleball quickly. It is what helped her go from not knowing really anything about the sport to being one of the top players in the world in such a short time.

"In a matter of three years I've gone from a 4

to 5 player and not even knowing what pickleball was to now being No. 1 in the world for women's senior doubles and mixed senior doubles," Welsher said.

After her time at Northwestern playing college tennis, Welsher returned to the Pointes where she got married and raised a family. With her two sons, Geoffrey and Mac, off at college, practicing and traveling to compete in

pickleball tournaments is keeping Welsher plenty occupied while being an empty-nester.

When it comes to competition, Welsher's partners come from around the country. Her main mixed doubles partner is Colorado native Scott Moore, while her main partner for women's doubles comes from Ohio.

Even with her partners coming from different places, Welsher's

family is starting to share her love for pickleball too.

"My husband actually took it up a couple of months ago and now he's traveling and competing in all the tournaments with me too," she said.

Just as Welsher went from not knowing about the sport to being a top-ranked player in such a short matter of time, pickleball is rapidly gaining popularity across the country. Players of all ages are getting on the courts and learning to play and Welsher sees the game only getting more popular down the road.

"It's growing exponentially," she said. "It's being televised now on ESPN+ and Tennis Channel is picking it up," she said. "The money is growing and there are so many tournaments you can't even keep up as well. Most people who are tennis players have converted over. There are tournaments for youth all the way up to 80 years old and that's why it's such a great sport, because it's for all ages."

Despite the rise of



Eva Welsher is the No. 1 ranked pickleball player in the world in women's senior doubles and senior mixed doubles.

pickleball across the U.S., there are some issues that arise for the growth of the game in the Pointes. After all, it can be hard for a sport to catch on if people have difficulty finding a place to play in their area.

"Pickleball has not taken on any type of popularity in our area because we don't have any public pickleball courts," said Welsher. "We have no indoor courts unless a tennis court was converted to a pickleball court by tapping down some lines. There's very small availability to even book a court. ... Grosse Pointe has not kept up with the popularity of pickleball at all compared to around the country."

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spouts, providing user-friendly resources for do-it-yourself residents. The department of public works also may be contacted for information.

Sewer televising and manhole condition assessment

Anticipated to cost the city \$1.6 million, five bids came in for a project to televise sewers

and assess manhole conditions throughout the Park. A bid of \$883,000 by Pipe Tech Infrastructure Services was selected and approved by council Monday, Sept. 27. The project will be spearheaded by a Park resident.

"That's always nice to have somebody from the community managing the project so they take a little added interest in making sure that they do great work," Droze said.

Televising is a big project

and will require the community's patience and help.

"With the work likely starting in the next several weeks, with the closed-circuit television survey, this is going to be a citywide effort," Droze said. "... Contractors will be visiting every foot of pipe within the city, so that is going to mean in many instances contractors working in rear-yard areas. So making sure that the public is aware of that work — what it is intended to do,

when contractors may be in their backyard and when they shouldn't be — having all that information out in front of that work will help the community understand the importance of it and not be surprised if they happen to see a contractor in a rear-yard area."

Funded by \$400,000 of American Rescue Plan Act dollars and the remaining from the water and sewer fund, the project likely will be complete by midsummer 2022.

Outreach and communication

Councilwoman Lauri Read expressed residents' concern about what GLWA is doing regarding the storm and sewer systems — especially when a recent storm hit and GLWA admitted it had power issues at its Freud pumping station — to which city administration said they were collaborating heavily with the organization.

"... Certainly the thought is that we can spend a lot of money fixing our system," Read said, "but if Great Lakes Water Authority is not doing their part, and their partners are not doing their part, then we're left with the same problem."

"Obviously, reliability of the downstream system is as important as anything we could do within the Park itself," Droze said. "That's where everything goes. If they're unable to drain what is pumped to them, then it really (is) a significant limitation to

what we can do."

Droze and Sizeland affirmed Read's concern, saying that's a large reason why they will be conducting frequent meetings with surrounding communities and GLWA.

"As soon as the city was notified in regards to this Freud pumping station issue," Sizeland said, "I immediately got a hold of Sue Coffey, the interim CEO of Great Lakes Water Authority, that this was a great concern for myself and residents of Grosse Pointe Park, to please be transparent in letting the public know of this issue."

"This is something, as Patrick said, we're going to be bringing up in our meeting because this is not acceptable to us anymore," he added. "This is something that we need to demand greater accountability of our public utilities. ... This is something that I'm going to be bringing up with (the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy). It is an extreme concern for me considering we keep having these issues here."

Read asked further for a part of the communication plan to be resident-based, since "in real-time, they're experiencing it."

Sizeland said the city is looking to create a type of map that will allow residents to input what they're seeing during storm events.

"You're 'boots on the ground,'" he said. "You're able to tell us where we can't be all at one time of what you're noticing and seeing. So this is something that's going to be helpful to our OHM Advisors when they're looking at this whole entire sewer map."

Sizeland encouraged residents to save pictures and videos they have from flooding events as part of this process.

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Attendance continues to grow at Cup of Joe community coffee talks

By Paul V. Biondi

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Ricci has been holding his Cup of Joe on Joe "State of The Pointes" discussions for 8 years running and last week he had one of his largest attendances ever after canceling them in 2020 due to the pandemic. "We didn't know where we were

going to go but we knew we wanted to keep up these community facing conversations once restrictions were eased," according to Mr Ricci. "We



found the ideal outdoor setting at the recently remodeled Kerby Field back in April and folks have been coming back in droves ever since."

Originally held at Morning Glory, the coffee talks eventually outgrew that space and an outdoor setting was both practical and necessary given limitations on indoor gatherings. At this time, the October Cup of Joe on

Joe is scheduled for Thursday October 28 at Kerby Field. Subsequent discussions will be held indoors during the cold weather months at the Farms Pier Community Building which boasts adequate indoor space as well as an outdoor veranda if mild weather continues. "We still use Morning Glory's cookies though! Our residents love them; they're the big ones!" Mr Ricci proudly proclaims.

The September get together featured State Senator Adam Hollier which drove attendance to address flooding issues, ongoing pothole problems and the Lakeshore Signage saga. Ricci said "The Lakeshore Signage issue has been our Number 1 topic by far. The mayor's phone has been ringing off the hook! The good news is MDOT and Wayne County did an independent study of the area recently and we are hopeful many of these signs will be removed come springtime."

The goal of these discussions has been visibility, accountability and accessibility for residents to be able to address their concerns in a relaxed Open Forum with a consistent monthly presence that has grown in both awareness and attendance amongst our communities. Mr Ricci is Mayor Pro Tem of Grosse Pointe Farms and he's on record as saying "We know our fellow residents want to voice their opinion and know someone will listen. My close friend and associate Bob Grosscup

takes notes and we address these issues directly with City Manager Shane Reeside the next day." This approach has been evidenced by the bushes being trimmed after complaints drivers couldn't see cross traffic on Lakeshore and potholes being filled after he contacted Tom Joy at the DPW. "We are the flag wavers for the entire community," Mr Ricci stated who is planning to run for Mayor in the 2023 election.

Area resident John S. attended the September meeting and said "As always your Coffee on Joe gathering was very informative. I especially liked hearing that there is finally some state funding for the Lakeshore Seawall." Also in attendance was Paul L. who intoned, "I was gratified by attending your meeting yesterday. I'd like to learn more about what we have to do to fix our flooding problem." State Senator Adam Hollier added "Thanks for hosting me...meaningful interactions with your people...make all the difference."

Mr Ricci suggested residents plan on joining the conversation on October 28 at 4 pm with possible guest appearance by State Representative Joe Tate, where Ricci will discuss a potential clean out service of 20% of the homes clay pipes every year to help reduce future flooding issues.

As always, the coffee is on Joe and his \$50 a month councilperson salary goes to "cover the cost of the cookies," joked Mr. Ricci.

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Color confusion

A 40-year-old Taylor woman told officers she thought the light was yellow after driving through a red light at Jefferson Avenue and Cadieux Road at 2:48 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1.

The woman was issued a citation for not following a traffic control device and her vehicle was impounded because its license plate was not valid.

Mindless destruction

After five teenage boys entered a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 2:21 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, employees heard sounds from their direction and found 17 packages of paper towel with cuts through the plastic.

While the teenagers denied their involvement, surveillance footage later showed three of them using cutting instruments to cut through the plastic.

The damaged packages could not be sold, creating a total loss of \$237.54 for the business.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Taking the party on the road

A 31-year-old West Bloomfield woman pulled over for speeding approximately 50 mph on Lakeshore Road at 9:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, had bloodshot eyes and difficulty explaining to officers what she drank while downtown with friends.

Two bottles of tequila were found in the map pocket behind the front passenger seat, while a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .20 percent.

The woman was arrested for operating under the influence and open liquor transport.

Piling up suspensions

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Cook Road because his vehicle's driver's side headlight was out, a 45-year-old Woods man was found to have 27 suspensions, three priors and warrants out of Macomb County and Harper Woods.

With both agencies requesting the man be advised of the warrants and released, he was cited for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was impounded at 10:27 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30.

Stolen bike

A 16-year-old Park girl's black bicycle with pink rims and multi-color handles was stolen from the baseball fields of an area school between 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, and 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1.

Stacking up cars

After impeding traffic at the Lakeshore and Colonial Road turnaround and causing five

vehicles, including a patrol car, to stack up at 5:06 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, a 39-year-old Detroit man was cited for improper registration and not having insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Commuting nightmare

When officers responded to reports that a Mack Avenue and Moross Road bus stop was damaged with large holes in the walls, a 56-year-old woman was found nearby yelling at a tree with two baseball-sized rocks at her feet at 9:09 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1.

As she was arrested, the woman threatened to kill the officers, their wives and families. She was transported to an area hospital.

High beams on, headlights out

A 35-year-old Detroit man, pulled over at Moross Road and Chandler Park because his vehicle's high beams were on, told officers they were on because his headlights were out.

The man was cited for not having insurance and improper use of lights at 9:39 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, and the vehicle was impounded.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Improper vehicle registration

After being pulled over for speeding 68 mph on Lakeshore Road at 1:44 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, a 32-year-old Dearborn man was arrested for improper vehicle registration. His vehicle was impounded.

Armed and unconscious

Following up on a call that a vehicle parked in the roadway on Vernier Road hadn't moved in a while, officers found the keys in the ignition with the 24-year-old Southfield driver and her passenger passed out at 2:11 a.m. Friday,

Oct. 1.

After both were awakened, the woman told officers she had a gun in the glove box. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .16 percent.

She was arrested for concealed weapons, operating under the influence and not having insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

BB gun damage

A resident in the 1300 block of South Renaud noticed his car's rear window was shattered Friday, Sept. 24.

Two round dents also were found on the trunk. The dents were consistent with damage by a BB gun.

No mail for you

A resident in the 1800 block of Anita had three packages taken from his front porch on separate incidents.

A package of Sears Craftsman tools, valuing \$130, was stolen more than two months ago. A Tommy Bahama shirt, valuing \$110, was stolen one month ago. Most recently, a package containing dog food went missing a week and a half ago.

The opened box was later recovered behind a local store.

No ride home

An employee of a business in the 19000 block of Mack parked his black and silver Specialized Hardrock mountain bike behind the store at 2:35 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. It was discovered missing at 7:43 p.m.

The bike is not licensed.

Mirror, mirror on the car

A car parked in the 2000 block of Van Antwerp had its driver's side mirror stolen overnight Saturday, Oct. 2.

The car sustained no other damage.

Debt collector

A resident in the 1000

block of Anita received a letter from a debt collection company out of Ohio, telling her she owed \$5,668.15 for a Verizon Wireless account.

The letter used her maiden name, which she changed four years ago. She reports not having seen letters from debt collectors before.

No license, no problem

A 21-year-old Harper Woods resident was pulled over for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph zone near Mack and Kenmore at 11:11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

The driver admitted to never having acquired a driver's license. He also did not have insurance.

The vehicle was impounded. The driver received violations for speeding, driving without insurance and never acquiring a license.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspended and arrested

A 44-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at 8:52 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Mack and Loraine after being pulled over

for speeding.

She was found to have a suspended driver's license.

Speeding to arrest

A 31-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for having a suspended driver's license at 8:39 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, after he was pulled over for speeding at Jefferson and Somerset.

Taken car

A 2020 purple Dodge Challenger was taken from a parking lot in the 15000 block of Mack at 9:24 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30.

The car was taken without its keys, as captured on surveillance cameras.

The license plate number is EFN8237. The investigation is ongoing.

Suspicious and on drugs

A 31-year-old Taylor man was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs in the 800 block of Edgemont Park at 11:11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30.

Officers were called to the scene on reports of a suspicious vehicle. They found the driver under the influence of drugs at that time.

Intoxicated

A 54-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at

Mack and Buckingham for speeding at 9:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1.

Follow-up investigation showed the man was intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

Suspended

A 27-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 11:23 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, after she was pulled over for speeding at Cadieux and Denver.

Open intoxicants and a gun

A 27-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and a firearm at 12:52 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

She was pulled over for speeding at East Jefferson and Notre Dame.

Investigation revealed her blood alcohol content was under .08.

Speeding on a Sunday

After being stopped for speeding at Cadieux and Maumee at 12:26 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, a 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested when officers found he had a suspended driver's license.

— Kate Vanderstelt
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OUR VIEW

Redistricting: Pointes united in draft maps

There is good news for the Pointes in draft redistricting maps published on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission website: All five Grosse Pointes (in most but not all the maps) are in the same congressional and state house and senate districts. The bad news: Harper Woods is carved out of the proposed state house district with the Pointes.

On the congressional level, Michigan's 14th District held by U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, is to be eliminated due to the loss of one congressional seat following the 2020 U.S. census count.

It is being replaced, ironically enough, by the new proposed congressional District 1, which includes the Pointes, Harper Woods, Detroit, Hamtramck, Allen Park, Warren, Ferndale, Royal Oak and a piece of Southfield. In fact, Southfield appears to split among Districts 1, 2 and 3, so it is not clear what district U.S. Rep. Lawrence would run in for re-election.

One commenter, Anthony Scannell, said of the proposed District 1, "I don't understand why group cities like Melvindale, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Rouge & Ecorse with the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Madison Heights, and parts of Warren. There is not much affiliation between those far-flung areas nor COI (Communities of Interest) that I can conceive."

The new proposed state House District 4 includes all the Pointes; though, the Macomb County portion of Grosse Pointe Shores is excluded in some maps. It also excludes Harper Woods. It also includes eastside Detroit to downtown and a "sliver on the river" down to Zug Island.

Commenter "Robert" from Grosse Pointe said of the proposed District 4:

"The Grosse Pointes were split 10 years ago in the state house and there is unanimous, bipartisan and nonpartisan opposition to any districts that would split us again. I was concerned to hear a commissioner suggest splitting up the Grosse Pointes today. That would be counterproductive because this District 4 as drawn is ALREADY IN THE VRA (Voting Rights Act) SWEET SPOT. According to the commission's consultants, you should look to create districts that are 40-45% African American.... This is one of the only districts that actually satisfies that goal. Although the Grosse Pointes would prefer to be with Harper Woods (a majority black city that shares a school system with us) and St. Clair Shores (another non-industrial, lakeshore suburb), we want to stay together as the Grosse Pointe COI most of all. Given that District 4 is right in the VRA sweet spot already (according to commission consultants), why would the commission make any changes here?"

The proposed state Senate District 7 — which includes all the Pointes and Harper Woods, as well as St. Clair Shores, Harrison Township, Algonac, Marine City and New Baltimore — comes closest to

See REDISTRICTING, page 8A

Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 10/5	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	653,822	601,562
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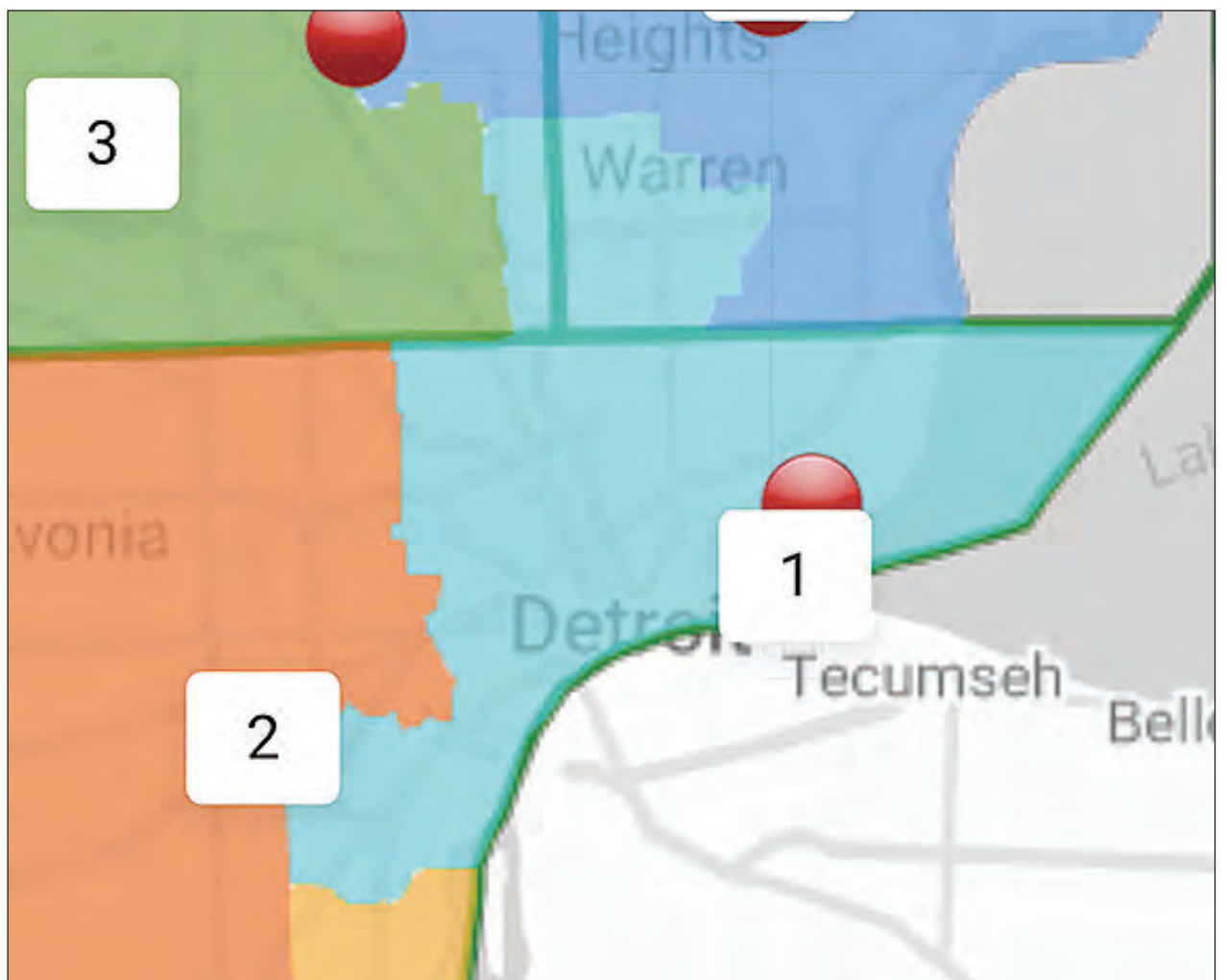
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Proposed U.S. Congressional District 1 with the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods

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Return patriotic singing in school

To the Editor:

This is a follow-up to last Thursday's Letter to the Editor, "Reinstall Classroom Flags."

I totally agree with reinstalling classroom flags. I will add that all sports events (at whatever level), should, like in the past (maybe in the distant past because I am 90!!) discontinue making our national anthem (or "America the Beautiful") an opportunity for an entertainer to sing it for us. Give the attendees an opportunity to be patriotic.

Singing either of these songs should be a patriotic experience — not an entertainment event with notes reached that most of us can't sing. Of course, we should have our right hand over our heart. This is our country and it is a GREAT country.

I am an immigrant — from Canada — and I love this country. I served in the USAF 32 months, 1957-59.

So, stop the entertainment and let the attendees sing along. We used to do that. It will probably be necessary to put the words on the big screens — and that is OK.

Should you agree, write/call/email the appropriate teams.

TOM COLES, M.D.
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Bird seed not only cause of rats

To the Editor:

I recognize the recent efforts of the city of Grosse Pointe Shores to be free of rats with their recent ordinance regarding bird feeding. I wanted to give some additional information to help achieve that result.

The list of what rats will eat is extensive — dog feces should be

picked up immediately, food left outside for pets, meat bits and grease on grills, as well as vegetable gardens and fruit trees.

Responsible bird feeding is part of the solution for rat control. Options include feeders on a pole with a baffle that prevents mammals from climbing, hot pepper-treated bird foods, or feeders that close with the weight of mammals. Avoid bird seed blends that contain filler grains as birds will tend to push these to the ground.

Rats look first for a place to live, food is secondary. If a rat is seen in someone's yard, the nest is 50 to 300 feet away. Places rats will nest include under piles of wood or stone, porches, decks, A/C slabs and sheds. They will also burrow under ivy and pachysandra as those plants create an ideal "roof." Check around those areas for nest entrance holes which are 1 to 4 inches wide. If trapping is necessary, snap traps are the ideal trap type as poisons do not kill rats immediately so they become a poisonous meal for pets, owls and hawks.

ROSANN KOVALCIK
Grosse Pointe Woods
Owner, Wild Birds
Unlimited

G.P. South not following policy

To the Editor:

My family is writing this letter to make the Grosse Pointe school community aware of the events surrounding the COVID-19 testing of a number of Grosse Pointe South High School students, of which at least one, our son, is a minor, without parental consent.

The tests, nasal swabs, were done by GPSHS staff and not by medical professionals. We only became aware after the test, when our son sent a text message.

We then contacted the school and spoke with an administrator, who stated that the tests were done due to possible exposure to a COVID positive student the past Friday.

A review of the district-posted COVID-19 policies explicitly states that the testing is not required of students or athletes. It also details their response to possible exposures.

The school was aware that our son is fully vaccinated and, like all students, was fully masked while at school. As such, the policy is to only monitor for symptoms for 14 days, no test required (gpschools.org/Page/21425).

The lack of parental consent notwithstanding, the school violated the district's own posted policy. We were told that the tests were done to "keep the kids safe" and so that they can stay in school.

While this may be an admirable motive, as a legal justification it is unacceptable and reeks of arrogance.

The administrator then apologized if my son didn't understand that he could refuse and simply go home. Again, he is a minor and cannot make those decisions.

We reached out to the superintendent's office and Jon Dean apologized for the incident and stated it was wrong for the school to have conducted the test without our permission.

The letter is not meant to be a public shaming, but an effort to bring awareness to the incident and ensure in the future that policies are followed no matter how inconvenient they might be.

STEPHEN WEBBER
Grosse Pointe Farms

source included a

Facebook page where virtually anything goes.

The entirely benign gatherings of sign-holders commiserating with students saddled with mask mandates have been underway for weeks, taking place Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in front of GP South.

The only "accosting" came from those opposed to our signs, people frowning and brandishing middle fingers or using four-letter words as in the case of one female student who launched herself at the protesters Oct. 1, and calmed down after blurting out bizarre statements and profanity.

Moreover, the resident anti-mask protesters never passed out literature. On Sept. 17, a stranger briefly tried to pass out fliers and spoke in a loud voice, but we protesters got her to leave because she was identified as a nonresident agitator trying to stage an incident reminiscent of Jussie Smollett's infamous charade in Chicago.

In contrast to the angry student already described and a few boys parroted barbs they had heard, the sign-holders rarely interacted with students.

We did, however, happily comply with smiling students who removed their masks and gave us their cameras to photograph them while they held our signs and gave a thumbs up. This may have triggered some of the outrageous whoppers and rumors on Facebook.

Finally, we protesters are not ill-informed yokels as hinted in the opinion piece. Most of us are familiar with the medical dissenters and the Great Barrington Declaration authored by world-famous biostatisticians, professors of medicine, epidemiologists, and viral immunologists from leading universities such as Harvard, Stanford and Oxford to name only a few.

We invite all readers to come and see for themselves this Friday at 7:30 a.m. We're not lurking behind masks because we have nothing to hide.

LAWRENCE LUDLOW
Grosse Pointe Park

Protestors have nothing to hide

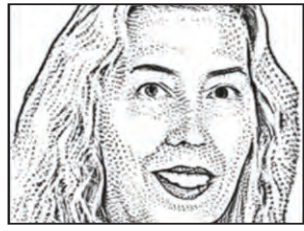
To the Editor:

The Sept. 30 opinion piece "Protestors: Leave Those Kids Alone" contained factual errors — possibly because its

The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Stranger than fiction?



I like learning about things, especially when they are interesting or weird or make you wonder if they could be true. So I did a bit of research and some internet sleuthing and found some interesting facts, stranger than fiction.

For instance, on the animal and nature front:

Owls don't have eyeballs. They have eye tubes that can't be moved back and forth, so they have amazing neck flexibility and can turn their head 270 degrees.

Humans can only turn theirs 180. A bat can eat up to a thousand insects an hour and is the only mammal that can fly. Today the tallest penguins are emperor penguins at about four feet tall; however, about 37 million years ago, a species known as colossus penguins weighed about 250 pounds and stood about 6 feet 6 inches tall. Yikes.

Butterflies taste with their feet, octopi have three hearts (please stop killing them to throw on the ice for a hockey game) and harbor seals have about 80 whiskers with about 1,500 nerve endings in each.

Honeybees can flap their wings 200 times per second. Reindeer eyeballs turn blue in the winter to help them see in low light.

Sharks kill about 10 humans a year and humans kill about 100 million sharks per year. It's sad but true; look it up.

Did you know a cat's nose is ridged and has a unique pattern like a human fingerprint? What about a dog's sense of smell being ten-thousand times stronger than a human's — which is why you need to let them smell when you walk them. It'll tire them out and sniffing is to them like people watching is to us.

The peregrine falcon lives in every continent except Antarctica. Can't say I blame them. Too cold. You know when you hear the call of an eagle in a movie? It is actually the call of a red-tail hawk.

If you count the number of seconds between the

flash of lightning and the sound of thunder, then divide by 5, you'll get the distance in miles to the lightning: 5 seconds equals one mile, 15 seconds equals three miles, 0 seconds equals really close!

Now for the Oceans. How about the fact the ocean produces up to around 85 percent of our oxygen. Well, phytoplankton (tiny seaweeds) produce between 50 and 80 percent of the oxygen in our air and they do it by photosynthesis, converting energy into sunlight, which creates the oxygen. Cool, right?

When sea otters sleep, they hold each other's paws so they don't drift apart. C'mon, that's adorable! The only living structure on earth you can see from

space is the Great Barrier Reef, which is 3,000 individual reefs, 900 coral islands that span 1,243 miles, covering an area of 135,136 square feet.

Weird human facts and inventions: A dentist invented the electric chair and another dentist invented cotton candy, which was first introduced as Fairy Floss. Hmm.

One quarter of all your bones are in your feet, which almost doesn't sound possible. Out of the 206 bones in an adult body, 52 of them are in our feet.

The official flag of the U.S. was designed by Robert Heft, a junior in high school in the late 1950s and he only got a B- on the project.

The Unclaimed Baggage Center in Scottsboro, Ala.,

is the only place in the U.S. that buys unclaimed luggage from airlines and sells it back to the general public.

We have had about 112 leap days since 1582 and they always fall on Feb. 29. Leap year doesn't always come every four years, but every year divisible by four is a leap year.

Random food facts: Almost 100 acres of pizza is served every day within the U.S. Pineapples take two years to grow. SPAM is the mashup of the words "spice and meat." I always thought it stood for Stuff Posing As Meat.

OK, I could go on, because I could read this stuff for hours. But this article is out of space, so I'll end here. Perhaps there will be a part two.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

WOODS APPROVES BOND ISSUES: The citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods approved the two bond issues for purchase of the lakefront park and the sewer extensions, by substantial majorities at the special election. The vote on the park bonds passed by a vote of 1,013 to 190.

POLICE SEEK TOMATO TOSSERS: E. W. Albachten of Pemberton Road reported to the Park police that some malicious boys had been bombarding the front of his house with overripe tomatoes. The toma-

atoes were not so bad, but the broken window pane was something else. The police could find no boys in the neighborhood, but were still on the hunt at a late hour for stains — not on the house, but on youthful digits.

1971

50 years ago this week

ALL URGED TO OPPOSE BUSING: An established community organization active in the past in non-political educational issues has taken steps to attempt to generate and coordinate productive community

efforts opposed to forced cross-boundary busing of school children.

WOODS, FARMS JOIN FIGHT AGAINST EDISON RATE HIKE: Two more of the Pointes have voted to fight the proposed 141 percent rate increase by the Detroit Edison Company: Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms. The Park has already instructed its city attorney to attend the hearings of the Michigan Public Service Commission and the City of Grosse Pointe is expected to instruct its attorney at its next meeting.

Obituaries: Peter G. Nelson, Ann Mary Martin, Marion Herrick, Leger Davignon,

Virginia Higgs, Humphreys Springstun, Walter H. Wakeman, Paul G. Shisler

1996

25 years ago this week

RUMORS OF SEWER EXPENSES EXAGGERATED: The rumors that it will cost Grosse Pointe Park residents \$200 a month to pay for the sewer separation project scheduled to begin in a few days are just that — rumors — said Park City Manager Dale Krajniak. "I don't know where people are getting that number — \$200 a month," he said.

"The figure is more like \$200 a year."

HARRIS RUNS FOR FIVE TDS IN COACH'S 100TH VICTORY: Grosse Pointe North's football team gave Coach Frank Sumner some balloons to celebrate his 49th birthday last week. The next day, Sumner's birthday present was completed as the Norsemen beat L'Anse Creuse North 39-26 in a MAC cross-over game. The victory also was Sumner's 100th as head coach at North and gave the Norsemen their first 4-0 start to a season since the 1986 team went through the regular season undefeated.

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Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe Day proclaimed

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — With the Grosse Pointe chapter operating in the community 65 years, Shores city council proclaimed Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe Day in recognition of the organization that economically empowers women and girls through access to education.

The date marked Soroptimist International of the Americas' 100th anniversary.

"Encourage extending congratulations to Soroptimist International (of the) Americas for its 100th anniversary and to celebrate the (Grosse Pointe) members for the many contributions to our community," Mayor Ted Kedzierski read.

Over the years in the Pointes, the organization has dispersed approximately 90 Soroptimist Live Your Dream awards to local women to help

them get education and training needed to improve their employment prospects and economic standing; held four Soroptimist Dream It, Be It programs, which have put 55 local women and girls on the path toward achieving their career goals; sponsored an anti-human-trafficking 5K walk/run fundraising and public awareness event; worked with local government and anti-human-trafficking organizations to create a video about the facts of human trafficking; volunteered with Positive Images, Inc., a therapeutic center for recovery from substance abuse disorder in Detroit; provided an SAT/ACT preparation course for 25 girls from Grosse Pointe high schools; and sponsored the education of six girls at St. Anne High School in Ghana, Africa.

— Laurel Kraus

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Obituaries: David Berggren, Mitzi Winkler Grewe, David P. Ruwart, William Alfred Lutz, George Alfred Burkman, Stephen Chorny, Frederick L. Jahn, Bernice B. Stoltenberg, Sara Mitchell Walker, David Balthas Ireland Jr., Edith M. Kohl, Dorothy J. Francisco, Mary Denise Fanelli

2011

10 years ago this week

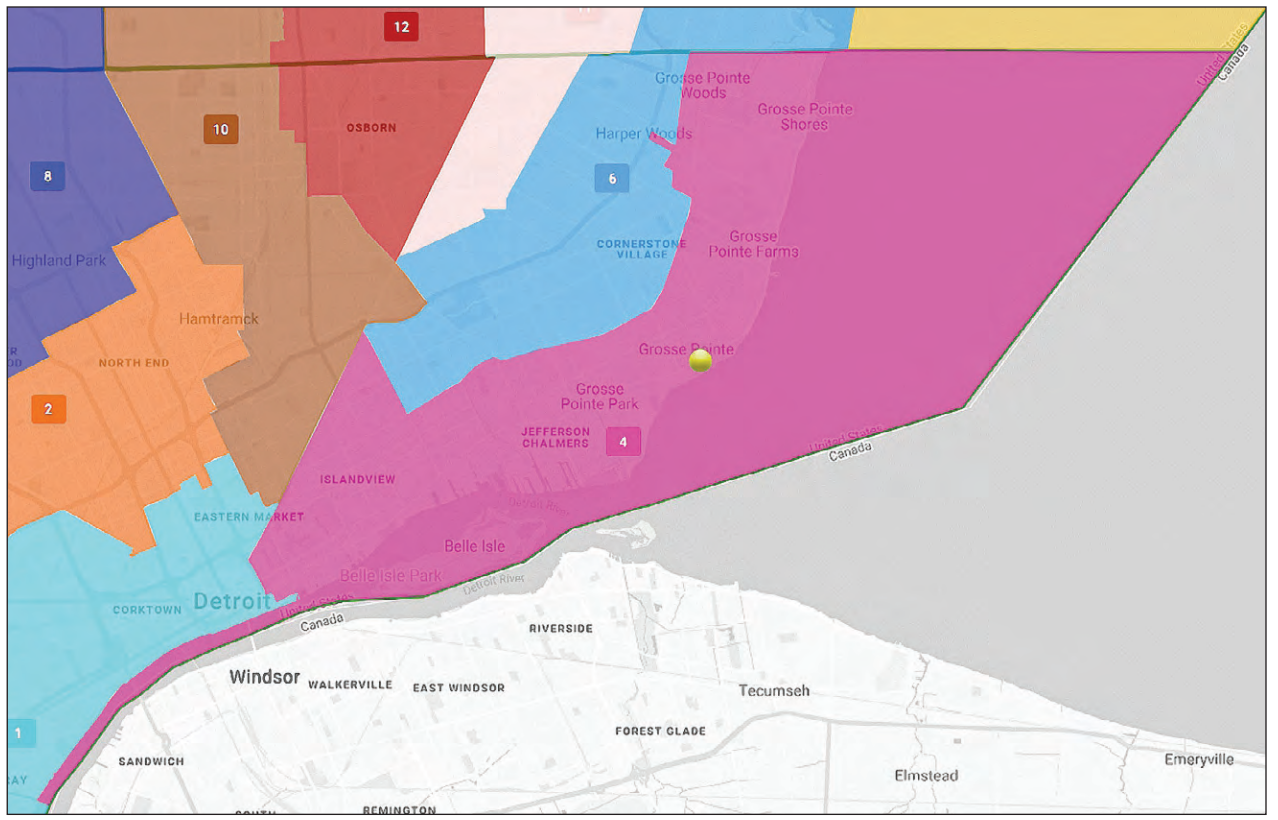
WEST STAYS ON

COUNCIL: A modern restriction against appointed city council members running for office in the follow-up election cycle was waived upon naming Councilman Martin West to fill the seat of the

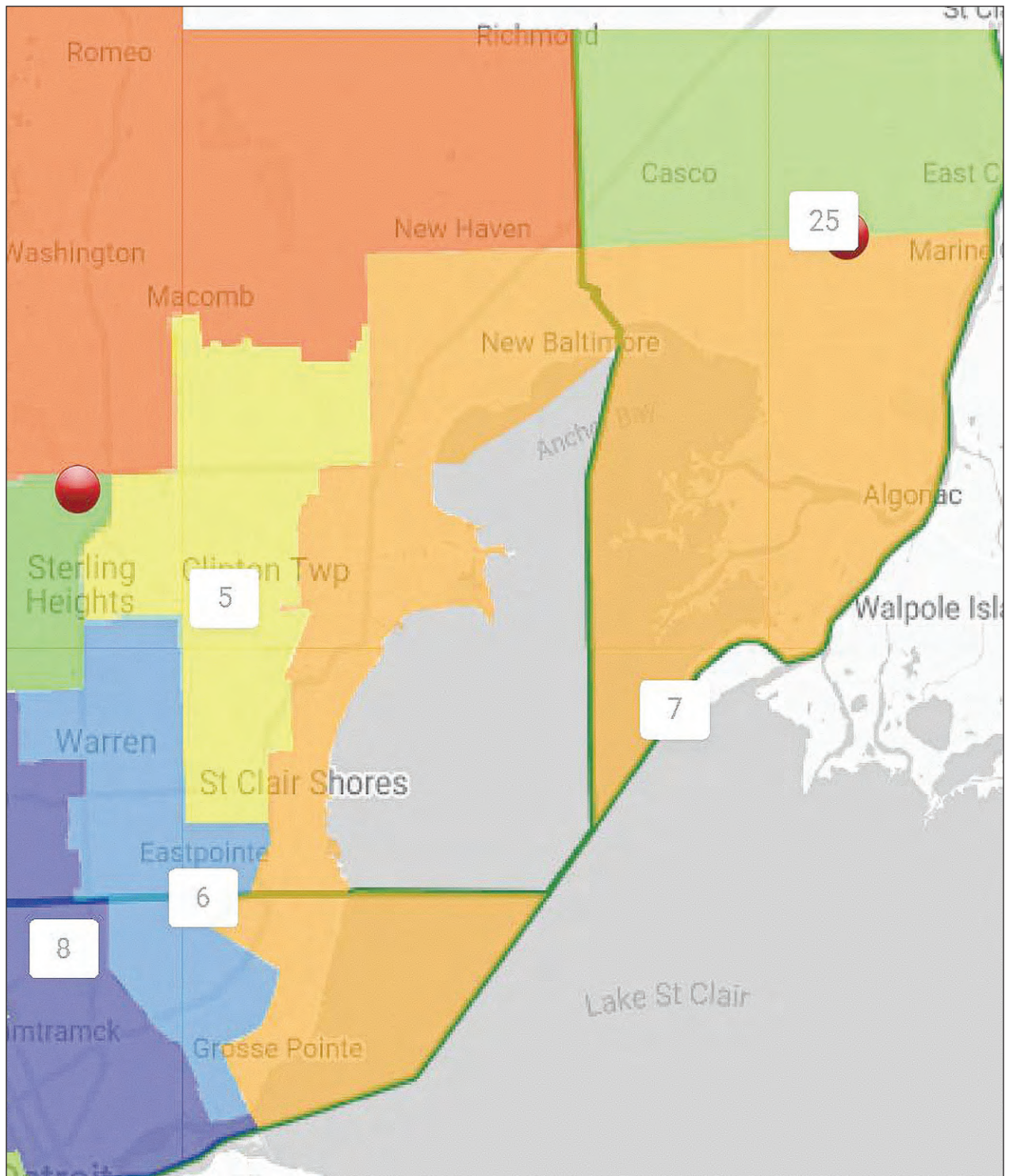
late Terry Davis. West, an elected member from 1997 through 2001, assumes the balance of Davis' term Nov. 14. Until then, he continues the 2010 appointment to serve out the term of the late Doug Roby.

FARMS HONORS ITS OWN: A resolution honoring the late Councilman Terry Davis III received full support from the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council. Davis, a three-term councilman, died Aug. 14, during his third consecutive term in office. He was 67, head of the budget committee and had been mayor pro tem from 2003 to 2005.

Obituaries: Julie Louise Ambill, Mary Ann Fannon, Brewster F. Fausone, Edmund T. Koski, M. Eleanor Mecke, Samantha Alexandria Yee



Proposed state House District 4



Proposed state Senate District 7

REDISTRICTING:

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our call for the "Lakeshore" or "Shoreline" congressional district we envisioned.

"Thank you for drawing this Lake St. Clair District and for keeping our Lake St. Clair COI intact," commented Robert Dindoffer of Grosse Pointe (possibly the same "Robert" as above) about the new proposed state Senate District 7. "The inland industrial communities on the other side of I-94 have different interests and will outvote us every time if our COI is not kept together."

"One important consideration is the dumping of sewage into our lake. Although federal law requires communities to separate storm and sewer systems,

there has been no enforcement. As a result, many communities, particularly the inland communities, have not separated their storm and sewer lines. This means that when there is a rain event, the system's capacity becomes overloaded and sewage is discharged into Lake St. Clair. When that happens, our beaches and lakefront amenities are shut down because there is too much sewage in the water to be safe. Imagine buying a home in a lakefront community in order to take advantage of the swimming, fishing, boating and other lakefront amenities. Now imagine that some other community dumped sewage into that lake. That is the reality of our area and one of the main reasons (but not the only reason) that the lakefront must be kept together.

"I thank you for recognizing our concerns and drawing this Lake St. Clair district to give us a voice in Lansing."

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**Kingsley Emmerson Age 6
Grosse Pointe Woods**



**Matthew Clor Age 8
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**Ruby Novak Age 4
Grosse Pointe Woods**



**Zorianna Eikstadt Age 6
Grosse Pointe Woods**



Happy Halloween



*Winners chosen at random

New hobby transformed into crafty calling

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It didn't take long for Theresa Leonard to transform a new hobby into a small business.

"I started in November 2019, first just to make things for my family — my two girls, my husband, the house," Leonard said. "Then my extended family started asking for things."

By January 2020, her business was born.

BellaD Creative offers uniquely designed creations, from tumblers and mugs to an array of clothing — each customized to individual specifications.

She cuts everything through her Cricut machine and uses permanent vinyl to produce quality products.

"I can make anything you can think of — home décor, signs for the house, Christmas stockings with names on them," she said.

"I turned this into a business, but I didn't expect it to be one," she added. "I love it. It's fun. I don't feel like I'm working."

BellaD Creative started at a point when Leonard was a new stay-at-home mom. Her daughter, Isabella, now 2, inspired part of the BellaD Creative name. The "D" was spawned from a love of Detroit.

"When I met my husband, he was living in Detroit," she said, noting they both fell in love with the city. When she told her husband, Donovan, they needed to come up with something "cre-



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Theresa Leonard sits among some of her best-selling BellaD Creative products, a recently launched Halloween-themed line.

ative" to follow "BellaD," he told her she'd nailed it.

"He's my biggest supporter," she said. "If he didn't push me, I don't think I would have continued selling."

In April, the Grosse Pointe Woods couple welcomed their second daughter, Olivia, and Leonard took some time off from BellaD Creative.

"It's been kind of chaotic with a newborn and a 2-year-old," she said, "but I'm getting my feet wet again with the fall season and Halloween. Halloween is my favorite."

Leonard likes making collections for every season and holiday and also has a line of Zodiac-themed items, but, of

course, "I do take customized orders."

Through a series of simple questions, Leonard will gauge a customer's interests and then take the design reins.

"It's a cool feeling to hear someone tell you how creative you are," she said.

Creativity previously was not a part of Leonard's work life. Before her daughters were born, she was an emergency medical technician with a hectic schedule.

"Once I got pregnant, I thought, 'I don't know if I can go back,'" she said, noting her new business is a much better fit with parenthood.



A bit of Halloween home decor Leonard crafted.

Leonard spends a few hours a day designing and creating products.

"I never thought I'd have the patience to do this," she said. "Honestly, it's really relaxing for me now."

"This is something really close to my heart," she added. "It's a lot of hard work, but I'm really proud of it. I went into this blindly, but I'm proud of what I've done so far."

Leonard said she hopes one day to expand her catalogue and turn BellaD Creative into a full-time career, "once the girls are in school," she added. "I'll definitely need the time for that; two girls are time consuming."

Currently, her inventory may be found on the BellaD Creative Facebook and Instagram pages. Both link to her Etsy page, where her most recent collections are posted.

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Leonard designed the Halloween-themed T-shirt she's wearing.

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Timeless tale with a twist

North theater students put spin on 'Cinderella' story

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There is a passion for acting evident among students in Grosse Pointe North High School's drama club. After a year away from the stage due to COVID-19, the young thespians are palpably excited to make their return with "A Toby Show," Thursday, Oct. 14, through Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium.

"In the turn of the century, Toby shows traveled around the Midwest," said Michael Gravame, North's new theater director. "At one point there were 200 to 300 Toby shows in existence traveling the country and rural America. A Toby show is a tent repertoire show with three acts, with over-the-top characters and specialty acts in between."

The character of Toby, he explained, came into existence after World War I, when the country was mourning the loss of loved ones who had died in the war. Toby was an unsophisticated man from the country who outwitted city folks through his naiveté, honesty and homespun humor.

"Toby was put into scenarios and he would save the day and everything would be alright,"



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The cast of "A Toby Show" act out a scene toward the end of the production, with an angry mother, arguing sisters, a couple in love and a clueless Toby in the middle of it all.

Gravame said. "The author of this show put Toby into 'Cinderella.'" Playing the role of Toby is North junior Jake Sachs, who's been involved with theater nine years.

"When Mr. G introduced the main character, I thought, 'That lead is perfect for me,'" he said. "Even though this is children's theater and children's comedy, I think it's hilarious. I think people are going to get a laugh out of it."

In this version of "Cinderella," the character of Toby is akin to the fairy godmother in tradi-

tional versions of the story. Senior Anaya Winesberry is taking on the role of Cindy, similar to the titular character of the traditional tale.

A veteran of musicals, Winesberry said she's never done a play before, but auditioned for the role to face a fear.

"I want to pursue acting, but I'm kind of shy," she said. "I thought I'd put myself out there and audition. The process of auditioning alone was enough of me stepping out of my comfort zone."

"... This is my first lead role and I feel comfortable with it," she added. "It's been a learning experience, but Mr. G is so kind and understanding. That relieves a lot of pressure. We're all learning a lot together."

Stepping into the roles of the "evil stepsisters" are seniors Sarah Lawlis and Amanda Campo, both experienced with theater productions at North.

"It's just so exciting with a new director," Campo said. "And the concept sounded so interesting. I'm a huge history nerd, so the idea of a vaudeville show intrigued me."

Added Lawlis, "I want to pursue musical theater as a career, so I do as much at North as I can. All my friends auditioned. ... It's amazing being part of such a close cast. They're like my family."

Campo said audiences to "A Toby Show" should come with an open mind and expect the unex-

pected.

"It's a Cinderella story, but there's a lot more going on," she said. "It's very wholesome, but still really fun."

"It's hilarious," Lawlis added. "It's old-style comedy ... and even though it's based on the 'Cinderella' you've heard a million times before, it takes it and turns it on its head."

Playing the role of their mother, Mrs. VanUndersquire, is senior Dulcinea Licavoli, a seasoned North theater veteran.

"I auditioned for this production because I love theater and I love performing at North," she said. "I'm excited to be back doing shows again. We haven't had a show in so long."

Her character, who she described as "mean, snotty, pretentious," is an exciting change for Licavoli.

"I'm usually typecast as a nice, sweet character, so this has been fun for me to try new things," she said.

"This show is very silly, very goofy," she added. "You're going to laugh a lot, but it's meant to be taken seriously. It's a good time."

Newcomer Ben Kociba,



COURTESY PHOTO

"A Toby Show" cast members, clockwise from top left, Sarah Lawlis, Amanda Campo, Jake Sachs and Anaya Winesberry.

playing Col. Dinwiddle, said he wanted to take the stage before his high school career was over.

"It's my senior year; I might as well do anything," he said. "It doesn't matter what I'm in as long as I'm having fun and doing something I enjoy. ... I'm very much enjoying myself."

Kociba's character — "I'm whimsical, old, can't hear very well and apparently I have an invisible dog." — is the grandfather of senior Jamison Townsend's Prince Burtock, the show's version of Prince Charming.

"My character is not necessarily charming, but he's handsome and quirky," Townsend said, "and he falls in love with Cindy at first sight."

Townsend — who has never done theater at North before, but was in a production at University of Detroit Jesuit — said he is passionate about performing arts.

"This isn't your average Cinderella story at all," he noted. "There are so many different things going on. Toby is so engaging with the audience."

"The best part, besides the show, is the specialty acts," he added. "That's the coolest part of the show, showcasing different talents."

Like a true Toby show, in between acts, theatergoers can expect to be entertained with specialty acts including an opera singer, tap dancers, ukulele, violin and poetry.

"This is family entertainment at its best,"

Specialty acts

- Comical Poetry — Gabrielle "Bee" Bielak
- Ukulele — Meaghan N. Bland
- Tap Dancer — Benjamin Graham
- Violin — Chloe Harb
- Tap Dancer — Lauren Huizdos
- Opera & Violin — Sloane O'Neill
- Songstress Trio — Karly Harris, Emily Smith and Naima Wright

Gravame said. "Bring the family, have some popcorn and pink lemonade, be prepared to laugh. This is a story you're familiar with — a Cinderella story. Kids will like the silliness, grandparents will like the songs and adults will get the vaudevillian jokes."

The vaudevillian theme carries on through period costumes, as well as the production venue. South's 1928 auditorium fits the feel of the show, said Gravame, who is enjoying his first time working with North's drama students.

"From the get-go, they came so prepared," he said. "As a new director, I told them, 'I will not direct you like kids; I will direct you like adults. ... Come prepared and bring 100 percent all the time.' They've brought it."

Assisting Gravame is sophomore Lynn Dennis, making her student director debut.

She said because she's never heard of a Toby show, nor seen any ver-

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Cindy, portrayed by Anaya Winesberry, dances as if she and the prince are together.



Director Michael Gravame reviews show notes with the cast.

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Grosse Pointe South choirs kick off season with 'Fall Follies'

Grosse Pointe South High School's award-winning show choirs kick off the 2021-22 season with two performances Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16, with their annual "Fall Follies" show at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Both shows begin at 7 p.m.

The shows feature all three choirs — The Pointe Singers, The Tower Belles and South Singers — as well as the extracurricular a cappella group, The Suspensions, and solo performances. Grosse Pointe South Choir is under the new

direction of Vince Matia. Tickets are on sale now. All tickets are \$15 and may be found on the choir website, gpsouthchoir.org.

Other performances for 2021 include:

◆ Sunday, Nov. 14 — South Sings in the Park, an evening of music with Grosse Pointe South Choir students

◆ Friday, Nov. 19 — Tree Lighting in The Village

◆ Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4 — Sounds of the Season at Brownell Middle School

◆ Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11 — Caroling in the Community

New MDHHS guidance changes district quarantine policy

By Michael Hartt
Staff Intern

At the Sept. 27 board of education meeting, Superintendent Jon Dean announced the Grosse Pointe Public School System will follow new guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding COVID-19 quarantines in schools.

Previous GPPSS pol-

icy required that students be contact-traced if they were seated within three feet of an infected individual and they could return to school with a negative COVID-19 test after seven days or without a test after 10 days. This policy was enforced regardless of whether both students were masked at the time of close contact.

The new MDHHS

guidance generally states that — regardless of vaccination or daily testing status — if both students are masked, there is no need for a student who has been exposed to a positive student to quarantine. The only exception is if a student is unvaccinated, does not do daily COVID-19 testing and is within three feet of a positive student. In that situation, the guidance

specifies the exposed student should not remain in school.

Dean said the new policy is good for the district overall, as it will limit how much time students will miss from school as a result of COVID-19 exposures.

"(The new guidance) is going to keep more kids in school, which is a good thing, and still keep our kids safe," Dean said.

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sion of it, she's excited to put her own twist on it.

"It's a cool show," she said. "It's for everyone. Little kids and older people will enjoy it. It's funny, especially for right now. It's a heartwarming, lighthearted show for

any age group."

Added Gravame, "Toby popped up after World War I when the world was coming back from such a tragic event. Now, how many years later, the country is coming back from a tragic event. It's a clever way of doing a Cinderella story."

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through

Saturday, Oct.

14 to 16, with

a 2 p.m. matinee

Saturday, Oct.

16.

Tickets are

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Anaya Winesberry holds up Cindy's "glass slipper."



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Color run a success

The Brownell Middle School PTO promoted, organized and conducted a color run fundraiser Friday, Oct. 1. Brownell students raised more than \$2,000, with additional pledge money accepted until Thursday, Oct. 7. The school goal is \$12,000 and the individual student goal is \$50. Students who turned in varying levels of pledges were entered into raffles. Prizes include a "Fun Night" at Brownell; a bicycle, skateboard or Rollerblades from Bikes, Blades and Boards; AMC gift cards; tickets to DYN0 Detroit; a visit from the Kona Ice Truck and more. Funds raised will be used for field trips, assemblies, after-school enrichment, supplies and other events typically supported by the PTO.

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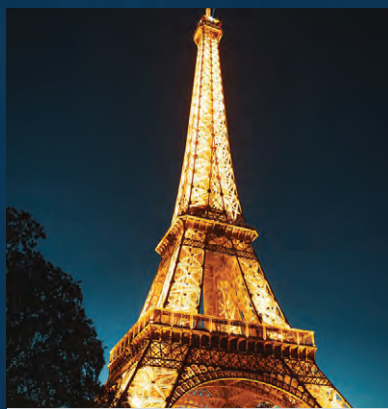
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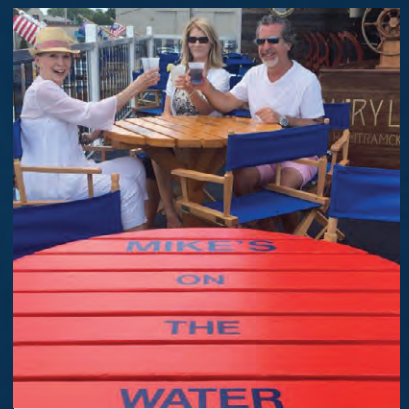
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Taking the stage

Grosse Pointe Theatre opens 74th season with 'Some Enchanted Evening'

After a longer-than-anticipated "intermission," Grosse Pointe Theatre returns to the stage to open its 74th season — its first live, indoors performance since January 2020, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The season kicks off with "Some Enchanted Evening — the Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein," to be performed Oct. 15-24, at Pierce Middle School.

The show offers a collection of Rodgers and Hammerstein compositions and places five performers in a theatrical setting: first "backstage," where the songs are sung as personal interplay, then "onstage" where the songs are presented to an audience. The ensemble of five singers will



Cast members Danielle Caralis, left, and Kimberly Elliot rehearse with director Don Bischoff.

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entertain with "Shall We Dance" from "The King and I," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair" from "South Pacific," "Soliloquy" from "Carousel" and many others. The show is directed



COURTESY PHOTO

Zak Shugart and Kimberly Elliott are among the performers in "Some Enchanted Evening."

by Grosse Pointe Theatre member Don Bischoff, who also directed its last production of "Guys and Dolls" before the pandemic shutdown.

The cast of "Some Enchanted Evening" includes Ryan Bowie of

Detroit, Danielle Caralis of Birmingham, Kimberly Elliott of Canton, Kristina Kamm Mardlin of Warren and Zak Shugart of Troy. In addition to Bischoff, the crew includes Amy Ricker of Washington Township, producer; Stan Harr of Grosse Pointe Shores, vocal and music director; Danielle Caralis of Birmingham, apprentice director; Arlene Schoenherr of St. Clair Shores, stage manager; Rick Hawley of St. Clair Shores, tech director; Stephanie Butler of Grosse Pointe Park, costumes; Lyndsey Briggs of Grosse Pointe Woods, props and set dress; Paul Gonzales of Grosse Pointe Park, sound; Eric Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Woods, lighting;



Left, Ryan Bowie rehearses a scene from "Some Enchanted Evening" with Kristina Kamm-Mardlin. Right, director Don Bischoff, center, speaks to the cast during a recent rehearsal.

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Zoo Boo back for nine days in October

All 125 acres of the Detroit Zoo will be open for this annual "merry-not-scary" Halloween celebration. Presented by Beaumont Children's, Zoo Boo takes place from 2 to 6 p.m. the weekends of Oct. 8 to 10, 15 to 17 and 22 to 24, rain or shine. The zoo will close at 1 p.m. those days to prepare for the event.

Family-friendly favorites from past Zoo Boo events will return, including extreme pumpkin carving, mesmerizing mimes, a flash mob, superhero reenactments, a joking juggler and the live musical stage show, Zoo Boo Revue.

The entire zoo will be open, allowing guests to visit their favorite animals while stopping for photo opportunities and educational activities. Guests young and old are



encouraged to wear costumes and every child will receive a goodie bag; however, this is not a trick-or-treating event. Ticket prices for Zoo Boo range from \$13 to

\$19, based on day and time. Children younger than 2 are admitted free. Pre-sale time slots for Zoo Boo are 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4 and 4:30 p.m. Parking is \$8 per car

for members and guests. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Walk-up tickets will not be sold at the gate. Zoo Boo guests can take a one-way ride on



the Tauber Family Railroad for \$3 per person or go for a spin on the carousel, sponsored by Meijer, for \$3 per person.

Beaumont Children's experts are providing tips to help families enjoy a safe and happy Halloween at Beaumont.

org/zoo-boo. Zoo Boo is also supported by Blue Care Network, T-Mobile, Doetsch Environmental Services, IBEW Local 58, MECU, DTE Energy and KeyBank.

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Z Fest supports Kevin's Song, suicide awareness and prevention

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Zach Rockwell was a championship sailor, a good kid and a fun person who did well in school, his father said.

It was a shock to family and friends when the 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident took his own life in February 2020.

"He was a happy kid, a successful sailor," Alex Rockwell said of his son. "People just loved him. ... This came out of nowhere."

Following Zach's death, the Rockwells received support from

John and Gail Urso, founders of Kevin's Song, a group that empowers communities to prevent suicide and offers hope and healing to survivors. The organization has been such a support, Rockwell wanted to do something to give back.

In Zach's honor, the first Z Fest Music Festival takes place 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Cadieux Café, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Doors open at 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit Kevin's Song.

"Our lives are very affected by suicide," Rockwell said, noting his wife, Allyson, was

involved with Kevin's Song even before their son's death; her sister also died by suicide. "The organization is great. And I'm a musician. I wanted to do something positive and fun, but also provide outreach to educate and prevent suicide and support people who've had suicide in their lives."

Z Fest features live music from Noah Dakho, The T-Junction Blues Band, Mortal Soul, Rocky & The Resets and J.C. & The Disciples.

Rockwell currently is a member of Rocky & The Resets; he previously played with Mortal Soul.

"This is our closest opportunity for suicide awareness and trying to prevent suicide," Rockwell said. "We want it to grow with outreach groups, talking panels, food trucks. We want it to get bigger, but we just wanted to get it on the radar this year. Plus, with COVID, we wanted to keep it small. We hope as we move forward to have it grow and have more sponsors."

Selecting Kevin's Song as the beneficiary of concert proceeds was a given, he added.

"Kevin's Song are people who have been in our lives since we've suf-

fered from this. There's so many avenues to seek help, Kevin's Song being our local group. Being with other people who have been through this experience is very supportive and I find it very helpful. There's life after tragedy.

"My wife and I worked hard for the last 18 months to put ourselves in a place where we can live," he added. "You have to keep living. Reaching out to people who've experienced it is really important."

"Other parents are there to offer support. ... Profound grief is extremely hard and you

don't have to do it alone." Rockwell said he hopes to have a good turnout of people to raise money for Kevin's Song.

"We're looking forward to a successful event," he said. "This is a celebration of life and support for people who've had to go through this. What Gail and John do — teaching our community, going into schools — preventing suicide is a tall order, but we're going to try."

Tickets to Z Fest are \$10; donations also are welcome.

Learn more about Kevin's Song at kevinsong.org.

Grosse Pointe Symphony returns to the stage

After an 18-month hiatus, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra opens its 69th season with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The orchestra, under the baton of conductor and music director Joe Striplin, will perform Rossini's "Overture to La Gazza Ladra," Schubert's Symphony No. 8 ("the Unfinished") and Copland's "An Outdoor Overture." The concert will conclude with "A Lincoln Portrait," featuring Star of the Sea's Msgr. Gary Smetanka narrating Aaron Copland's musical celebration of the 16th President.

A pre-concert lecture introducing and discussing the concert music, presented by Davis Gloff of 90.9 WRCJ-FM, begins at



Conductor and music director Joe Striplin

6:30 p.m. Orchestra members are all fully vaccinated and will mask while not playing; the audience is requested to socially distance their concert seating and wear a mask.

While the orchestra has not performed in the concert hall since early 2020, the musicians and board of directors have worked diligently throughout the pandemic to keep the orchestra ready for its eventual return to the stage. On the business side, the orchestra, faced with the absence of traditional fundraising oppor-

tunities, launched and successfully completed a \$10,000 matching gift campaign.

"Although we initially wondered whether the timing and circumstance were right to undertake this effort, we were overwhelmed and grateful by the way our audience, musicians, sponsors and everyone else in the orchestra family gladly stepped up to support us," said William Hulsker, president of the GPSO Board.

For their part, the orchestra's musicians found ways to work within the social distancing and masking requirements to keep in playing shape, while also finding ways to make music for themselves and the orchestra's audience and supporters. Board member Sonia Lee, a violinist formerly with the Toronto Symphony, teamed with Marguerite Deslippe, violinist Hart Hollman and cellist David LeDoux — all Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians who also play with and coach

the GPSO — to make a video recording of a string quartet and post it to the orchestra's website, gpsymphony.org.

Lee then teamed with principal oboist Kerry Russo to record and post the Mozart oboe quartet and in July, principal trumpet player Scott Schroeder responded on behalf of the brass and percussion sections by recording and posting a brass ensemble accompanied by tympani and Star of the Sea's sanctuary pipe organ. In the meantime, other orchestra musicians played in a variety of informal small ensembles for friends, neighbors and sometimes strangers in backyards and occasionally in picnic shelters in public parks.

The orchestra's efforts to stay ready payed off this past June when COVID restrictions had lifted enough for the orchestra to perform an outdoor concert, limited to 150 audience members. Rehearsals were organized as individual small section ensembles and the full orchestra met for a



Msgr. Gary Smetanka will narrate Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait."

single full rehearsal in an open-air tent on the lakefront lawn behind The War Memorial. A week later, the orchestra performed the concert as a benefit for the Full Circle Foundation, an organization that serves the Grosse Pointe special needs community and was faced with its own fundraising challenges.

The orchestra's 69th season continues with a holiday concert Dec. 12, and additional concerts March 6 and May 29. Season tickets and additional information may be obtained at the orchestra's website, gpsymphony.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Talk: Detroit History with Jamon Jordan, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.
 - ◆ Harvest Day, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9.
 - ◆ Explorers: Planting the Education Garden, 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14.
 - ◆ Maker Studio: Photo Editing for Beginners, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.
 - ◆ Pumpkin Painting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17.
 - ◆ Archive Your Story: Digital Photos, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19.
 - ◆ Game Night: Board Games, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.
 - ◆ Little Goblins, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.
 - ◆ Contemporary Explorative Movement with Company One, 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.
 - ◆ Big Goblins, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29.
- For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The Helm

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Travels with Rufus, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, with Rufus McLaugh. Cost is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Fireside Chat with

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GPAAS celebrates 25 years: Party planned Oct. 10

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society has been a fixture in the community 25 years, providing care and shelter to lost pets, stray and injured animals.

To celebrate its quarter century in the community, GPAAS hosts a 25th anniversary party from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at its Thomas A. Mackey Adoption Center, 20542 Harper, Harper Woods.

"At GPAAS, we often say, 'We cannot be there for you, unless you are there for us' and that

could not be more true," said Lauren Feldman, GPAAS social media director. "Our community is the reason we are still here and thriving after 25 years. Whenever we ask for food donations, emergency foster homes, volunteers and send out our annual appeal, we are constantly reminded how grateful we are for our GPAAS community. Any time we provide community outreach, advice and education about pet ownership, it is received with nothing but gratitude. We would not be here if it wasn't for our wonderful community and family of

volunteers.

"They are the reason why we are throwing a party for the community to celebrate our 25th anniversary," she added. "We want to throw a celebration for everyone to commemorate our 25 years serving the community all thanks to their help. All are welcome to attend."

The party includes National Coney Island food and ice cream tickets, which cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children younger than 12. Additionally, The Sun Messengers will entertain with live music and a basket raffle is part of the

festivities. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the party.

Though the event takes place outdoors, tours of the facility, which opened in 2020, also will be available.

"As with all shelters and rescues in the area, things have been very busy and very full," Feldman said. "We have a constant flow of stray animals coming in and kitten season has stretched throughout the summer. While interest has been steady, we have more animals available for adoption than we do interested adoptees."

Since its inception,

GPAAS has found adoptive homes for more than 8,000 rescued animals. Apart from providing financial assistance or adopting, there are other ways supporters can make sure GPAAS is a part of the community another 25 years.

"We are looking for more volunteer help, especially with people who are able to walk our stronger dogs during our volunteer walking hours — every day for one hour, at 8 a.m., noon and 4 p.m.," Feldman said. "We also are looking for volunteers to help with out kitten and cat enrichment

and feedings."

Feldman is organizing a "Brunch & Barks" volunteer event this fall, with hopes of gaining interest from potential new volunteers looking to get involved with GPAAS.

"Growing reports show even a brief one-hour interaction with animals can decrease human stress levels and increase joy in their lives," she said. "What better way to pay it forward while also doing yourself a favor, than come walk dogs or play with kittens for an hour at our facility?"

For more information, visit gpaas.org.

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and Tracy Bischoff of Macomb, set design and scenic painting.

"We are thrilled to be back to live theater," Executive Director Linda Zublick said. "Grosse Pointe Theatre came through the pandemic a stronger organization with a keen eye on our purpose and an invigorated desire to perform. We thank the community for its continued support and cannot wait to entertain you."

Grosse Pointe Theatre has put several safety precautions in place as it returns to the stage. All audience members are required to wear face masks, as performances are in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and there is a Wayne County mask mandate in place. Vaccinations are required for all cast and crew members. Although there are not currently any state-mandated indoor capacity restrictions, Grosse Pointe Theatre has made the decision to socially distance the audience at this time. Seating will be alternating rows to allow for adequate safety. Digital ticketing and ticketless check-in will allow for smooth entry into the theater with minimal contact.

"We will be opening the doors 30 minutes before performances and



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Above, Stan Harr, vocal and music director, and pianist Dennis Penney share their expertise during a rehearsal for "Some Enchanted Evening." Right, Tracy Bischoff, set designer and scenic artist, paints a backdrop.



'Some Enchanted Evening'

◆ When: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15; 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21; 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

◆ Where: Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ How: For tickets, visit gpt.org/tickets or call the ticket office at (313) 881-4004.

asking our patrons to take their seats right away to avoid a crowded lobby area," Zublick said. "We have considered all details to insure our audiences have a safe and enjoyable experience at the theater."

"This is the perfect

show for our return to the stage," Bischoff said. "The music of Rodgers and Hammerstein is familiar to everyone and is sure to make the audience smile. The talented cast really brings these songs to life and the entire production offers

an enchanted evening for the audience."

Caralis, current Grosse Pointe Theatre president, is serving dual roles on this show.

"I'm honored to be serving as apprentice director and also a cast member of our first show back," she said. "I'm so excited to be a part of 'Some Enchanted Evening.' It's going to be

exhilarating to perform in front of a live audience again. We've been waiting for 21 months to get back to business and I can't wait to share the energy in that room with our beloved patrons and supporters."

Season subscriber packages and single tickets to all shows are available online at gpt.org/tickets.

Other shows planned for Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2021-22 mainstage season include "Marty Bufalini's It's a Wonderful Life — The Radio Show," "Nunsense," "I Hate Hamlet" and "The Sound of Music." The Purdon Studio Theatre will feature the play, "Talk Radio."



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Dreamy gala a highlight of the season

The Helm hosts 25th annual gala Oct. 14, along with virtual auction

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Helm at the Boll Life Center will host its 25th annual gala in person this year, with an online component, following a successful virtual event in 2020.

"Last year, we had great results with the silent auction online," said Peggy Hayes, executive director. "People can see the items ahead of time and start bidding."

The silent auction goes live Friday, Oct. 8, and ends when the in-person program begins Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

"People can be bidding until the last minute," Hayes added. "Usually bringing a cell phone to a social event is discouraged, but we encourage people to use their phones so they can bid on silent auction items."

While tickets to the in-person event are limited, anyone can participate in the online auction.

"Also, live auction items will be on that website," Hayes said, "so you can start planning on what to bid on."

Silent auction items include original paintings by local artists; jewelry, various tours including the Piquette Plant and the Gilmore Car Museum, home and garden decor, spa and salon services and more.

"These are things you can't just walk up and buy a ticket for," Hayes said. "And you can bid on them from the luxury of your own home."

Live auction items include a Cartier watch donated by Edmund t. AHÉE jewelers, trips to Paris and Umbria and a three-night stay at the Nemaconlin four-season resort in Pennsylvania.

Hayes said for those who are interested in a live auction item but can't attend the event, The Helm can arrange proxy bidders to do the work for them at the in-person gala, which also includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a paddle call and socializing. Call The Helm at (313) 882-9600 for details.

Longtime supporters of The Helm, Peggy and Peter Kross, will be honored this year.

"Peggy started our medical escort program 20 years ago," Hayes said. "It's a benefit for seniors who can't get around themselves or who need assistance."

The couple is involved in several other community programs, including Little League, garden clubs, the school system and mentorship programs.

"These two are very important to us and to

the community," Hayes added.

In addition to the Krosses, all 24 past honorees will be noted.

"It's quite a prestigious lineup we've honored over the years," she said.

The gala also includes a raffle with prizes such as a pearl and diamond necklace donated by LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists; \$600 in gift cards from six restaurants including The Bronze Door and Da Edoardo, and a range of cash prizes.

"We'll be doing the drawing that night," Hayes said. "Tickets are already selling. That has been traditionally really supportive of the gala. It's a fun chance to win a wonderful prize."

Another way people can show their support of The Helm is through its Wall of Stars. In line with the program's "Silver Dream" theme, people can visit The Helm, make a donation in their own name or a loved one's name, and a star will be added to the wall at The Helm.

"The fun part is, for any donation, the donor gets to draw a surprise package from our bin of prizes," Hayes said. "It could be candy, it could be jewelry, it could be a candle. We have all sorts of stuff. All the money goes toward the gala to support The Helm."

"... All of this is critical for The Helm to maintain all the services we offer," she added, noting the gala accounts for 40 percent of the organization's funding. "... It's critical we do well. We have a great running start on this, great support from community. I can't say enough about businesses who donated to silent and live auctions. Everyone really stepped up during what's been a difficult year. The great support of businesses and the community is what makes these events successful."

Hayes said she's grateful to all event sponsors, including title sponsor Ascension St. John Hospital, as well as everyone who's helped organize this year's event.

"We have a wonderful group of volunteers," she noted. "This is a real team effort. My staff is working hard."

"I think ours is one of the best parties in town," she continued. "It kicks off the holiday season; you can start Christmas shopping early. You can get everyone on your list covered and you don't have to leave Grosse Pointe. I hope everyone can come join us and have a good time — and go online."

Tickets to the gala are \$250. To register and view the auction items, visit helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala.



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Above, shining bright at the 2019 gala are from left, Doug Blatt, chairman of the Helm Board of Trustees; Prudence Cole-Klimisch, vice chair of the Helm Board of Trustees and Peggy Hayes, executive director, The Helm.



A wide variety of items will be up for auction and can be previewed online before the bidding ends Oct. 14. Featured auction items include sports memorabilia, jewelry, gift baskets, event/tour tickets and more.



Fall full of fun and activity at The Helm

As the weather cools and the summer sun fades, The Helm is amping up its indoor programming to keep area seniors active this fall. Masks are required and class sizes are limited to help keep everyone healthy. For more information or to register for the following classes, visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

✦ Keep fit with Drums Alive, a workout program designed to give the mind and body instant feedback through continuous movement and rhythmic flow. It takes place 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Friday in October and every Monday in November, with instructor Rosa Hunter. Each class costs \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

✦ Other exercise classes at The Helm include Active Fit, which incorporates cardio, strength, flexibility and balance, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; Continuing Tai Chi, for those with previous tai chi experience at The Helm, from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays; and Strength and Balance, from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, with instructors Carolyn Bradt and Erika Page. Each class costs \$6 for members or \$8 for nonmembers.

✦ For those looking for an alternative workout, that accommodates all, the Seated Full-Body

Workout Routine meets 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays. This class combines strength training, flexibility and cardio conditioning, and includes standing chair support for balance and mobility.

✦ Exercise is just one part of keeping a body fit. Good nutrition also is key. The Helm welcomes Dr. Lakshmi Saleem, who will offer Indian cooking lessons featuring a vegetarian cuisine from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

✦ Exercising the mind is just as important as the body, especially for older adults. The Helm offers the following "Learn and Grow" activities to keep seniors engaged and learning.

✦ Fireside Chat with the Housing Experts, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, with real estate specialists Donna O'Neill and Mimi Koppang. The topic is "Smart Home Products for Seniors."

✦ Neurobics for the Brain, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, with facilitator Kathy Housey and a certified yoga instructor.

✦ Speak French with Deborah, 2 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays, Nov. 3 to Dec. 15, with Deborah DuFour. Cost is \$55 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

✦ New to Medicare workshop, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9. The Helm's Medicare counselors can help those turning 65 sort through the Medicare maze — what's covered, what isn't covered, costs, pros and cons of different plan options and how to sign up. To reserve a space, call (313) 649-2110 or email asaigh@helmlife.org.

✦ If entertainment is more your speed, The Helm has several movies lined up in October and November. Each one costs \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks with the movie, which starts at 12:30 p.m. On tap Friday, Oct. 22, is "South Pacific." Catch "Midway" Friday, Nov. 5. And don't miss "Breakfast at Tiffany's" Friday, Nov. 19.

✦ A few special events also are planned in the coming weeks, including The Helm's Halloween party, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. Sponsored by Advantage Living Center, the party costs \$12 for members and \$18 for nonmembers. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. The event includes musical entertainment, catered lunch from Polish Village and a

costume contest.

✦ The Helm's Veterans Day celebration is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11. Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe American House at Cottage, the event includes a flag ceremony courtesy of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Color Guard, the presentation of medals to veterans in honor of their service, by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and patriotic songs by the Grosse Pointe Men's Club choir. All veterans are invited to attend this special ceremony, which includes a luncheon prepared by Grosse Pointe American House at Cottage. Guests are asked to indicate their branch of service when making a reservation.

✦ Rounding off the month of November, The Helm hosts a Thanksgiving party from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers, and includes a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie. Live entertainment also is included.

This is just the tip of the winter iceberg for older adults. For a full list of fall programming at The Helm, visit helmlife.org.

Fall flavors shine in a chewy cookie

Healthy ingredients take guilt out of autumn treat

Fall is a season of cooler temperatures and changing leaves, and it also marks the return of autumn flavor profiles.

Carrot cake and oatmeal cookies are familiar favorites this time of year. In this recipe for "Carrot Cake Oatmeal Cookies" from "Live Well Bake Cookies" (Quarto Group) by Danielle Rye, delicious spiced carrot cake is transformed into a soft and chewy cookie.

Carrot Cake Oatmeal Cookies

Makes 22 cookies

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, leveled
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup freshly grated carrots
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, ground



cinnamon, ground nutmeg, and ground ginger until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.

Mix in the egg and vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then fold in the grated carrots, raisins and chopped walnuts until fully incorporated.

Using a 1 1/2 tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days.

Build enriching late-life friendships



Making friends as a child or even as a parent to school-aged children is relatively easy. Classrooms and school functions facilitate the building of friendships. Even as one gets older and enters the workforce, it's not uncommon for people to become friends with their coworkers.

As people near retirement age, their situations may have changed considerably. Children have moved out, careers are coming to an end and friendships may be hard to maintain due to people relocating or traveling. Older adults may aspire to make new friends, but they may not know how.

According to Irene S Levine, Ph.D., The Friendship Doctor and contributor to Psychology Today, it is not unique for seniors to want to make new friends. Age can be a barrier because there are stereotypes that pigeonhole people of certain ages. But Levine notes that state of mind and physical ability is not directly tied to chronological age. Making friends is possible at any age. These guidelines can help along the way.

- Explore online connections. A 2016 study published in the Journal of Gerontology found seniors (even those in their 80s) who stay connected with friends and family using social media report feeling less lonely and better overall. Connected seniors also demonstrated higher executive reasoning skills. There are plenty of ways to meet new people online by joining social

media groups that cater to your interests. In person meetings in particular cities or regions of the country also can make for great ways to make new friends. Exercise caution when meeting people in person after contacting them online. You can bring another person along, whether it's a spouse or an adult child, if you have safety concerns.

- Volunteer your time. One way to meet new people is to get involved with causes or activities you love. This serves the double benefit of getting you outside and active and puts you in touch with people who share your passions and interests.

- Attend alumni events. If you have an interest getting in touch with someone from your past and reconnecting, make the time to attend school reunions and other alumni activities. It can be fun to reconnect with friends from high school or college.

- Join a gym. The local gym isn't just a great place to get physically fit. Group exercise classes also can be ideal places to meet other people who enjoy working out. Strike up a conversation with another class participant you see on a regular basis. Once you develop a rapport, schedule lunch dates so your friendship grows outside of the gym.

Making friends is important for people of all ages and is a great way to enhance a happy life.

Sexton honored for 50 years of service



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Sexton Willie Barber at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The light in Willie Barber's eyes reflects the spectacular smile hidden behind his mask.

It's the kind of light he carries throughout the day, from task to task, whether behind the DJ booth as his alter ego "Dr. B.B." or caring for the building and grounds of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Barber recently was recognized for serving 50 years as the church's sexton, a position he had planned to have one month when he first was hired in 1971.

"Here I am 50 years later," he said. "What happened is I got to know the people; I got to love them."

GPUC wasn't the first job Barber took when he moved to Michigan from his native Georgia. He was hired on the spot at Sanders and worked in the dairy department. A friend he made there introduced him to the church, which at the time was in need of some TLC.

"This place was a mess — dirty, overgrown," he said.

Barber, who lives on Detroit's west side, works at least 20 hours a week at the church, though he's been known to put in more time. He handles most of the electrical, boiler and air conditioning work, among other tasks, he said.

Much of the flowers and plants that grace church grounds are Barber's handiwork, though, "that's not in my contract," he said.

"I sort of take care of everything," the 77-year-old added. "The new guy in charge of the building, though, he doesn't want me to work so hard. But I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing."

During 50 years, Barber has worked under six ministers, but he's also worked for thousands of adoring fans as "Dr. B.B."

"I did a little DJ-ing in high school and college," he said, noting his love for music.

His skills were put to the test years ago during a New Year's Eve party in Birmingham after the bandleader walked out. Barber, who was helping serve wine, was asked to step in.

"It was a great success," he said. "I've been doing it ever since."

Barber said though he started on the west side, his DJ services were a hit in several Grosse Pointe schools. He also DJ-ed police balls, he said, and in the 1980s, began DJ-ing for Make a Wish Foundation parties and fundraisers, which he did 25 years. He provided music for Red Wings and Pistons events as well.

"I got a kick out of plugging my music into Joe Louis Arena and seeing 17,000 kids skate with the Red Wings," he added.

Just as his reputation as a DJ spread, his work as a sexton also earned him additional short-term gigs at churches on the west side.

"But this is my home," he said of GPUC. "It's all love. ... They've been taking care of me, but of course I've been taking care of them for 50 years."

"You give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you," he added.

The love of the people at GPUC, Barber believes, carried him through three heart attacks and the death of his 16-year-old daughter from lupus.

"As a whole, the people here took me in their arms," he said. "It feels so good. These people are responsible for all of this. ... The No. 1 thing in the world is respect. That's why I stick with Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church."

"I just do the best I can to make everybody happy and do unto others as I would have them do to me," he added. "The people here are the closest I've seen to achieving that."

Though the church established a retirement plan for the part-time worker, Barber said he has no plans to step down from his role anytime soon.

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing — DJ-ing and working here," he said. "I'll continue until they kick me out. My mother always said, it's better to wear out than to rust out."

"She always had these expressions: Never put all your eggs in one basket," he continued. "But the main one was: Never hate. ... Good will always outdo evil. Be happy. That solves a whole lot of problems."

Barber said he has very few regrets about how he's lived his life.

"When I have done my best, I feel like I have made it," he said. "I try to give everybody the best I have. Sometimes the best comes back to me."

"I'm happy with what I'm doing," he added. "I'm just going to keep on and stay the course. When I leave this earth, I want my epitaph to say 'Loved By All.' That's what I'd like it to read. That is life."

GPUC celebrated Barber's 50 years at the church after worship Sunday, Sept. 12.

"Willie has been with GPUC longer than all but a few of us," the Rev. Dr. Alexander Riegel said. "He has helped shape the heart and soul of GPUC for 50 years. His kindness, graciousness, patience and loving presence is an integral part of our beloved community."

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OBITUARIES

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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 on 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 1966. She always tried 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.

Keith A. Leibbrand

Keith A. Leibbrand passed away in Bellevue, Wash., Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

Keith embodied kindness, support and love throughout his life. He was born March 20, 1924, to farmers, Myrtle and Edward Leibbrand in Jordan, Minn. He was the fourth of five sons.

Farm life instilled resourcefulness and teamwork. In addition to many fond memories of farm life with his brothers, Keith loved the woodwork and metal shop class taught by one of his favorite high school teachers and family friends. Keith earned his chauffeur’s license when he was 18 so he could drive the school bus his father built to make transporting his sons and neighboring farm kids to school more economical and efficient. During the summer, the homemade school bus was converted to a recreational vehicle for the family trips to Greenwood Lake, Minn.

Keith was valedictorian of his high school class; his uncle sold a cow to ensure he would be the first of his family to attend college. He started at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., but World War II changed his course; after enlisting in the Navy, he attended St. Mary’s officers school in Winona, Minn. He eventually became the executive officer of a submarine chaser stationed in Boston and later captained a sub chaser in the Philippines. Shortly before VE Day, he met the love of his life, Christine “Crit” Curtis at the officer’s club at Copley Square, Boston. Before he was able to convince Crit to marry him and during their engagement, Keith attended four more institutions, finishing at M.I.T. Keith and Crit married in 1951, and he became a research chemist/engineer for U.S. Rubber (later Uniroyal) at the research labs in New Jersey. When Uniroyal decided to move many of its research engineers to its main plant in Detroit, Keith and his family, which now included three young boys, moved to Grosse Pointe in 1959.

Keith challenged himself over the years by enrolling in various adult education classes, including Dale Carnegie, caning (to repair chairs from Crit’s family), painting and investment. Ever supportive and positive, Keith, along with a son who had a strong interest in woodworking, transformed one storage room in the basement into a rather complete woodworking shop. He was a well-respected Little League football and baseball coach by both parents and players. Keith was the Cub Scout Master of Pack 74 and a regular parent volunteer for Boy Scout Pack 74 at Richard Elementary School

through extended participation by all three sons.

Crit taught Keith tennis, which led to frequent matches with family and friends over many years at the Neighborhood Club and Indian Village Tennis Club, of which they were members since 1959. A good portion of the 70 pounds of reel-to-reel 8 mm home movies Keith took showed his family learning to ski and friends advancing their skills at Skyline in Roscommon in the 1960s. He was inspired by a friend’s skiing injury to develop a concept of a rear-view mirror on a ski helmet to help avoid collisions by out-of-control skiers. Further skiing adventures with family and/or old or new friends through the Wayne State Alumni Association and the Grosse Pointe Ski Club included Bormio, Italy; Aspen and Steamboat Springs, Colo.; Big Sky, Mont.; Lake Louise, Banff and Whistler Mountain, Canada.

Keith and Crit, either together or with their respective groups, loved to golf once the kids were out of the house. A golfing highlight was a hole-in-one he made at a course in Ludington which his wife, three sons and a nephew all witnessed.

Keith and Crit were steadfast members and participants in Christ Church Grosse Pointe. They were regular attendees of the Wednesday evening dinners with speakers and discussion. They took extensive training to become Stephen Ministers and ministered many hours.

Keith was a long time secretary of the 10 Min Club, a local branch of the National Association of Investment Clubs, later becoming a director. In retirement, he enjoyed the Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club, volunteering for multiple duties.

Keith also learned bridge through Crit and many bridge games were played, but the defining card game of Keith and the Leibbrand family was STOP, a version of solitaire that was anything but solitary: He gave two thumbs up when anyone of any age would ask him to play.

Keith was predeceased by his wife, Crit. Keith and Crit’s lives will be forever celebrated by his sons and their families, Curtis (Louise Wright), Todd (Jane) and Brad (Carol); their grandchildren, Adena Leibbrand, Charles Leibbrand, Alexander Leibbrand, Lara Allen (Rob), Robbie Allen (Katie), Christine Leibbrand and Michelle Leibbrand; and great-grandchildren, Holden Butler, Elliot Butler, Lily Butler, Mila Allen and Marley Allen.

A memorial service at Christ Church Grosse Pointe may occur at a later date.

Donations in Keith’s name may be made to Best Kids, 1212 4th Street SE #201, Washington, D.C. 20003, bestkids.org; or, Kalamazoo Central High School Tennis Programs, c/o Maroon Foundation-Tennis Program, kcmaroonfoundation@gmail.com.



Dina Soresi Winter



Keith A. Leibbrand



Elizabeth R. Johnson



James Warren Hanika



Constance H. Browning



Debra S. Gripton

Elizabeth “Liz” Rose Johnson

Elizabeth “Liz” Rose Johnson (nee Rooney), 84, passed away peacefully at her Grosse Pointe home Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.

She was born Nov. 9, 1936, in Detroit, to James Rooney and Rose Rooney (nee Dougan), both now deceased. She graduated from Dominican High School in 1954 and University of Detroit in 1958.

Her greatest joy was her 14 grandchildren who loved her dearly and to whom she was devoted. Her family was her life. Elizabeth was a gifted artist, writer, gardener and player of word games and puzzles.

She was predeceased by her sister, Bridget Donovan and her loving husband, Edward Carl Johnson. She is survived by her children, Julia Trautschold (Martin), Bridget O’Shea (John), Kristin Baer (George) and “Ned” Edward Jr. (Liz), all of Grosse Pointe.

A private family memorial will be held. Inurnment will be at the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church columbarium in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made in Elizabeth’s name to the Capuchins at thecapuchins.org/donate-detroit or the Alzheimer’s Association at act.alz.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 for NASA for several years, he moved back to Grosse Pointe to work with Chrysler.

James devoted his life to and loved spending time with his family. He was so proud that he built by hand his vaca-

tion 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 best 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 when the family was all together.

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. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara and his brother, Jack.

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Constance Helen Browning

Constance Helen Browning passed away at Sunrise on Vernier Saturday, May 16, 2020. She was a long-time resident of Grosse Pointe Park and a member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe Episcopal.

Constance was born Constance Helen Thomson on Nov. 8, 1926, in Goderich, Ontario, Canada, to George E. Thomson and Madelyn Thomson, both now deceased. Her paternal grandfather, Alfred Thomson, was a minister in the Methodist Church in Goderich.

She grew up in Detroit and graduated in 1944 from Northern High School. Constance earned her degree from Wayne State University and was a teacher and administrator in the Detroit Public Schools for many years. Her last position with DPS was as an assistant principal at Nolan Middle School.

After retiring from the Detroit schools, Constance continued her career as a counselor and assistant principal at St. Dennis Catholic Elementary School in Royal Oak.

Constance was a member of the Detroit Golf Club, an avid tennis player and enjoyed contract bridge. She was well-versed in current events, politics, literature and greatly appreciated good conversation.

Her marriage to Tex Browning ended in divorce.

A memorial service takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Debra S. Gripton

Debra S. Gripton, 67, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, Sept. 6, 2021.

Debra was born in Bellevue, Ohio, to Louise (nee Bigham) and Daniel Helber, both now deceased.

She graduated from Bellevue High School in 1972, and pursued a degree in psychology with a minor in French from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. She later pursued a master’s degree in business. She had a successful career with the United States Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command as a program manager.

Debra was a master “to-do” list maker; a lover of animals (many cats made their home with her, including some neighborhood cats); a passionate gardener and green thumb, always humbling Lindsey; a lover of books, especially Stephen King and Anne Rice; a feeder of backyard birds and keeper of fresh birdbath water; an avid concert goer; a loyal friend; and a thoughtful soul who never forgot to send a birthday or holiday card filled with a warm sentiment, a piece of gum, cartoon and a dollar bill. She will be immensely missed.

She is survived by her daughters, Lindsey (Oliver) and Eve Appelbe (née Morgan); stepson, Charles III (Tammi); grandchildren, Jack, Max and Ella; and siblings, Joan Richmond (Thomas), Kent (Helen) and Diane Hess (Lionel). She also is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Gripton Jr.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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Marlene Rose DeWulf

Marlene Rose DeWulf, 87, passed away peacefully Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

She was born Dec. 15, 1934, in Detroit, to Wendell Lochbiler and Isabelle Lochbiler, both now deceased.

She will be remembered for her kind and nurturing heart. Her marriage to her beloved Donald was the epitome of true love. Her biggest love in her life was her family. She was married to Donald for 68 years until his passing in 2020.

Marlene was proud of her children, Michael DeWulf (Pamela), Sally Semaan (Thomas), Peter (Athena), Elizabeth Laney (Stephen) and the late Donnie DeWulf. She adored her 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She will be missed by her sister, Dorothy Lochbiler Bobitz; brother-in-law, J. Edouard Suave; and sister-in-law, Patti DeWulf Gitre.

A private memorial Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Patricia Mary Moran Forster

Patricia Mary Moran Forster passed away Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, after a long fight against cancer. Patty made her mark in this life and it was most apparent in the large community of friends and family she lovingly gathered as she made her way through her 75 years. By everyone's measure, she was truly one of a kind.

She was born June 23, 1946, in Detroit, to Philomene (nee Lambert) and T. J. Moran. She was joined a short time later by more Moran siblings, making Patty the quintessential middle child — a designation she wore like a badge of honor. There were seven siblings: Tom, Mike, Cathy, Patty, Joe, Mary and Lucy, a group of amazing people of which she was most proud to be a member.

Patty married Brian Joseph Forster on June 15, 1968, after a courtship characterized by the sort of drama that would make for a hilarious sitcom. Brian was initially suspicious of Patty's ability to laugh at herself and her boisterous ways. Their partnership provided an incredible example to their children and spouses (Julie and Tom Goodrich, Brian and Claire Forster and Andy and Heather Forster) of what marriage can be.

The title and role Patty most relished was "Mimi." Maeve, Jane, Forster, Charlie, Hank, Andrew, Ruby, Brian and Philly all loved their Mimi and enjoyed lots of good times with her in the Pickle Jar, on Country Club and in northern Michigan.

While Patty would like to be remembered primarily for the large family from which she came, the family she and Brian created and the many incredible friendships that blessed her life, she also had many personal and professional passions and pursuits.

Patty was an enthusiastic bridge player, playing with the same group



Marlene Rose DeWulf



Patricia M. Forster



Patricia Mary Birch



Kevin Huntsman



Christie Ann Range



Barbara H. Milock



Donald A. Mattes

of women 40 years and with Brian and friends and family on countless weekend nights. She loved beating her son-in-law at Spite and Malice and was a formidable Scrabble and Rummikub opponent.

Patty was an avid reader. She always had a book going and read the newspaper every day. She loved tennis and golf, was a reluctant skier in her earlier years and played in a softball and volleyball league for a time with many of her Grosse Pointe friends.

Her completion of bachelor's and master's degrees while raising her three children made Patty exemplary in her drive for learning and self-improvement. Her master of social work degree landed her in the field of counseling, where she was finally compensated for something she'd been doing all of her life — listening to people and helping them find their way.

Outside of her work as a therapist, Patty's belief in contribution to community led her to serve on the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, the Women's Resource Center Board and the McLaren Hospital Patient and Family Advisory Council, both in Petoskey.

To her children, Patty was a force. She'd fight for them or with them, depending on what the situation called for, but her love was never questioned. Patty's "kids" are most thankful for her unshakable belief in their goodness as people, Sunday night dinners, her vigilante tactics during their teenage years, the laughs she shared with their friends in the kitchen of Edgemont Park, Big Fish Lake, her tie shirt and the legacy and lessons of love and loyalty she has left to them.

A visitation with the family will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, and a celebration of Patty's life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, both at Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church in Harbor Springs. Masks are encouraged at all events.

In lieu of flowers, Patty's family requests donations be made to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, 423 Porter Street, Petoskey, MI 49770, wrnm.org.

Patricia Mary Birch

Patricia Mary Birch, 94, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully at her home in Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., Friday, July 9, 2021.

She was born March 6, 1927, in Marquette, to Nellie Walsh Arenz and Charles Arenz, both now deceased.

Patricia went to school at Northern Michigan University and received a master's degree in music from the University of Michigan. She taught thousands of Grosse Pointe elementary school students to play instruments in school bands and sing in the choirs.

Patricia lived in Grosse Pointe Farms more than 60 years and loved being close to the lake, as well as being involved in the school system and at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. She also loved to play golf with her husband and son at Essex Golf and Country Club.

She believed in the closeness of family and spoke with her family members nearly every day. She was never too busy to send a card with a handwritten note or reach out with a phone call. She especially enjoyed hearing all about her grandsons' activities.

Patricia was a devoted Catholic. Her kindness, strength and happiness were a result of her unwavering faith. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Patricia was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, John. She is survived by her son, John; sister, Nancy Gass; brother, John Arenz; daughter-in-law, Tanya; grandchildren, Jack and Jacob; and many nieces and nephews.

Interment will occur at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kevin Huntsman

Kevin Huntsman died peacefully at home after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021.

He was a devoted husband of 38 years to Colleen "Christie" Huntsman, loving father to Craig and Karen, and older brother to Mark and Warren. He was predeceased by his parents, Jess and Grace Huntsman and stepdaughter, Christie Ann Range.

Kevin graduated Summa Cum Laude from Oakland University in 1973, with a degree in math. He followed that with some post-graduate studies at Michigan State University.

The next four years were adventurous. Kevin lived in France for six months and upon returning home, bought himself a sailboat. He taught himself to sail and set a course for Rhode Island via the old Erie Canal. He accepted a job there while living with a college friend on a derelict power boat. He returned home to teach junior high school math briefly.

Kevin finally found his life's calling in 1978, when he became employed at Merrill Lynch. He was a financial advisor and portfolio manager. He built a very successful business during the next 43 years, earning much in the way of accolades and recognition.

In 2018 and 2019, Kevin was named to the Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Advisor list. He derived great satisfaction in taking care of his clients' financial needs and they in turn were deeply appreciative of his advice. Kevin touched many people's lives, helping generations of families.

Kevin was an avid reader of many topics all his life. His hallmark traits were his retention of facts and intellect. He enjoyed playing the

piano for his own pleasure. He did genealogical research of his family, dating his American roots back to the early 1600s.

Kevin also enjoyed playing tennis and organizing leagues through Wimbledon Racquet Club. Anything Kevin put his mind to, he excelled at.

Although Kevin and Colleen traveled to many places in the U.S., Kevin's favorite vacation destination was New York City.

Visitation is from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by the funeral service at 5 p.m. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery Saturday, Oct. 9.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, fullcirclefdn.org.

Christie Ann Range

Christie Ann Range, 39, of St. Clair Shores, passed away peacefully Friday, May 1, 2020.

She was the dearest daughter of Colleen Huntsman and John Range; stepdaughter of Kevin Huntsman; beloved granddaughter of Angela Christie and the late Douglas Christie; and sister of Craig Huntsman, Karen Miller, Jenna and Ethan Range. She is survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. She leaves behind a loving boyfriend of 20 years, Terry Binder.

All those who knew Christie will forever cherish the love and joy she brought into their lives.

Visitation is planned from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a memorial service from 11 a.m. to noon.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to the Salvation Army at give.salvationarmyusa.org.

Barbara H. Milock

Barbara H. Milock, 85, passed away peacefully Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at her home in Harbor Springs. Barbara was born in Grosse Pointe, to Oliver Donald Herron and Marie Breen.

Barbara married Donald W. Milock in September 1956, and shared 65 years happily married.

Barbara always had a smile on her face and an infectious laugh. She loved playing bridge and tennis with her friends, but her true love was the golf course, where she scored five holes-in-one.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; daughter, Linda Bolton (Richard) of Harbor Springs; brother, Oliver Donald Herron Jr. (Judy) of Sterling Heights; and sisters, Zita Herron Wright (Robert) of Grosse Pointe Shores and Gail Herron Berry of Stuart, Fla. She was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Eugene Herron and parents.

Barbara also loved her schnauzers and was a longtime supporter of Little Traverse Bay Humane Society. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, 1300 W. Conway Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Sign Barbara's online register book at stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Donald A. Mattes

Donald A. Mattes, 86, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021.

He was a graduate of De La Salle Collegiate and the University of Detroit.

Donald was the founder of Eastern Michigan Agencies, a member of Lochmoor Club and dedicated member of the St. John Hospital Guild.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Donald was the beloved husband of Barbara; loving father of Nadine Reijmer (Jac), Kristen Wickham (Michael), Jeffrey Mattes (Lori Keyes Vinckier), Gregory Mattes (Jill) and Paul Mattes (Alicia); proud grandfather of Sean, Courtney, Michael, James, Lauren, Gregory, Hannah, Margaret, Allison, Donald, Benjamin and Emmeline; and dear brother of Margaret Vaughan (George).

Donations are preferred to De La Salle Collegiate, 14600 Common Rd., Warren, MI 48088, or delasallehs.com.

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

18th annual gala for Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids raises more than \$100,000

More than \$100,000 was raised in support of Michigan children Friday, Sept. 17, at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan's 18th annual gala, which this year was streamed live online due to the pandemic and to protect the children, their loved ones and supporters.

The nonprofit has been providing wigs and support services to ages 3 to 18, at no charge throughout the state of

Michigan the last 18 years. The organization has served more than 5,000 local children referred by hospitals, dermatology clinics, pediatricians and burn centers.

The theme of this year's gala was "Kids' Fitness, Health, Nutrition and Wellness," since the program expanded its services to better assist the children in these areas and improve their overall well-being. The organi-

zation has offered healthy meal planning and cooking classes using herbs and vegetables from its newly installed raised therapy garden. Children also benefit from individualized fitness plans with an exercise science specialist, massage therapy, nail and skin care and much more.

Founder and CEO Maggie Varney said, "This was our most successful year yet raising funds at our virtual gala. Thank you to

all of the people who opened their hearts and wallets to continue to support our program."

To learn more, visit wigs4kids.org or follow the charity on social media. Those who know of a child in need are invited to make a referral; the charity helps everyone, charges nothing and turns no one away. For more information, call (586) 777-6656 or email maggie@wigs4kids.org.

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Shane Reeside and Dave Ball pitch in on a previous Moross Greenway clean-up project.



COURTESY PHOTO

Moross Greenway fall clean-up day is Oct. 16

The Moross Greenway Project seeks volunteers for its fall clean-up event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 16.

The event takes place rain or shine.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to gather in the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church parking lot, 21150 Moross, between I-94 & Chester, at the corner of Edgefield. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening gloves and dress for the weather. Boots are recommended, as the islands often are wet. Water, trash bags and traffic vests will be provided.

Volunteers will be focused on two main tasks: trash collection on the islands and the entrance and exit ramps of I-94; and dividing and transplanting selected perennial plants. Volunteers are asked to bring shovels and/or hedge trimmers if they are interested in working in the garden beds.

Board members will be available to guide volunteers and answer questions.

Volunteers are asked to RSVP at morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com. For more information, visit morossgreenway.org.

Celebrating a positive year for piping plovers

As the weather cools in Michigan, a special community of shorebirds takes wing on their annual southward migration. Piping plovers are small, endangered birds who are commonly found in the northern Great Lakes region and return to Michigan each summer to breed.

Breeding pairs camouflage their small clutches of eggs in the pebbles along the beach. Development of shorelines, human encroachment, dogs off leashes and high-water levels all reduce the odds that their eggs will hatch. Only one out of four chicks typically fledge and for this species to survive, piping plovers require a significant conservation effort.

The Detroit Zoological Society leads a piping plover recovery program with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to help bolster the population of wild piping plovers. Eggs that are abandoned or found in compromised locations are collected, incubated and hatched on the DZS campus and chicks are later released back to various Michigan shorelines. This program has been very successful, showing an increase from 17



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A piping plover nest.

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breeding females in 1986, to 74 breeding females in 2021.

“Last year (2020) was a super successful year for our team, but if we have large numbers of abandoned eggs that come to our facility, that means it is a bad year in the field,” said Bonnie Van Dam, associate bird curator for the DZS. “This year it is completely opposite, which is what we want.”

This season, the piping plover captive rearing program successfully returned 13 chicks, a low number compared to 2020 when 39 were released. This decrease shows high hopes for the stability of the piping plover population and that rescue efforts are paying off.

Since the launch of the DZS-led piping plover salvage-rearing program in 2001, 312 birds have been successfully reared and released. In 2018, the USFWS recognized the DZS for its leadership in the recovery of this endangered species.



COURTESY PHOTO

Three piping plover chicks.

EVENTS:

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the Housing Experts: Smart Home Products for Seniors, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13.

◆ Mindfulness and Meditation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays, with instructor Dr. Lakshmi Saleem. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ One-on-One Technology Instruction, noon to 3:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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

◆ 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, South Lake High School, 21900 E. 9 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross blood.org.

Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Men's Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Tompkins Center, Grosse Pointe Park. John Campbell of AH Peters Funeral Home speaks.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack.

◆ Let's Play: Among Us, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, via Zoom.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, via Zoom. The group will discuss “The Three-Body Problem” by Cixin Liu.

◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, via Zoom. The group will discuss Mia Birdsong's “How We Show Up: Reclaiming Family, Friendship and Community.”

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14, via Zoom.

◆ Make Your Own Zine, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, via Zoom.

◆ Sarah E. Ray: The Other Rosa Parks, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, via Zoom.

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

Gilda's Club Lake House

The Gilda's Club Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Meditation outdoor meeting, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12.

◆ Knitting Circle outdoor meeting, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14.

Register at gildasclub detroit.org/events/calendar.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. District 6400 Gov. Aruna Koushik speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointe rotary@gmail.com.

Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods presents “Communities Talk: A Conversation to Promote Underage Drinking Prevention,” from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Wayne County Community College, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. This free event features a panel of experts, including a physician, psychotherapist, police officer, attorney and judge. Masks are required. Email smurphy@careofsem.com.

The coalition meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com.

Reunion

Grosse Pointe South High School's Class of

1991 is hosting its 30th reunion, beginning with a gathering at the North/South tailgate and game at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. A Class of 1991 tent will be set up on the boulevard side of the lawn. Cost is \$5 for the game; food trucks will be available. Tours of the school are planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. The main reunion takes place 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit. Cost is \$60 per person; a cash bar will be available. For information, call Marica Ostrowski at (313) 608-3811.

Alliance Francaise

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

afdegrossepointe.org.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

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

Lakeshore

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

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Artists celebrate 'Our Rivers, Our Lakes'

For years, the Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibition celebrating the area's rivers and lakes has been a favorite among artists and art-lovers, but this year is the first time the audience teared up as the juror talked about the show.

During her gallery talk last Thursday, juror Sabrina Miller, who is an ecosystems specialist with the Army Corps of Engineers, explained her process for choosing the art in the show from many entries and how she decided which ones to award. Her passion for wetlands and preserving the natural habitat was palpable as she named eight honorable mentions — six more than called for.

"Your work is so good," she told the artists. "I really had a hard time."

When she awarded an honorable mention to Marti Little-Lameti for her fiber piece titled "Broken Lake-Sanford Strong," Miller lamented the dam breaks along the Tittabawassee River that devastated Sanford Lake and others.

On a happier note, she was joyous when she announced an honorable mention for a pastel titled "Light in the Forest," by Anastasia Chamiok.

"I remember this place," Miller said. "I saw my first wood duck there."

Award winners

BEST OF SHOW

"Thirst" by Robert Maniscalco

SECOND PRIZE

"Gallup Park Reflections" by Dennis Gordon

THIRD PRIZE

"Cascading Water" by Katarzyna Korytowska

HONORABLE MENTION

"Light in the Forest" by Anastasia Chamiok

"SS Tregurtha" by Winnie Chrzanowski

"Eventide" by Marcia Guetschow

"Storm Rolling in Over Lake Huron" by Sarah Heinemann

"Broken Lake - Sanford Strong" by Marti Little-Lameti

"To the End of the World" by Jerome Patryjak

"Making Waves" by Steve Miller

"The Puzzle of Earth" by Lulu Zheng



"Gallup Park Reflections" by Dennis Gordon

She went on to recognize the very spot in a park along the Huron River in Ann Arbor that inspired Dennis Gordon's woodcut titled "Gallup Park Reflections," which she gave the second-place award.

The evening ended as Miller took a deep breath, fought back tears and awarded Best of Show to "Thirst" by Robert Maniscalco, a piece inspired by the Flint water crisis.

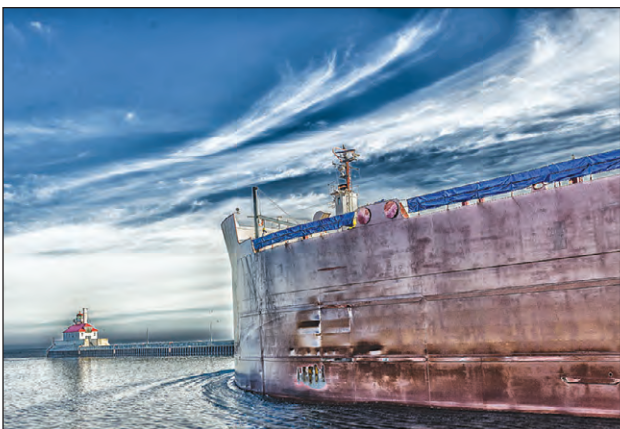
It shows a young boy drinking from a water

tap. "This is what our work is all about, so everyone can have safe water," Miller said to close her presentation.

"Our Rivers, Our Lakes 2021" is at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association gallery in The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, through Thursday, Nov. 4. Viewing hours are 2 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. View the entire show on line at grossepointeartcenter.org.



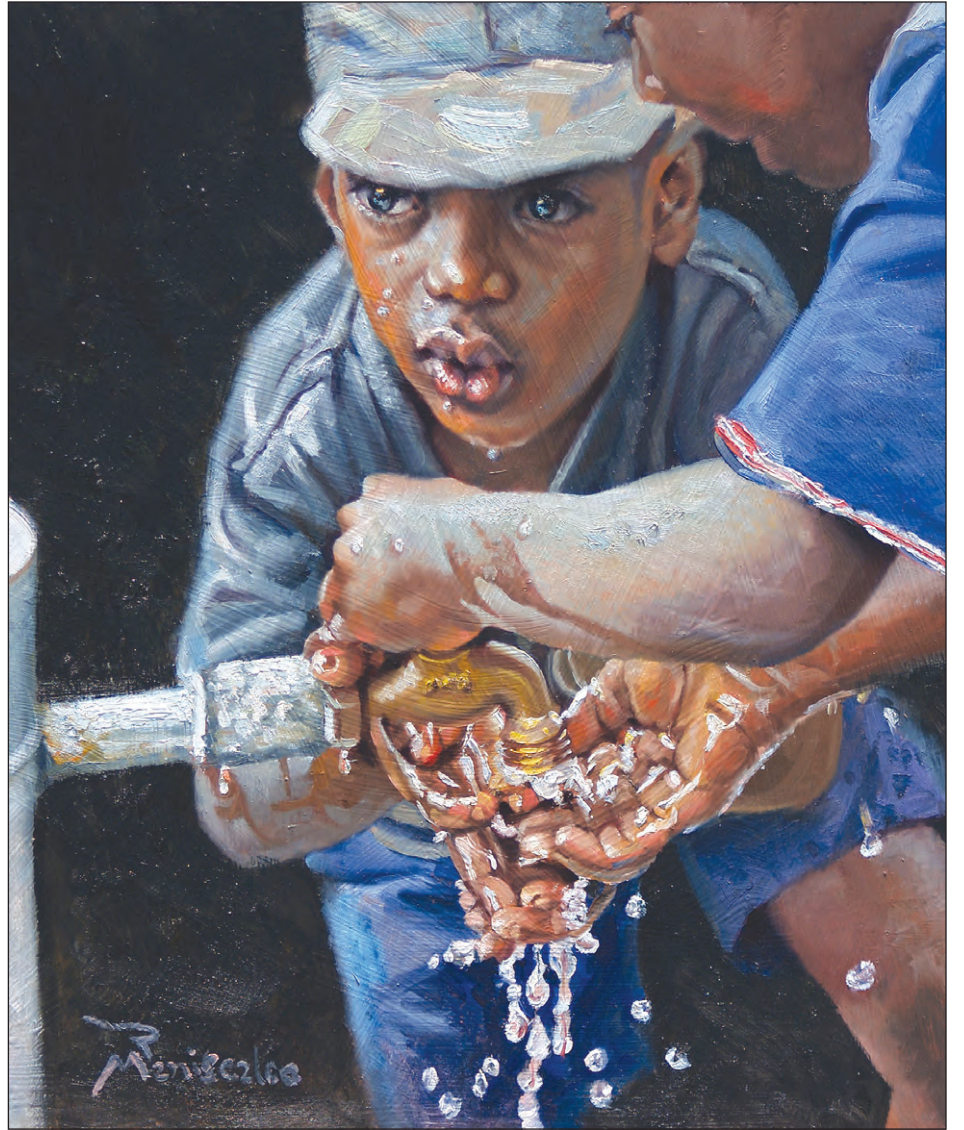
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"SS Tregurtha" by Winnie Chrzanowski



"Making Waves" by Steve Miller



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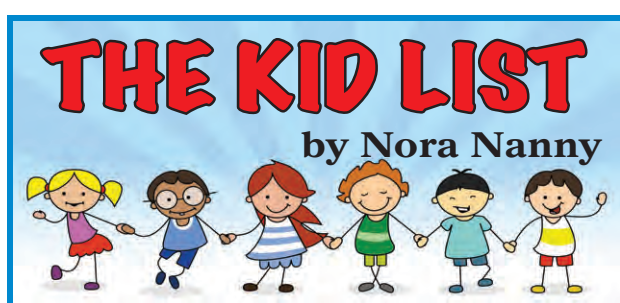
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2C | LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT



There's nothing like fall in Michigan. A few activities on our fall bucket list include visiting a pumpkin patch, going apple picking and finding the best cider and doughnuts. Luckily, a trip to Westview Orchards and Winery allows us to check all three off the list!

I first visited Westview last year and was super impressed by the wide

range of kid-friendly activities they have. We started the day by visiting the petting zoo and playing on their amazing playground. The kids were absolutely obsessed with the playground because it had castles and pirate-themed towers to climb. Just a short walk from the playground were the straw mountain and tire

mountain. Both of these "mountains" were stable and wide enough for toddlers to climb, but still fun and exciting for older children.

We then went through the straw bale maze and down the giant slide and took the wagon to pick apples.

After riding the wagon, we stopped at the Farm Market & Bakery to grab cider and doughnuts, and

the kids went down the giant slide and jumping pad.

Westview is located in Washington Township and is a 45-minute drive from Grosse Pointe. It's definitely a long drive, but there are enough activities to make it a day-trip and hopefully the kids will nap on the car ride home!

I am sometimes a bit skeptical of cider mills because they can be

extremely crowded this time of year. Waiting in long lines with bored kids isn't really my idea of a good time and someone always manages to get stung by a bee.

Westview is greatly limiting ticket sales to ensure a fun experience for everyone. Its online system allows for a quick check-in process and spaces out guests for ease and convenience.

It offers Farm Fun & U-Pick tickets. Farm Fun tickets include all of the weekend Fall Farm Fun Attractions and the U-Pick tickets include either apple or pumpkin picking.

Westview is open every 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Oct. 31. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit westvieworchards.com.

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Sorry, wrong num num

I love my boyfriend. We've been together two years. Recently, however, we've been experiencing conflict over the issue of children. He wants kids; I don't.

I've always felt strongly about this, and he said he was fine with this when we started dating. But he's been bringing up the subject of kids a lot lately (I suspect because he's thinking about popping the question).

I eventually said I could be open to kids because I love him and don't want to lose him. But can this be healthy for us long-term?

— Conflicted

Though many things in life come with the opportunity to push the "back" button, once you have a kid, you have a kid. You can't just drop 'em off at the fire station if they turn

out to be precociously criminal -- already hotwiring cars at age 7.

Deciding whether to have kids is a very recent state of affairs, coinciding with the development and availability of reliable birth control.

There's a widespread (and mistaken!) assumption that a woman who gives birth will immediately and unconditionally bond with her baby, explains anthropologist and primatologist Sarah Hrdy.

In fact, neither humans nor other mammals "automatically nurture each baby born," Hrdy observes. Clinical psychologist Idun Roseth and her colleagues, reviewing research on mother-infant bonding issues, report: "Most mothers find that feelings of affection come within a week from birth.

However, some mothers are still struggling with this after many months. A small percentage may even have hostile feelings towards their infant."

In other words, the public has an overly rosy, sentimental -- and scientifically incorrect -- view of what's often referred to as the "maternal instinct." There is no such thing -- and the term "instinct" is the problem.

The actual scientific definition of an instinct is an innate behavior that members of a species perform automatically.

An example is a baby's crying -- alerting everybody in earshot, "YO! I HAVE UNMET NEEDS!" (Nobody has to send their baby to crying school. It automatically wails its little head off when it's wet, scared, cold, or is hungry.)

In contrast with automatic instinctual behavior, there's

behavior that's learned as well as behavior that is only sometimes triggered in some members of a species. Accordingly, the misnamed "maternal instinct" would be better termed a maternal impulse or motivation.

The impulse to nurture one's infant is just one motivation that may arise in a woman. Hrdy has long emphasized that ambivalence and even rejection of an infant are other impulses a new mother may feel. (Unfortunately, the myth of instantly falling in love with one's infant is so pervasive and strong that women who don't experience this tend to feel there's something wrong with them.) In reality, "maternal commitment" tends to emerge "piece-meal," Hrdy explains, and is "chronically sensitive to external cues."

By "external cues," she means a woman's current context -- such as whether

she's unable to adequately feed and protect her infant.

War, famine, postpartum depression, or even a new partner who doesn't want another man's child are contexts that may even trigger infanticide: a horrifying maternal impulse but a maternal impulse just the same. Thankfully, this impulse is relatively rare in our society, and many women (and men!) report "falling in love" with a child they never planned to have.

Maybe...possibly...you'd become one of those "in-love" women and be wildly happy you'd had children. However, in your email, you repeatedly made it clear that you don't want kids. You are only considering it because you love this man and don't want to lose him -- which is quite different from wanting children.

You might ask friends who are parents to an



infant and other young kids to let you spend a long weekend with them. Admittedly, this isn't the same as parenting your own kids, but it might give you a sense of whether you're actually up for the job.

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.

Cancer patient's wig draws unwanted attention

DEAR ABBY: I was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and I'm currently undergoing chemotherapy.

My children are still in school. I have lost all my hair and wear a wig when out in the community. It closely approximates my pre-cancer hairstyle.

Acquaintances have seen me at events, and complimented me on my hair. Some have asked

questions such as, "Did you do something different with your hair? It looks great!" and, "Your hair looks so different. Did you do something new?"

I prefer not to share my diagnosis with these individuals.

What is the appropriate response? When I replied, "Thank you," they stared at me, expecting more of an explanation. -- WIG WEARER IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR WIG WEARER: You are not obligated to discuss your medical information with "acquaintances." "Thank you" should have been enough. However, because it wasn't, I'm guessing the people doing the probing probably realized you were wearing a wig.

I discussed your question with Piny of Beverly Hills, a longtime wig-maker to performers in show business as well as

cancer patients.

He told me that handling the question could be as simple as saying you saw it online or in a shop, thought it was cute and have been enjoying wearing it. During our conversation, he shared another tidbit: Many people wear wigs and extensions these days, for a variety of reasons.

That said, consider wearing your wig to a beauty salon and talking with a



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

stylist about what you're encountering. Wigs that aren't custom-made can have so much hair that they don't look natural -- particularly if the wearer didn't have thick hair to begin with. A good stylist may be able to thin the wig for you so it looks more natural.

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.

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: When I married "Glenn" eight years

ago, I knew his parents were divorced, but I didn't realize

they both had been married and divorced four times.

Last year, Glenn and I were having a difficult period in our relationship. I decided to talk to his parents about it, hoping they could provide some help and insight. Instead, I was shocked by their attitude.

When I told my mother-in-law that Glenn, age 36, had

declared bankruptcy for the second time, she said the banks were at fault for giving him money and charging such high interest rates.

When I told her he has a gambling problem, she said there was nothing wrong with gambling, that a lot of people make a living playing poker and that somebody has to win

and it could be him.

When I explained that he always spends more than he makes, she said, "So what? A lot of people have that problem."

My father-in-law compared Glenn's gambling addiction to investing money in the stock market, saying, "Glenn just takes different risks." Both in-laws told me there are plenty of women who would be willing to overlook his addiction.

They also let me know they will be leaving him their entire estate (more than a half-million dollars) when they die, so we won't have to worry about money. Frankly, at the rate Glenn gambles, a half-million dollars wouldn't last long.

I was appalled at my in-laws' lack of any moral conviction. They never spoke about honesty, personal integrity or the danger of a gambling addiction. I came from a foreign country and was raised by parents who believed it was important to behave honorably and that the family name never should be tarnished.

How should I handle this? -- Arlington, Va.

Dear Arlington: It is apparent that Glenn was not raised the way you were. You say you were having a difficult time with your relationship last year.

It sounds as if you were willing to sweep a lot under the rug in order to stay with Glenn. You don't say whether or not you have children. That would be important for me to know in order to give you some solid advice.

You need to have some sessions with a marriage counselor. It sounds as if your relationship is on shaky ground. I urge you to ask Glenn to go with you. The man was raised by parents who made excuses for all his failures and weaknesses. He is in desperate need of some self-understanding. A competent marriage counselor could be a godsend to you both.

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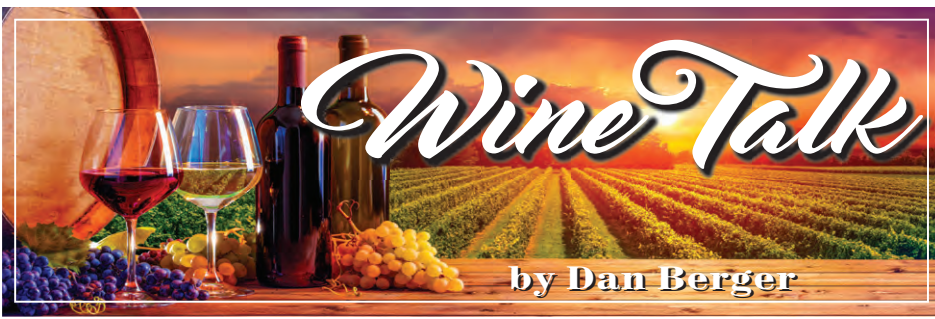
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Dealing with alcohol

Look at the label on any bottle of wine, and you'll see how much alcohol it has. Except for some very rare examples, the law requires it. I prefer wines with 13% or so. They appear to me to be better balanced. They work better with food and don't intoxicate as fast. But most red wines these days

are about 14.5% or more. Occasionally a lot more. One thing we know is that a higher level of alcohol in wine has a number of drawbacks, one of which is that the alcohol in a wine can cover up fruit flavors. Smell the otherwise "neutral" spirit vodka. It has an aroma -- of alcohol! Proof that alcohol is vola-

tile came from food chemist Harold McGee. In a New York Times article published in 2010, he wrote, "It's no secret that the alcohol in drinks can get in the way of our enjoying their flavors. "When alcohol makes up more than 10% to 12% of a liquid's volume," the article added, "we begin to notice

its irritating, pungent effects in the mouth and in the nose." Later McGee added: "The more alcoholic a drink is, the more it cloisters its aroma molecules, and the less aroma it releases into the air. Add water and there's less alcohol to irritate and burn, and more aroma release." He pointed out that this phenomenon works especially well with dark coffees. A few drops of water actually makes the coffee tastes a lot better! Adding a little water, although it may help uncover some aromas in wine, can dilute flavors,

right? Not necessarily. One strategy that I employ is adding a small ice cube to a five-ounce glass of wine. That dilutes some of the alcohol and also has the effect of "open-

they may not get as high of a score from those who use points to rate wine. But in most cases, the wines benefit. As do we. Where can you find these wines? The best news is that wines with less than 14% alcohol usually sell for a lot less money than the 15% or even higher red wines. Those high-alcohol, exalted wines can sell for four or five times as much money, but they're not very interesting (to me) because the alcohols cover up the fruit. As much as I truly love some wines of intensity, I much prefer to drink a glass of red without the fear that I'm going to get extremely sleepy, a headache or a maxxed-out credit card. Follow Robert on Twitter at @wineguru. To find out more about Robert Whitley and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2021 CREATORS.COM



Roasted chicken with beets and greens

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Sunday night is my favorite night of the week. We eat around the dining room table and talk about what's coming up for the next week as a family. To us, nothing tastes more comforting than a roast chicken, which seems to soothe everyone's soul. Yes they fight, we yell and sometimes they refuse to eat. Normally we just all end up laughing. I need them to remember Sunday night dinners and try my hardest to make them a priority. The thing I've learned as an avid cook is that the pans you use are truly essential. The food really does come out better. For this dinner, I used the oval Dutch Oven from Staub. The beets were cooked perfectly and were so flavorful from the chicken juices. Cooking with the high cast iron sides ensured brown, crispy perfection on the chicken skin and tender beets below. The greens were quickly cooked in Mauviel's copper saute pan and it honestly was essential to cook them at such a high heat with vinegar. It was a very easy cleanup, which makes my life much easier. I found both pans at Atelier in the Village. (ateliergp.com) Again, having guidance from a local store really makes a difference. This recipe is a great combination of healthy

foods and colors. Hope you enjoy your Sunday nights!

Roasted Chicken

- 1 3-4lb whole chicken
- 4 whole red beets
- 1 head of garlic, halved
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 2 tbsp salt
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Peel and cut the beets into eighths. Add to the bottom of your pan. Place the chicken on top and put the halved garlic head and sliced lemon in the



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cavity of the chicken. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt. Roast for 1 hour and 30 minutes or until the internal temperature is 165 degrees. Carve and serve with the juices in the bottom of the pan.

Sauteed Greens

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 bunch of beet greens, swiss chard or tuscan

- kale
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp salt

On high heat, add washed and chopped greens with the olive oil. Once combined, add the vinegar. Cook for about 5 minutes or until wilted.

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Sally, a waitress turned belly dancer for a night, played by Emily O'Brian-Brown entertains Rebecca played by Tottie Goldsmith, left and Arman, played by Peter Paltos, right.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
"The Taverna"
2019 - 1hr 26min

This film could be titled "My Big Fat Greek Restaurant!" If you get the reference, you'll know what I'm talking about. I found it immensely engrossing and entertaining even though the entire film takes place over the course of one evening in a Greek Taverna. What a wild ride of an evening it is! It's labeled a comedy and while it has some funny bits, "dark comedy" would be a more apt description. It goes way beyond your usual laugh fest, trust me.

gresses, we discover a lot more about him and his personality. To attract a bigger crowd to his restaurant, he features a belly dancer for entertainment. The enchanting Jamila (Rachel Kamath), performs an exotic set and absolutely enthalls the packed house. Because she's going through a contentious divorce, when she spots her husband at a table with his new girlfriend, she begs off performing a second show. A waitress, Sally (Emily O'Brian-Brown), comes to the rescue. She's an aspiring young actress



Kostas, played by Vangelis Mourikis.

The focal point of "The Taverna" is Kostas (Vangelis Mourikis), the owner of a popular Greek restaurant. He's a larger-than-life character who's seemingly just a fun-loving guy. But as the movie pro-

posedly looking for a job. He's a drug addict and when he asks his dad for money to "go out to the pub", Costas can't say no. As you'd suspect, this leads to a bit of trouble. One aspect I enjoyed was the fact that the taverna is a true melting pot. The cook is Turkish, his assistant and busboy is from India or Pakistan, Jamila is from the Middle East, and it's set in Australia. It's so much fun to see the way everyone interacts, and the delightful way they butcher the language. There is a scene I found amusing that involves serving some mystery meat as souvlaki to a belligerent customer. Some may find this in poor taste (pun intended), but I got a chuckle out of it. "The Taverna" is another one of those superb Australian films that few people ever hear about. Which is a shame since the country has such a rich film industry these days. While movies like "Gallipoli," "The Man From Snowy River," and "Crocodile Dundee," get distributed globally, there's an undercurrent of excellent Aussie films worth seeking out. Opah! Currently streaming on Hoopla and Prime Video. ★★★★★

pretending to be from L.A. When she volunteers to perform, Jamila agrees to teach her some belly dancing basics. While all this is going on, Costas's son pays him a visit. He's a recent college graduate, sup-

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★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.
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★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.
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Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 10:45 a.m. EDT today (7:45 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021:

You are a visionary with futuristic ideas. You are intelligent, witty, creative and determined about going after what you want. Please note: Simplicity is the key to your current year. It's important to build solid structures in your life both literally and figuratively. Focus on improving your health as well, especially through physical exercise. Remember your practical needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Even though you have high energy today and you're enthusiastic about starting something, go gently. You might overwhelm someone. Incidentally, this could work the other way; you might attract someone to you who is super enthusiastic about something! Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You have a lot of energy to work with today. In fact, you're so enthusiastic, you will probably start to delegate and give orders to others. Easy does it, because they might resent this. Ideally, you will work best if you are on your own. Tonight: Be patient with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Today you need to be physically active. If these activities are competitive, so much the better, because you're keen to win! This energy can also be channeled into working with kids. Romantically, you might initiate something exciting and different! Tonight: Follow the rules.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

A parent or older fam-

ily member might have something to say today. Of course, you have strong views as well. Use your skillful means to work in cooperation with others to make improvements at home. This can be done if you don't try to run things. Tonight: Do your homework.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are super enthusiastic today, which is why you will easily inspire others to do your bidding. This is a great day for teachers, salespeople or anyone who wants to persuade others to agree with their ideas. Spontaneous short trips will delight you. You have something to say! Tonight: Listen to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're full of money-making ideas that you might want to initiate today. If these are new ideas, wait until Mercury retrograde is over. Nevertheless, you can still generate enthusiasm and excitement for your plans. You're ready to work hard to earn money today, and spend it. Tonight: Don't worry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today Mars is lined up with the Sun in your sign, which makes you ready to tackle something new! You want to begin something and maybe even compete with someone. You want the independence to do your own thing because you don't want anyone bossing you around. Tonight: Beware money restrictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Some behind-the-scenes ideas make you excited today, and this excitement is obvious to others. Nevertheless, with Venus in your sign, you

will present yourself with diplomacy and charm, even though you're on a mission! Tonight: Respect your elders.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Relations with friends and groups are upbeat and energetic today! You will love to be active in physical sports, especially in a competition. (You want to win!) This same high energy will be apparent in meetings with others. Tonight: Take it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your ambition is aroused today, which means you intend to achieve something. It's OK to go after what you want, but make sure you don't alienate bosses and important people. You will need these people, so make the effort to give them respect. Tonight: Listen to advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Avoid controversial subjects today, because you might go overboard due to the fact that you're super enthusiastic. Instead, channel this energy into making travel plans or perhaps learning or studying something new. Your best option is outdoor physical activity! Being desk-bound is not your best choice today. Tonight: Duty and obligations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You'll have no trouble defending your own best interests in discussions about inheritances, wills and shared property today. Because today you are gung-ho to make a statement, especially with partners and close friends. Tonight: Rules and regulations.

BORN TODAY

TV personality Simon Cowell (1959), singer-songwriter Toni Braxton (1967), musician John Mellencamp (1951).

Contract Bridge

CAUTION PAYS DIVIDENDS

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 6
♥ 10 9 5
♦ A 10 8 3
♣ K Q 7

WEST
♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ A Q 6
♦ Q 7 5 2
♣ 9 3

EAST
♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 3
♦ J 9 4
♣ 10 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9
♥ K J 8 7 4 2
♦ K 6
♣ A J 8

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 1NT Pass 4♥
Opening lead — nine of clubs.

When planning the play of a hand, declarer should always ask himself what, if anything, can beat him. If a threat is found to exist, countermeasures should be sought to neutralize the potential danger.

Take this case where a casual approach to the play of four hearts will very quickly lead to down one. If, for example, South wins West's club lead in dummy and leads a heart, the contract is doomed. West takes the ten with the queen (or the king

with the ace) and leads a second club. When declarer next leads another heart, West wins, puts East in with the ace of spades and ruffs the club return for the setting trick.

While it is true that it takes an unlucky lie of the opposing cards to defeat four hearts, South should nevertheless make the contract. Since the only way he can be beaten is if the opponents score a club ruff in addition to the A-Q of hearts and ace of spades, all his efforts should be directed to defusing that threat.

The proper play is to lead a spade rather than a trump at trick two, continuing with a second spade if the first one is refused. In the actual case, East wins with the ace but cannot subsequently regain the lead to give West a club ruff, and the contract is made.

The beauty of the spade play at trick two is that declarer cannot lose more than three tricks, despite West's doubleton club, no matter where the missing aces and the heart queen are actually located.

If, say, East happens to have the ace of hearts, South will still prevail. In that case, after the spade ace is taken by either opponent and a club is continued, declarer wins in dummy and leads a heart. East can rise with the ace and give his partner a club ruff, but that's all for the defense. South can win any return, draw the one missing trump and claim the rest of the tricks.

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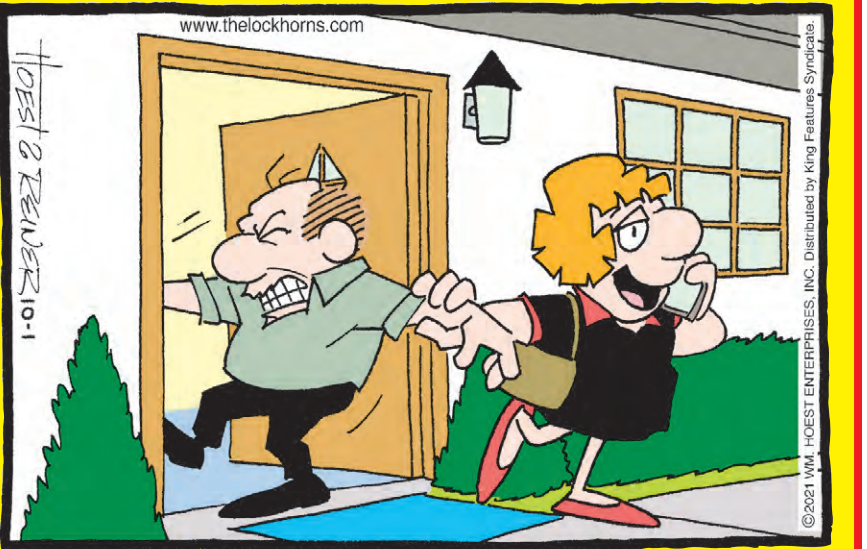
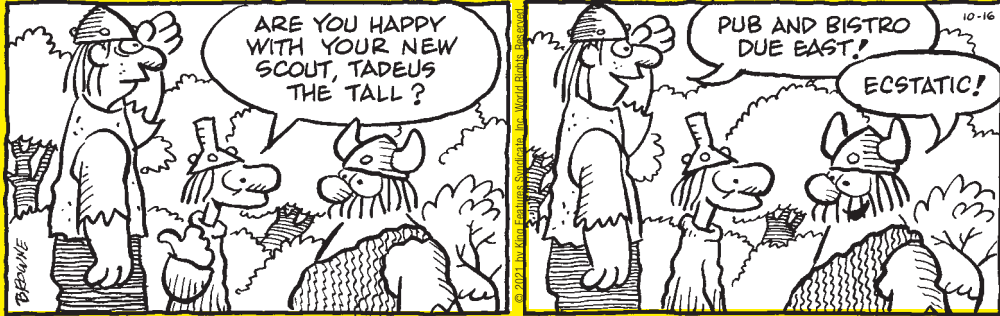


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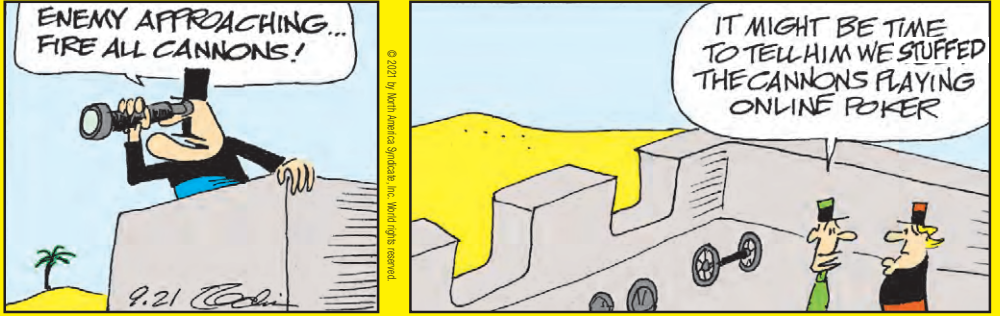
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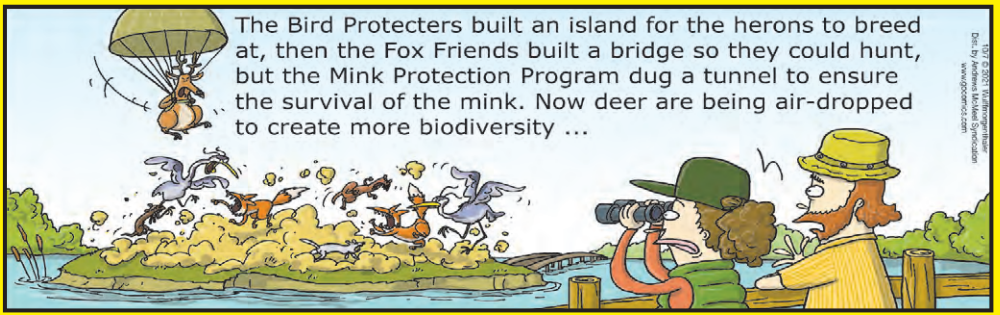
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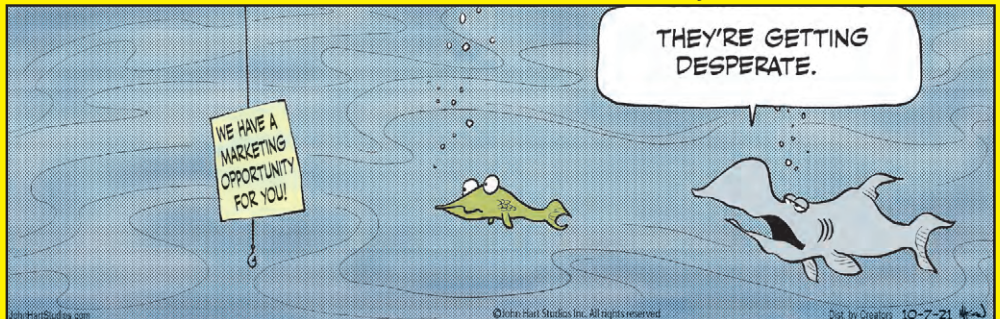
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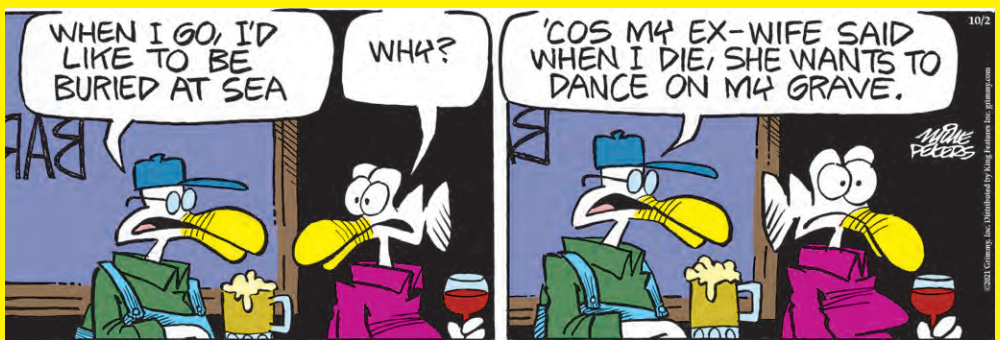
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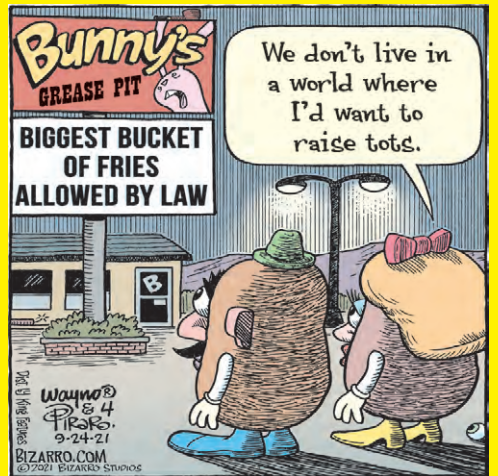
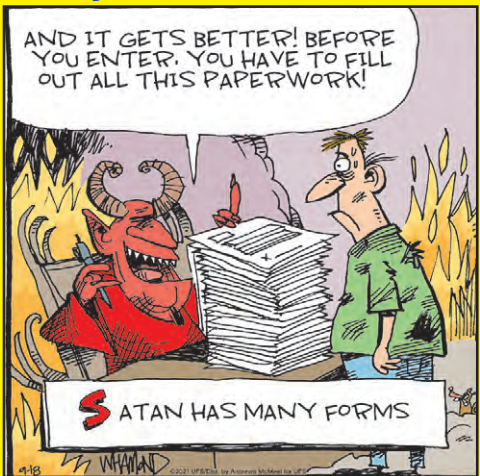


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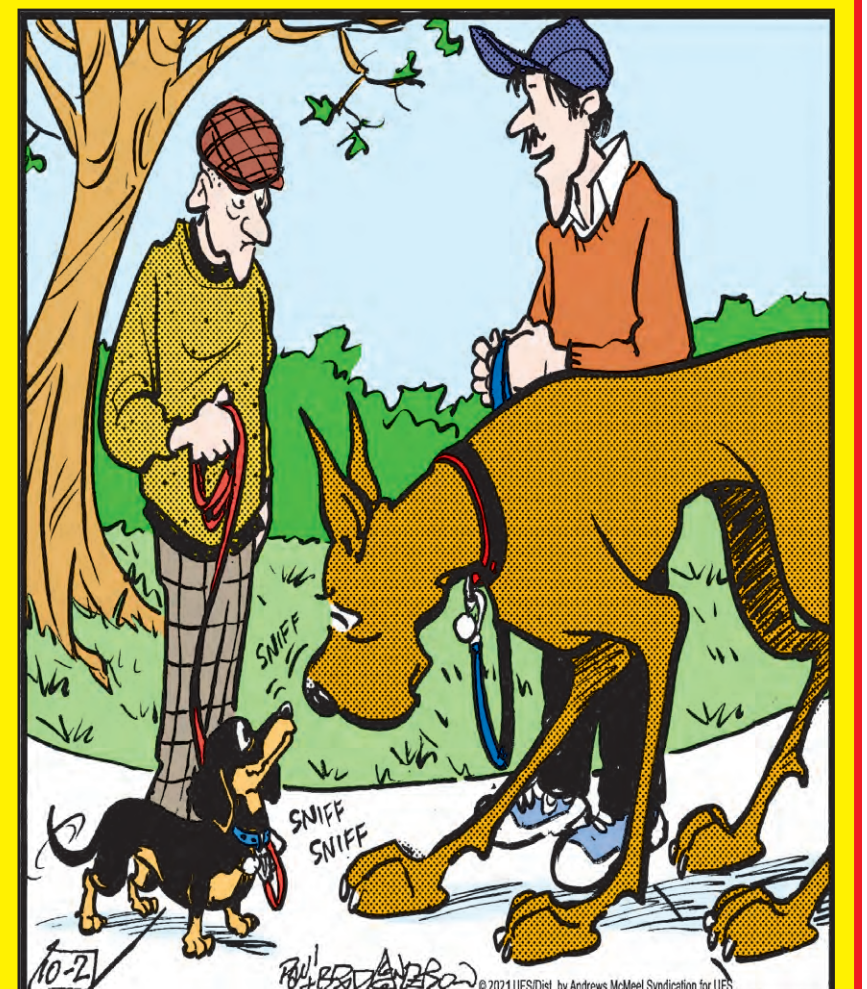
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Norsemen shutout by Eastpointe

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Following a week where a quarterback and receiver both broke school records on offense, Grosse Pointe North football wanted to keep that offensive momentum rolling into a road matchup with Eastpointe Friday night. The Norsemen ended up getting the opposite, with the offense struggling and ultimately failing to put anything on the scoreboard in a 28-0 loss to the Shamrocks.

Neither side put anything on the board in the first quarter, ending the first 12 minutes scoreless. Eastpointe put up the first points early in the second quarter, scoring a touchdown and converting the two-point try to take an 8-0 lead.

The Norsemen had a chance to get on the board just moments later, but were stopped on

fourth down in the red zone. North QB Daniel Taylor also threw an interception in the quarter, but his defense answered with a pick of their own when senior Nicholas Robie snatched the ball away from an Eastpointe receiver in the end zone. The Shamrocks still held the 8-point lead going into halftime.

It was the defense in the third quarter that gave the Norsemen the most help in a close game. Robie got his second interception of the night while Drew Hill also secured a pick to help give North a momentum boost while still behind.

"The defense is real confident," North coach Joe Drouin said. "I think they work behind each other. I don't think it hurt us at all with the defense, then the offense couldn't get it going. They're real supportive of each other

and are a good group of friends."

North missed a field goal attempt late in the third quarter and it was still 8-0 Eastpointe heading into the final 12 minutes. An early interception thrown by Taylor led to a Shamrocks TD to make it a 14-0 game. The offensive struggles continued for the Norsemen and Eastpointe scored again to take a 22-point lead.

With just under three minutes left, North fumbled the ball and the Shamrocks scooped it up and scored to make it 28-0. One last Taylor interception on the final drive for North sealed the win for Eastpointe.

"Sometimes the scoreboard doesn't reflect it," Drouin said after the loss. "It's 8-0 going into the fourth and we're in a dog fight with them, but they pop one. Now it's 14 and they pile it on. ... After last week's perfor-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Nicholas Robie provided big plays on defense with two interceptions in the loss to Eastpointe.

mance, we think we can come in and walk all over them and it's hard to change that mindset, so the offense never really clicked."

The loss puts North at 2-4 this season and 1-3 in the MAC Gold. The Norsemen now have a week off as Friday's scheduled game against

Cousino has been canceled. Cousino announced earlier this week that the varsity football team will forfeit the rest of its season.

South falls in road matchup with Dakota

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Coming off their first MAC Red win of the season over Eisenhower, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils football team looked to capture another victory in the highly competitive division Friday night. South traveled to Dakota and came close to getting that second win in a row, but fell short to the Cougars 38-28.

The Blue Devils found themselves behind by a couple of scores at the end of the first quarter. A 31-yard run by Dakota's Caiden Sloan gave the Cougars an early touchdown lead. On the following possession for South, the Blue Devils had a punt blocked, with Dakota picking up the ball and taking it to the end zone for a 14-0 lead after the first 12 minutes.

South answered back in the second quarter, which was 12 minutes filled with a frenzy of points. Will Johnson found the end zone for a touchdown run that cut Dakota's lead in half. Soon after, South QB Anthony Benard connected with Charlie Brandon on a long 95-yard passing touchdown which helped tie the game.

Dakota answered and regained the lead with just over two minutes left in the first half on another scoring run by Sloan. The Blue Devils bounced right back and tied things up again with another touchdown pass by Benard, this time to Johnson.

With just six seconds left before halftime, the Cougars got into field goal position and moved in front again by three points. On the ensuing

kickoff, Jonathan Drake tossed the ball on a lateral to Johnson, who took it to the house giving South a 28-24 lead going into halftime and ending a second quarter where the teams combined for 38 points.

After the whirlwind of scoring in the second quarter, the game slowed considerably after halftime. Dakota scored with just more than two minutes left in the third quarter to pull in front once again. On the closing play of the quarter, Sloan found the end zone a third time, giving the Cougars a 38-28 lead.

The Blue Devils had chances to come back in the fourth quarter, but being stopped on fourth down in the red zone late in the game helped Dakota wrap up the 10-point victory.

Despite the loss, Benard had one of his best showings at QB for South this year. The junior finished with two passing touchdowns while completing 13 of 22 attempts for 265 yards.

Johnson led the Blue Devils in rushing in the absence of Egan Sullivan with 98 yards and two touchdowns. The future Michigan Wolverine also had six catches for 119 yards and a touchdown while leading the defense with five tackles.

The loss takes the Blue Devils to 1-3 in the MAC Red and 3-3 overall. South returns home Friday night looking to regain its winning record in front of a homecoming crowd. The Blue Devils host Chippewa Valley, a 4-2 team that started the year as one of the top-ranked programs in the state.



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South's Will Johnson had six catches for 119 yards against Dakota.

Turnovers hurt Liggett in loss to Cabrini

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Now six weeks into the football season, the joys of starting the year 2-0 are long gone for a University Liggett School football team that has struggled to get back on the winning track in the last few weeks. The issues continued for the Knights Saturday afternoon in a Catholic League contest against Cabrini, with a string of costly turnovers resulting in a fourth straight loss for Liggett.

Cabrini struck first, jumping out to an early 6-0 lead Saturday afternoon. The Knights were quick to answer with a Carson Roose touchdown pass to sophomore Jermaine Calloway that evened the score and left things tied at the end of the first quarter.

The turnover bug first bit the Knights early in the second quarter. Roose threw his first interception of the day, which gave the ball back to Cabrini and allowed them to march downfield for another touchdown to regain the lead. Liggett would get the ball back and managed to get into the red zone looking to tie the game again, but another interception let Cabrini take over and score again to lead 20-6 at halftime.

Struggles with protecting the football did not stop after the first half for the Knights. Liggett opened the second half with another interception thrown by Roose. Later in the quarter, junior William Edwards lost control of the ball, turning it over

to Cabrini on a fumble.

Neither team put anything on the scoreboard in the third quarter, with Cabrini still carrying a two-touchdown lead into the final 12 minutes. Facing the deficit, a couple of big plays for the Knights made things interesting.

With just more than eight minutes left in the game, the Knights converted a long fourth down and followed it up with Edwards catching a touchdown from Roose to make it a 20-12 game. Less than a minute after Liggett found the end zone for the first time since the first quarter, the Monarchs answered

with a touchdown of their own to make it a two-possession game again.

The Knights had just over six minutes to try and complete a comeback. However, two more interceptions thrown by Roose ended any hopes Liggett might have had about ending its losing streak as Cabrini left with the win 27-12.

After back-to-back losses at home, the Knights head on the road this week, hoping to get back in the win column in Royal Oak, in a matchup against the 3-3 Knights from Shrine Catholic.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett QB Carson Roose had two touchdown passes in the loss to Cabrini.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Week 7



Grosse Pointe North
Vs.
Cousino
CANCELLED



Grosse Pointe South
Vs.
Chippewa Valley
Friday • 7:00 PM
Grosse Pointe South



University Liggett
@
Shrine Catholic
Friday • 7:00 PM
Shrine High School



Grosse Pointe News

Lucie Leonhard

Grade: Sophomore
School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Cross Country

Athlete of the week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As a sophomore, Lucie Leonhard has emerged as one of the top runners on the girls cross country team at Grosse Pointe North. Leonhard has consistently improved throughout the fall season so far and knows her teammates and coaches have played a major role in her development during her young running career.

"I really started getting involved in cross country my freshman year and then sophomore year I realized what I want in my sport and how to achieve it," Leonhard said. "The girls on my team and my coach have definitely had a huge part in pushing me to be a better runner."

One of Leonhard's best performances of the year

came at the Algonac Classic in September. She was North's top finisher in that race at 21:46.0.

Finishing around 21 minutes is a considerable leap for Leonhard compared to where she was last year. Her improvement from last year to this year is serving as more motivation for the sophomore runner to keep working harder and getting faster.

"I've gotten my time down a lot from last year and that makes me feel a lot better," she said. "If I can go from being a 28-minute runner to being a 21-minute runner in one year, I think I can do a lot better if I keep working harder."

While improving her times when it comes to running cross country, Leonhard also is constantly working hard to

be a star in the classroom. She makes it a point to always do her homework first as soon as she gets home, which helps her maintain a 3.9 GPA.

Even with her already big improvement, Leonhard knows there is always room to grow. With a couple of years left in her high school career, she wants to see herself and her whole team continue to raise their level of competition before college.

"I would love to see myself and the girls I run with get a lot better than we already are," Leonhard said. "I'd like to get my time down to 19 minutes and I'd like to run in college if possible."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

Grosse Pointe News
High School **SPORTS**

HOME GAMES THIS WEEK

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, October 7
5:15 pm Girls JV/Freshmen Volleyball vs. Fraser @Gym
6 pm Girls JV Field Hockey vs. GP South @Turf
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Fraser @Gym

Friday, October 8
8 am Boys Varsity Tennis (MHSAA Regionals) @GPN Courts
7 pm Boys Varsity Football (Senior Night) vs. Cousino CANCELLED
7 pm Girls Varsity Cheerleading (Senior Night) vs. Cousino @Stadium

Monday, October 11
5:30 pm Boys JV Soccer vs. Anchor Bay @GPN Turf
7 pm Boys Varsity Soccer (Senior Night) vs. L'Anse Creuse @GPN Turf

Tuesday, October 12
5 pm Girls JV Field Hockey vs. Hartland @GPN Turf
6 pm Girls Varsity Swimming vs. Dakota @Pool
6:30 Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Hartland @GPN Turf

Wednesday, October 13
5 pm Girls JV Field Hockey vs. Clarkston @GPN Turf
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Clarkston @GPN Turf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, October 7
4:30 pm Boys JV B vs. Utica @Barnes
5:30 pm Girls JV Volleyball vs. Marysville @Gym
5:30 pm Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Marysville @Gym
7 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Marysville @Gym

Friday, October 8
7 pm Boys Varsity Football (Homecoming) vs. Chippewa @Stadium
7 pm Girls Varsity Cheerleading vs. Chippewa @Stadium
7 pm Girls Varsity Dance vs. Chippewa @Stadium

Monday, October 11
6 pm Girls JV B Field Hockey vs. Regina @South
7:30 pm Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Regina @South

Tuesday, October 12
Time TBD Girls Varsity Cross Country vs. Warren Mott @Patterson Park
Time TBD Boys Varsity Cross Country vs. Warren Mott @Patterson Park
5:30 pm Boys JV Soccer vs. Utica @South
7:30 pm Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Utica @South

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Monday, October 11
4:30 pm Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Bishop Foley @ULS Fields

Tuesday, October 12
4:30 Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Novi @ULS Fields

Wednesday, October 13
5 pm Girls JV Volleyball vs. Greenhills @ULS
6 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Greenhills @ULS

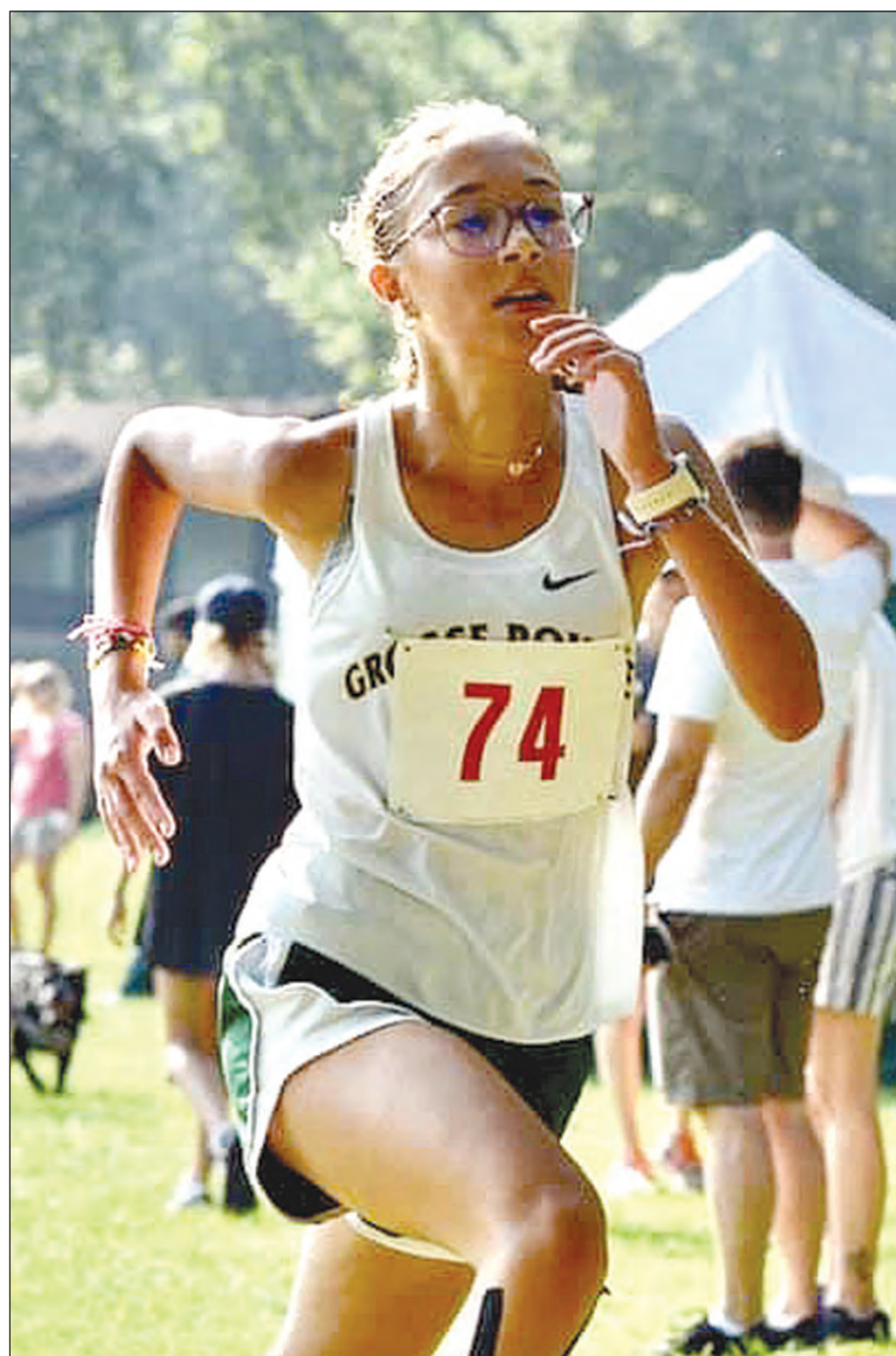


PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH CROSS COUNTRY

In just her sophomore year, Lucie Leonhard has become one of the top runners for the Grosse Pointe North girls cross country team.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BOB MANN

Bob Mann and his crew on Mystic believe despite the weather, some of the best time for sailing can be in the fall.

Sailing races continue into fall

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

October — the time of year for cool, crisp days, cider mills and road trips to see fall colors.

And sailing.

Yep, at a time when most people are taking their boats out of the water, a group of dedicated sailors are continuing to race on Lake St. Clair.

Bob Mann of Grosse Pointe Woods is among those sailors. He'll be out on his C&C 35, Mystic.

"The first flag I ever got on Mystic was in the fall series seven years ago," Mann said.

Can it be pretty cool out there?

"Oh yes, but we're optimistic," Mann said. "Partially it's the hopes that I'm not going to freeze. But there's some very good sailing in the

fall even if it's 50 (degrees)."

The fall series is sponsored by Great Lakes Yacht Club in St. Clair Shores. Rear Commodore Paul Krietsch of Grosse Pointe Woods said it's a series of five races each Sunday in October, except the last race, which is held on a Saturday.

The first race is named after Ed Theisen, a longtime sailing supporter who was commodore of both the Detroit Yacht Club and Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association, or DRYA. That race is a 12-mile point-to-point race. The remaining four races are windward/leeward races.

Great Lakes has been sponsoring the fall series approximately 30 years and usually gets between 15 and 25 boats

out each fall. This year there are 18 boats signed up to race in two classes.

"It's never been too cold that we couldn't sail or didn't want to sail," Krietsch said. "Sometimes the fall sailing is some of the nicest."

Mann said he simply wants to keep the sailing season going as long as possible. Sailing a few more times beats staying home and watching football, he said.

"There's a lot of people — some spouses — that think we're nuts" Mann said.

Fall wind can be a little heavier than wind in the summer, but that just adds to the challenge.

"It's a nice challenge to our skills to be able to do heavier weather," Mann said. "Sailors watch out for each other."



Bob Mann won his first flag during a fall race on his C&C 35 Mystic won.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 8, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission held September 9, 2021.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 122792 through 122916 in the amount of \$972,702.81 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,053.20 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.
- (3) approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$7,092.75 for their environmental observation and testing services in conjunction with the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.
- (4) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$5,396.68 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August, IT support services for all departments and the purchase of two computers and accessories.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor
Published: GPN, October 7, 2021

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South junior Anna Meads gets ready to serve in the Blue Devils' win over Utica.

South volleyball sweeps Utica

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After getting a win over crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe North earlier in the week, the Blue Devils volleyball team was looking to stay undefeated in MAC White Division play Thursday night. South celebrated parents' night when hosting Utica and treated the parents to an impressive showing by sweeping the Chieftains in three games.

South took game one of the match 25-13. Utica made things closer in the second game as the Blue Devils trailed for a bit early on. Despite that, South pulled out another victory, taking the game 25-18.

The third and final game was the most tightly contested of the night. The Chieftains took South to the wire, making the Blue Devils fight and earn every point in order to get the sweep victory. They did just that as South managed to sneak out the

close win 25-22 and secure the win in just three games.

Senior Jada DiVita led the Blue Devils with 19 kills in the win, while also finishing with two blocks. Ellie Martin was the leader in blocks with four and also had 11 kills. Elizabeth Davey facilitated the offense with 33 assists. Anna Meads had eight digs and senior Ellie Groustra had six.

As a team, South aced 11 serves against Utica to get the win. Thirty-

eight team kills also played a big factor in helping the Blue Devils stay undefeated in division play.

South sits at the top of the MAC White with a 5-0 division record, helping them stay at the front of the standings just ahead of North. The Blue Devils continue their season with a pair of upcoming division matchups. South hosts Marysville Thursday night, then travels to Port Huron Northern Thursday.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 227

On September 27, 2021, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 227 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective October 17, 2021, which Ordinance provides for amendment to Section 11-6, Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park relating to floodplain management provisions.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut,
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Junior Alex Agius was the top finisher for the Norsemen at the Coaching Legends Invitational.

Norsemen run at Coaching Legends Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys and girls cross-country runners for Grosse Pointe North traveled to Huron Meadows Metropark Saturday for the Coaching Legends Invitational. With some strong showings for both teams, the girls finished seventh out of 14 teams while the boys squad ended up 10th among 18 schools.

Freshman Lillian Deskins was the top finisher for the Norsemen's girls team, crossing the

line 28th with a time of 21:39.12.

"She was tentative at the start of the race, but then took off with confidence in the second half of the race and she keeps building more and more confidence," North girls coach Scott Cooper said about the freshman.

Lucie Leonhard (22:36.92) also cracked the top 50 for North. Becca Moin (22:53.08), Ashlei Anatalio (22:55.01), Sophia Dragich (22:55.88), Abby Dombrowski (23:13.23) and Emma Babcock (24:00.59) rounded out

the Norsemen's top seven finishers.

North's boys squad was highlighted by another solid performance from Alex Agius. The junior finished 17th in the field of more than 100 runners with a time of 17:11.14.

Senior Jack McConaghy was the next top finisher for the Norsemen, in 50th place at 18:04.97. Ryan Spiteri (18:13.59), Max Kluge (18:17.73), Paul Ciaravino (18:36.56) and Michael Villeneuve (18:46.15) all finished in the top 75.

The boys and girls cross-country teams for North are set to run again this coming Saturday. They will head to Willow Metropark in Belleville for the Wayne County Meet.

Sailing race results

Great Lakes Yacht Club Fall Series Oct. 3

Class 1
1. Elevation
2. Harmony
3. Legacy

Class 2
1. Avatar
2. No Rebase
3. Ben Jammin

North Channel Race Oct. 2

Cal 25
1. Chickenhawk
2. Pepper
3. Whitefang

Express 27
1. Riptide
2. Dat Boot
3. Evolution
Nonsuch
1. Glory
2. Sixpence
3. Rapsody in Blue

PHRF 1

1. New England Ropes
2. TOG
3. Eliminator

PHRF 2
1. Rigger
2. Solo Cup
3. Whattaride

Multihull
1. Unleaded
2. Hardly Triing
3. Morticia

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

South swimmers finish second at Wayne County Meet

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South welcomed 12 other schools from around metro Detroit Friday as the Blue Devils hosted the 2021 Girls Wayne County swim and dive meet. South put on a strong showing in its home pool, finishing in second place and less than 30 points behind first-place Northville.

The 200-yard medley relay team for South took home first place in the event. The team of Brooke Lezotte, Olivia

Yoo, Sophie Schuetze and Phoebe Handwork finished with a time of 1:47.98 to take the top spot.

Yoo earned another first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle, coming in nearly five seconds ahead of second place at 1:53.53. In second place was North's Diana Muccioli at 1:58.49. Yoo also tied for first in the 100-yard fly at 0:55.34, with teammate Schuetze just behind in third place at 0:57.19.

Schuetze, Yoo, Lezotte and Lily Petz placed second in the 400-yard free-

style relay. South junior Sophia Kapla's time of 5:10.37 earned her the top spot on the podium in the 500-yard freestyle. Muccioli (5:15.81) also finished in the top three and North's Rylee Nugent (5:47.99) made the top 10.

Ginger McMahon had the top performance of the night for Liggett, which came in the 100-yard breast. McMahon finished fourth with a time of 1:08.27. Liggett ended the meet ninth in the team standings, while the Norsemen finished sixth.

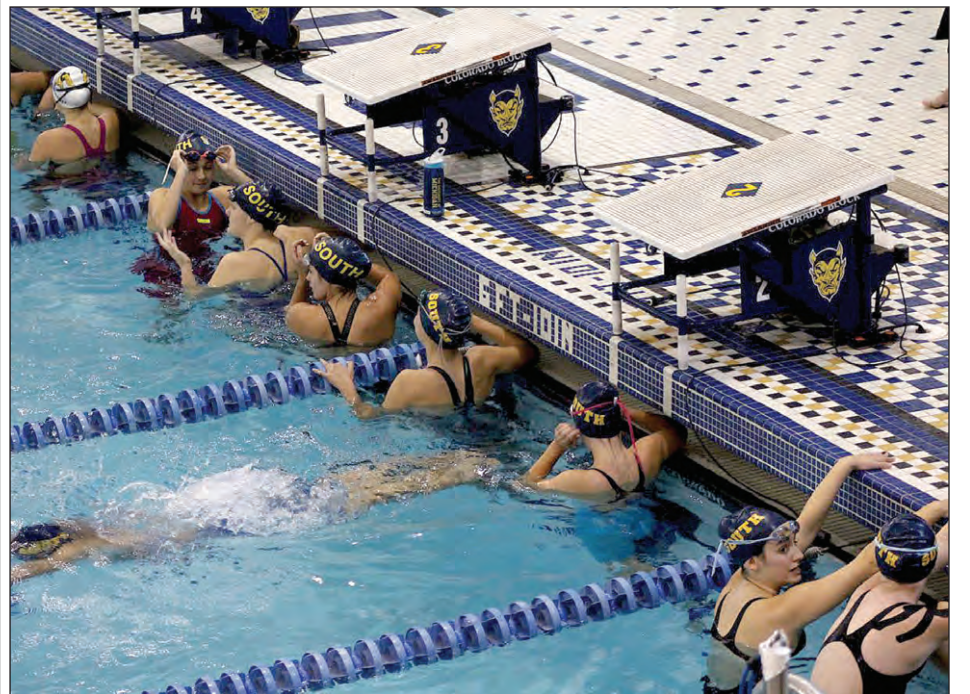


PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE SCHUETZE

The Grosse Pointe South girls swim & dive team finished in second place when hosting the 2021 Wayne County Meet.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 19617 HARPER HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD, CITY OF HARPER WOODS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS AND AFFECTED TAXING UNITS:

The Harper Woods City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00P.M. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan ("Brownfield Plan") for the property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road, Harper Woods, Michigan, parcel IDs 82-42-009-99-0002-703, 82-42-009-99-0002-007, 82-42-009-99-0002-010, 82-42-009-99-0002-717, 82-42-009-99-0002-718, 82-42-009-99-0002-723, 82-42-009-99-0002-724, 82-42-009-99-0002-725, and 82-42-415-99-0002-725 (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended. The Property is located on Vernier Road and is currently operated as Eastland Center and other commercial uses.

The proposed brownfield plan would allow the developer to be reimbursed for eligible costs incurred to prepare the brownfield property for redevelopment. Eligible costs may include environmental, site preparation and other eligible costs. The brownfield plan must first be approved by the City Council.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan.

All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before October 18, 2021.

LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

Posted: October 5, 2021
Published: October 7, 2021

CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 19617 HARPER HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD, CITY OF HARPER WOODS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS AND AFFECTED TAXING UNITS:

The Harper Woods City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan, to consider the approval of a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road, Harper Woods, Michigan, parcel IDs 82-42-009-99-0002-703, 82-42-009-99-0002-007, 82-42-009-99-0002-010, 82-42-009-99-0002-717, 82-42-009-99-0002-718, 82-42-009-99-0002-723, 82-42-009-99-0002-724, 82-42-009-99-0002-725, and 82-42-415-99-0002-725 (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 255 of 1978, as amended. The Property is located on Vernier Road and is currently operated as Eastland Center and other commercial uses.

All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the application for a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before October 18, 2021

LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

Posted: October 5, 2021
Published: October 7, 2021

CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 19617 HARPER HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17890 AND 18000 VERNIER ROAD, CITY OF HARPER WOODS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS AND AFFECTED TAXING UNITS:

The Harper Woods City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, Michigan, to consider the establishment of a Commercial Redevelopment District for the property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road, Harper Woods, Michigan, parcel IDs 82-42-009-99-0002-703, 82-42-009-99-0002-007, 82-42-009-99-0002-010, 82-42-009-99-0002-717, 82-42-009-99-0002-718, 82-42-009-99-0002-723, 82-42-009-99-0002-724, 82-42-009-99-0002-725, and 82-42-415-99-0002-725 (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 255 of 1978, as amended. The Property is located on Vernier Road and is currently operated as Eastland Center and other commercial uses.

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Congratulations coach Zaranek



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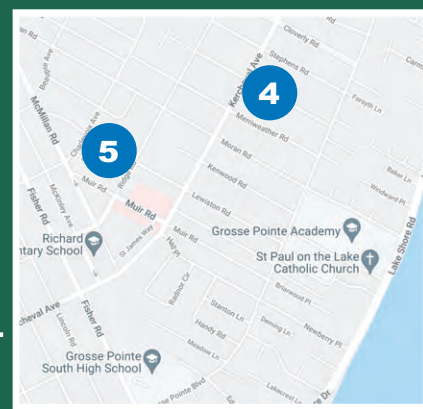
Longtime Grosse Pointe South coach Bob Zaraneck, left, was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Hall of Honor. Zaraneck also received a special award to commemorate his 1,000 career wins.

Grosse Pointe News Yard & ESTATE SALE Map



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- 1. 2081 Norwood Dr. GPW
- 2. 19766 Edshire Ln. GPW
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