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Beaumont creates assessment tool, seeks donations

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The first death in Michigan related to COVID-19 occurred Wednesday, March 18, at a Beaumont Hospital in Wayne County.

“Our medical team went to extraordinary efforts to care for this patient and we are deeply saddened by his passing and empathize with his family,” Beaumont Health Chief Nursing Officer Susan Grant said. “Our physicians, nurses and medical staff are all

working together to care for COVID-19 patients. During a time like this, we are united to battle this virus. Further, we must continue to serve and care for the non-COVID-19 needs of all patients whether they are giving birth, needing essential surgery or requiring lifesaving emergency procedures.”

Joel Fishbain, M.D., an infectious disease physician at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, reported there are confirmed COVID-19 cases at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and is

expecting to see an increase in cases at the location.

As of Sunday, March 22, there were 733 COVID-19 patients in Beaumont hospitals across the state.

“I would say that based on the way the virus is spread and what appears to be a fairly contagious virus, I do think secondary spread in the community is likely and by doing the social distancing and closing down public areas, if the incubation period truly appears to

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The Campus Shop on Kercheval in The Village hosted a storefront table and partnered with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to donate where needed.

Businesses adapt to limitations

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Amid concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, restaurants, bars and other public places have been shuttered — or at least restricted — by executive order. But before Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a statewide stay-at-home executive order, ef-

fective midnight Tuesday, March 24, many small businesses in Grosse Pointe have been doing their best to keep their customers happy — by offering curbside, carryout, delivery and other service options.

edmund t. AHEE Jewelers is among the businesses that have temporarily closed their doors.

“In these unprece-

dented times, I think that faith in God and family will lead us through and I am optimistic that we will emerge even stronger than before,” John Ahee said.

At Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods, owner Rosann Kovalcik decided, “for the sake of our customers’ health, as

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Art center to open in 2022

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Long-awaited, but increasingly debated, the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery is projected to open during fall 2022, the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation recently announced.

URIF, a public charity charged with developing the \$25 million facility, has secured construction and architectural firms to complete the building and design, along with fundraising leaders to manage resources including \$15 million



A rendering of the exterior of the proposed arts center.

that already has been provided. The Schaap Center will be funded entirely through private donations, according to a statement by the URIF.

“The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery (The Schaap Center) will

unify and enrich the community by bringing residents together to learn, be inspired, connect and enjoy the highest quality of life, through the arts,” the statement partially reads. “A beacon of community culture, this

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School board conducts first virtual public meeting

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education dipped into untested waters Monday, March 23, conducting its first-ever virtual meeting under new guidance offered by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. It was the first public body in the Pointes to

do so since emergency measures promoting social distancing and other safety precautions as a result of the new coronavirus pandemic were put in place by the order of the governor.

“Gov. Whitmer has issued a series of orders involving modifying the Open Meetings Act as well as instituting a series of directives regarding Michigan residents staying in place,” board

President Margaret Weertz said in her opening remarks. “To that end, the Board of Education, as well as future Board of Education meetings that are held during this time of crisis, will be held in a 100 percent virtual format.

“Please be patient with us as we navigate this virtual environment,” she added.

The governor’s executive order related to COVID-19

authorizes temporary remote participation in public meetings and hearings and temporary relief from monthly meeting requirements for school boards effective immediately and continuing through Wednesday, April 15.

The order amended the Open Meetings Act requiring a meet-

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Mary Lamparter
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
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Parks remain open during stay-at-home order

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s three-week stay-at-home executive order, which began at midnight Tuesday, March 24, taking a walk outdoors is one the few activities still allowed and safe to do amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

As of late Wednesday, March 18, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources temporarily suspended the requirement of a pass to enter any state park until further notice.

Discover the response of Grosse Pointe parks to the virus, as well as the level of public access remaining, below.

City of Grosse Pointe Neff Park

While Neff Park is open its normal hours, the bathhouse, office and playground are closed to the public until further notice.

“We don’t know what’s going to happen after the three weeks and we don’t want to be locked into false promises,” Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Hardenbrook said. “... We initially were sanitizing the playground equipment, but now due to the lockdown, only essential services employees will be work-

ing, so seeing that we will not have staff to daily sanitize the play equipment, the playground itself is closed off.”

Park passes for the season are set to be issued soon.

“Our passes are renewable, so the emergency response forms for renewing passes will be going out routinely, regularly,” Hardenbrook reported. “(Residents) should expect to see those the first week of April as long as the mail is being delivered.”

However, the April 1 opening of the marina will be delayed due to the governor’s three-week order.

“As long as you’re able to keep that six-foot distance with interactions and as long as the city is able to support, maintain and service, the park itself is not an issue,” he said, “but the marina, we have to have certain employees working on staff, so certain facilities do require a certain level of employee support. Parks and recreation is not essential services, so some recreational aspects may be delayed during this lockdown; however, the park will be left open for walkers and people just wanting to just get outside and move around a bit.”

Although the park office is closed, residents

are encouraged to leave messages, which will be checked periodically.

Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park

While Pier Park will remain open for walkers from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, no other activities are permitted.

“Walking for exercise is considered essential under the governor’s stay-at-home order and something that the city encourages,” City Manager Shane Reeside said via email. “Beyond exercise, walking is a great stress release only enhanced by taking in the beauty of Pier Park and Lake St. Clair.”

Many park passes for 2020 already have been issued.

“We’re not processing park passes obviously during this order; however, residents can show their 2019 park pass for entry,” Reeside reported. “That’s sufficient.”

Additionally, the dog park is closed until further notice, he added.

“The dog park is a gathering of individuals outside the home,” Reeside explained.

It is too early to tell whether COVID-19 will affect the opening of the marina.

“We begin accepting boats May 1, and obviously the order expires prior to that, but we are

going to be evaluating this from day to day, week to week,” Reeside said.

Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Park & Patterson Parks

Both Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park will be open during the three-week stay-at-home period. Park hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

“However, all facilities, restrooms and play structures will be closed,” Parks and Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig said via email.

Park residents have park passes for a four-year period and do not need to renew at this time, while renters, who hold passes for a one-year period, already have renewed.

COVID-19 may not affect marina operations.

“Our marina doesn’t open until April 15, so at this time we are still planning on opening on our regularly scheduled date,” Craig said.

Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park

Osius Park will remain open every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“We’re basically business as usual,” Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk said. “Come on down ... (and) take a

walk through the park. Our park is very small and private, so there’s not a ton of activity there every day anyway. If we have 20 people go in our park at this time of year, we’re probably lucky, but we just want to make sure everybody’s safe.”

The restrooms and Playscape are closed, he added.

“At this point, there’s a lot of unanswered questions with the marina and park reservations and pavillion rentals and all that stuff, in my opinion, is going to have to be put on hold if it’s for 10 or more,” Krolczyk said. “It’s an unprecedented time we’re living through right now. No one really knows what’s going on, so we’re trying to take some of those decisions one by one as they hit us.”

Park passes still are being issued as normal; applications were mailed out last Tuesday.

“Those should be coming in and the new passes should be going out shortly thereafter,” Krolczyk said.

It is unclear whether COVID-19 will affect marina operations.

“The season is coming faster than everyone realizes at this point, because our harbor opens April 15, and you’re only a month out, so a lot of stuff is going

to have to be solved prior to that,” Krolczyk said, “and especially with the pool and everything else with Memorial Day coming around the corner shortly after that.”

Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park & Ghesquiere Parks

Lake Front Park is closed for the three weeks of Whitmer’s order, while the other city parks are open their normal hours.

“The Playscapes have been taped off to discourage the spread of COVID-19,” City Administrator Bruce Smith said via email, adding there will be an extension of park passes or residents simply may show their state ID.

“Our restrooms aren’t supposed to open until April 1 anyways because of the weather and that possibly could be delayed,” Director of Public Service Frank Schulte reported.

He doesn’t believe COVID-19 will affect the marina open date at this time.

“We’re going to have to take that as it comes and the actual marina date for opening is May 1, so we have some time to think about it, but right now we’re holding to that date,” Schulte said.

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world-class facility will merge fine arts and performing arts under one roof, serving as a jewel for our community and region.”

Amenities will include a 400-seat, wheelchair-accessible theater, orchestra pit and shell, complemented by state-of-the-art technology and “world-class” acoustics. Rotating exhibitions will be featured in the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery. A concessions and wine bar will supply refreshments. Facility operating costs will be supported through various sources, including a lease to the center’s first scheduled artistic resident, Grosse Pointe Theatre, as well as ticket sales and private endowments, according to URIF.

“The Schaap Center will be self-sustaining and open only during events and programming. Admission costs will vary by event and program,” according to the URIF statement.

But news of the URIF announcement and similar information posted at the Grosse Pointe Park city website did little to comfort several community members who have publicly requested additional details since the facility was announced last fall. Councilwoman Aimeé Rogers Fluitt was among council members who hosted a February meeting of citizens concerned about the development at Atwater Brewery.

“The drawings are beautiful, but it answers none of my questions,” she said, “because this offers none of the practical details required by such a project. It doesn’t address a broad range of programming and only



A rendering of the interior of the proposed arts center.

confirms that this will not be a traditional art gallery and will only be open occasionally.”

Among Fluitt’s other concerns are a lack of formally submitted plans to accommodate parking for an anticipated 605 vehicles, she said. Parking concerns Councilman Vikas Relan, too, along with its absorption of available green space in the neighborhood along Jefferson, where the center is to be opened. Relan also said The Schaap Center should offer arts education programming.

“My biggest issue is that the land has sat vacant for eight years since they acquired it. So when people say, ‘It’s about time something happened there,’ it is directly because they failed to put anything there that could have brought in tax revenue, along with possible mixed-use applications, a proper gateway to our wonderful city,” Relan added.

Councilwoman Lauri Read called the facility’s renderings and proposed designs “top-notch,” but said the lack of a previously submitted business plan leaves her concerned about how the center will reach attendance and financial goals, justifying tax sup-

port.

“As an elected official it is my duty, on behalf of all residents, to ask these critical questions to ensure the highest and best use of our resources,” Read added.

Councilwoman Michele Hodges was measured in her reaction to the announcement, saluting philanthropists committed to the The

Schaap Center, while anticipating additional details from URIF.

“I see the sharing of information as a step in the right direction and, as an elected official charged with an oversight role, I trust more will come as the public process unfolds,” she said.

The Schaap Center will host performances

by community organizations, schools and other talent, drawing around 50,000 guests each year, according to URIF.

Theresa Selvaggio, a Grosse Pointe Theatre board of directors member and past president, said she is excited about the center’s role in expanding southeast Michigan’s arts community.

“Paul and Carol Schaap and Richard and Jane Manoogian are investing millions in our community so we have a world-class theater and art gallery in Grosse

Pointe Park,” Selvaggio said.

She looks forward to building upon a 13 percent increase in ticket sales that made Grosse Pointe Theatre’s last season its best in decades.

“Every great community has an art center and a strong community theater,” Selvaggio added. “The Schaap Center takes it to another level with the attention to detail in planning the theater and adding the magnificence of the Manoogian Art Gallery.”



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Volunteer serves those who serve the country

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Mary Lamparter chuckles at the thought of her volunteer life coming full circle.

As a young adult, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident volunteered for the USO, chatting with military members on leave in her hometown of St. Louis. Now, decades later, she devotes a majority of her time advocating for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, which provides specially trained service dogs to veterans and first responders.

Her USO service work brought her to Michigan in the first place.

"I was a volunteer at the USO at Lambert Field in St. Louis," she said. "I met a guy stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. A year later, he was getting out of the service. It seemed like a good idea to follow him."

Lamparter moved to Pontiac in 1969, and began working at an engineering firm. Though the relationship didn't last, she "stayed and created my own life. ... Everything happens for a reason; I've never looked back."

For 11 years, she was an administrative assistant at Rossetti Associates architecture firm. Once she married Ron Lamparter in 1982, she stopped working, "so I could travel and participate in the business he was getting off the ground."

Ron Lamparter's burgeoning business was Transpec, which built engineered component products for buses. Having no employees, the couple traveled to trade shows themselves to promote their product. As the company expanded, "soon I didn't have to do trade shows anymore," Lamparter said.

During that time, the Lamparters embarked on what would become their legacy.

"Ron built our building when the company was growing," Lamparter said. "He was going to use it for the company's expansion. When he sold the company (in 2007), he retained the real estate. The company that bought the business we thought would stay as a tenant. In 2008, they moved and we found we had 135,000 square feet of empty space."



Mary Lamparter is all smiles with one of her four-legged Guardian Angels friends.

The couple, who at the time spent six months of the year in Florida, moved back to Grosse Pointe full time.

"We had to figure out what to do with the building," she said. "There was no market to sell it."

As luck would have it, their building — located near Van Dyke and 14 Mile Road in Sterling Heights — is located in the Defense Corridor, "the only game in town that was still viable," Lamparter said. "We don't realize how powerful the defense industry is here in Michigan. We're very fortunate the building is in the location it's in."

"Ron had the foresight," she continued. "He met someone who was interested in taking a considerable amount of space."

The building soon became an incubator for start-up companies in the defense industry.

"Within a couple years, we realized we were attracting people not in startups, but with well-established companies that all had to do with the defense industry," Lamparter said. "So we joined different defense organizations. It was a huge networking opportunity. And here we are 12 years later."

Defense Corridor Center for Collaboration and Synergy, or DC3S, currently houses around 30 defense-related companies.

"We've become huge networkers in the defense industry," Lamparter said. "Ron prides himself on bring-

ing people and companies together that should know each other. He's in the business part. I'm involved a step further, on the military side of it."

Through DC3S, Lamparter has been involved with numerous defense-related agencies. She served two years on the board of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, seven years as a member of the Selfridge Base Community Council and eight years as a member and fundraiser for Michigan Freedom Center at Metro Airport. Additionally, she co-chaired the Army Birthday Ball through the Association of U.S. Army and has served on the board at The War Memorial five years.

She's also a member of Women in Defense, which focuses on providing scholarships for young women looking to get into the defense industry; a 10-year board member with The Association of U.S. Army's Arsenal of Democracy Chapter, which focuses on soldiers; and a member of the National Defense Industrial Association, which focuses on the military's "business" side.

But her biggest passion lies with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs.

Through her military connections, Lamparter got to know Yolantha Bassett, who was Guardian Angels' regional coordinator for Michigan.

"She said, 'You need to see what I'm doing with service dogs,'" Lamparter

said. "I'd been holding a fundraiser called Celebrate Michigan's Military for three years at our building. It benefitted other military organizations at first," but after attending her first Guardian Angels event, "I knew that was my next project."

Six years ago, Lamparter's CMM event changed its recipient. Ever since, Guardian Angels has received all funds raised. And after Bassett moved out of state, Lamparter was gifted that volunteer position and became Guardian Angels' regional coordinator for Michigan.

"It happened sort of by accident, but it's one of the best things that's ever happened," Lamparter said. "Guardian Angels has become my passion."

Through the position, Lamparter speaks to various groups, educating them about the service dogs and letting veterans know help is available, "whether they're suffering from visible or invisible wounds," she said. The past six years, more than \$400,000 has been raised and at least 10 dogs have been paired with veterans through CMM, including GP, a service dog locally sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, The War Memorial and private donors.

Separately, Lamparter has helped Stahl's Automotive Collection and GroupeStahl in its sponsorship of three dogs.

There currently are another six dogs in training that have been sponsored through donations from Lamparter's CMM event.

"Ron and I both feel what we do, we just enjoy so much," she said. "The people in the defense community are very special to us. We're always entertaining, having dinner with friends, putting people together. That's our hobby."

"Life is so rewarding, particularly this stage of

both of our lives," she added. "It's so rewarding to be involved in what we're doing. We're very fortunate. We get to know the top defense industry leaders in our state. We get to call them our friends. Not everyone can say they know generals. We've gotten very lucky."

Lamparter said she's also grateful to get to know the spouses of military members and offer assistance.

"Being in the military is a tough life for families," she said, explaining many generals and other top military leaders are assigned to posts for two years and have to adjust to a new city, "where they know no one, they don't know where to live or even where to find a dentist. By the time they get settled and get used to the city, they're moved to somewhere else. I'm fortunate to play a role in that way, helping some new military families that come in, if they want my help."

"Every person should support our military," she continued. "It's an honor. I never had a chance to serve in the military. This is my way of serving. Anything I can do to support military members, veterans or the defense industry, I will do. Without them we wouldn't have a country. ... It's ironic, I started out in the USO as a 20-year-old. As a much more than 20-year-old, I'm back in the military in one form or another."

"If it's just a little role I can play in helping, whether it's for those currently serving or those who have served already, I'm up for the challenge. It's a way I can honor those who've taken care of all of us. Respect comes with age. As we get older, we recognize what the military does for us. And as I've gotten to know the families, I realize the sacrifice they make. It's rewarding for them — I've never met a military member who said they wouldn't do it all again — but it's not easy."



Lamparter poses with members of the National Guard, along with Reed and his service dog, Bailey.

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the city, including Fall Fest and Senior Holiday Social scheduled for late 2020. While the list of about two dozen cancellations encompasses

some that might be thought premature, city officials said organizing for fall and holiday season events begins months earlier.

"Many city events require months of planning and preparation," reads a statement from

the city of Grosse Pointe Woods. "Additionally, they often require binding contracts to secure vendors and entertainers that, once signed, cannot be cancelled."

The reconvening of Woods-sponsored events could be discussed at a later time.

City leaders added, "The COVID-19 virus has created a unique situation and it is unknown how long the current conditions will last. Although it seems drastic to cancel events for the 2020 calendar year, city officials believe it is necessary to have a long-term plan in place and to keep our residents informed."

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Account verification scam

After receiving a letter in the mail she believed to be from Capital One, a 67-year-old Grosse Pointe woman called the listed phone number and gave her Social Security number to “verify the account” at 7:32 p.m. Monday, March 16, which was a scam.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No insurance

A 56-year-old Harsens Island man's vehicle parked on Michaux Lane

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at 1:32 p.m. Monday, March 16, was found not to have insurance. The vehicle was impounded and the man was issued a violation.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen pistols

Two handguns were stolen from a residence in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe between 9 p.m. Thursday, March 19, and midnight Friday,

March 20. The suspect is a visitor to the victim's home.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Parking rage

After her vehicle was struck while parked at a post office in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 1:10 p.m. Monday, March 16, a 23-year-old Park woman approached the offending vehicle and was struck in the

neck and swore at by the driver.

The 56-year-old Detroit man denied hitting her vehicle and was arrested.

Tech support scam

An unknown suspect claiming to be Apple Tech Support informed a 53-year-old Farms woman her laptop had been hacked and he could fix the problem at 2:34 p.m. Monday, March 16.

After providing remote access and sending \$2,000 to “check the system,” she realized it was a scam.

COVID-19 fears

Officers were called to a Merriweather Road residence at 11:19 p.m. Thursday, March 19, after a 53-year-old Farms woman verbally assaulted her husband before scratching him in the face.

The woman had been consuming alcohol and was upset about COVID-19, insisting they were going to die and needed to make a will for their children immediately.

Drunken driving prevention

A 42-year-old Farms woman was arrested for

operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 percent or more at 8:58 a.m. Monday, March 23, when she attempted to pick up her children from her ex-husband's home.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No crimes to report.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

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well as ours, we (will) engage in social distancing,” she said. “We have curbside delivery available, as well as home delivery and shipping options.

“We are very fortunate that so many people are engaging in the hobby of feeding the birds as they stay at home,” she added.

Wilds Birds customers have the option of making purchases via telephone or website, which has proven to be successful, Kovalcik said.

“We decided to take these measures because we knew how connected our customers are to their birds,” she said. “With all of the uncertainty that surrounds us at this time, it is a reassuring feeling to see our feathered friends visiting our yards, filling the air with song and beginning courtship display.”

In fact, Kovalcik encouraged people to stay connected to the outdoors as much as they can, “as it is good for mental health,” she said. “Bird feeding is the perfect way to do that.

“In about a month,” she added, “we will start to see the first hummingbirds and orioles return from Central and South America. What joy and hope that will bring to us.”

Also hoping to bring joy to Grosse Pointe is Duffey & Co. owner Anne Duffey-Leo, who has implemented curbside pickup for her customers. The Grosse Pointe Park business — offering “gifts that are as lovely and unique as their receiver” — is promoting its wares on Facebook and Instagram and accepting orders via email, telephone or text.

“We’re moving (the business) to the people, allowing for curbside pickup,” Duffey-Leo said. “And we’re offering free delivery in Grosse Pointe and free shipping, as long as we can still use shipping.

“People are going to need a little something nice — a scented candle, a card or a book — just to make this stay at home more palatable,” she added. “We’re trying to do it in a safe manner, with social distancing.”

Duffey-Leo is manning the shop by herself and Thursday, March 19, spent a busy day filling



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A blood drive at Pointe Fitness March 20 yielded 26 units of blood — including donations from nine first-time donors — giving as many as 78 hospital patients a chance at good health.

orders. The following morning, she prepared another for curbside pickup.

“I want to keep going as long as we can in a healthy way,” she said. “Through this time, we have to make sure we look beyond our fears and safely reach out in whatever manner we can.”

Another way Duffey-Leo and her daughter, Audrey Leo, are reaching out is by dropping off their own donations to Genesis House II, a shelter for women and children in Detroit.

“They’re in need of everything,” she said. “We looked around; they didn’t have art supplies. The kids were just hanging out along the walls. They’re working with few volunteers. So, as we were spring cleaning our own home, we gathered construction paper ... clothes that no longer fit, blankets. We’re just doing a drop-off.

“I think we have to be aware of how we can still help, how we can help with keeping everyone safe and at a distance,” she added. “I believe in the human spirit and coming up with innovative ideas to get through these tough times. Through all the bad, there are some beautiful things that happen.”

Kevin Westfall, owner of Teknicolor Paint in Grosse Pointe Woods, agreed that good often shines through bad times.

“It’s heartwarming to see the hope, it appears, we’re providing by staying open,” he said.

In fact, business is good for Teknicolor, which has seen steady customers during this time of self-isolation.

“We’re extremely busy,” Westfall said. “People are home with nothing to do, so they

want to paint. ... The people coming in are just happy we’re here.”

Westfall said it was a tough decision to make to keep his business open — he has 21 employees at five Teknicolor locations — but he talked to his employees first and foremost.

“They’re saying we need to keep going because people seem real happy that we’re open,” he said. “I don’t want to put my employees at risk or put our customers at risk,” so Teknicolor stores are taking proper precautions. Employees have three mandatory sanitizing times each day during which they clean doorknobs, keyboards and other surfaces. Cleaning carries on between those times as well. Signs are posted indicating their efforts to keep the stores sanitized and asking customers to be respectful of social distancing.

“People have been good,” Westfall said. “When everything else is falling down around us, this has been rewarding.”

Apart from caring for his customers, Westfall also is giving to the community. Before the pandemic spread to the area, he had purchased a number of N95 masks. At first, he restricted their sale to one box per customer, then only sold them to people for medical use.

“Now, we’re donating everything we have,” he said, noting he’s delivered masks to several area hospitals. “I probably gave away \$2,100 in masks; around 1,000 masks. The hospitals are thrilled to get them.”

Westfall said he’ll keep his doors open as long as he can, but he has contingency plans in place

“if we can’t be open,” he said. “We’ll close our showroom. People can call in and we’ll bring orders to their cars. We’re already doing call-ahead and drive-up services — and a lot of deliveries.

“We’re in uncharted territory,” he added. “We have the good fortune of being a faith-filled business. That’s coming through in our employees; they all just want to help.”

Not all businesses have the option of remaining open and that rings true for Fusion Integrated Training on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Owners PJ and Nick Vlahantones emailed clients to reassure them their memberships are frozen until it’s safe for fitness studios to reopen. Additionally, the studio has begun offering free classes online.

“We decided to put free workouts online daily through our Facebook and Instagram to keep our Fusion family and the community moving during this shutdown,” PJ Vlahantones said. “We plan on posting a new workout every day. These workouts are free for everyone. We are hoping to give a little back to the community who has supported us here in Grosse Pointe for almost seven years now. We are hoping these workouts will keep people and their families active and physically and mentally strong during these uncertain and stressful times.”

Looking out for its employees during its temporary closure, Fusion also is offering a special promotion: “Ten percent off all training packages or gift cards, plus Fusion will give 10 percent to our amazing staff to help bridge this gap,” Vlahantones said. “Use promo code SWEATLOCAL.”

While Pointe Fitness in Harper Woods is closed to its clients, the gym opened for a time Friday, March 20, to host an American Red Cross blood drive. The need for blood — and blood drive hosts — is critical as the country faces shortages deemed more severe than usual.

Elsewhere in Grosse Pointe, the ovens at Chocolate Bar Café are still warm and customers are invited to pick up their orders in the rear of the Mack Avenue store. Only two people are allowed in the business at one time and only to pick up orders.

Irish Coffee on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms, like many Grosse Pointe restaurants, offers carry-outs only. The business also promises its loyal

customers it will host a St. Patrick’s Day event in the future.

Panera Bread in The Village is offering free delivery on orders costing \$15 or more through Tuesday, March 31.

“We are grateful for the guests and communities we serve,” read a Facebook post sent to the Grosse Pointe News by Mike Zang, general manager. “You deserve good, clean food during these unprecedented times. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay well.”

Savvy Chic in The Village has closed to in-person appointments and will not re-open until it’s safe to do so. The shop will offer free shipping and curbside pickup and is extending its 14-day return policy.

“We are facing a challenge like we’ve never seen before,” owner Lanna Young said. “We are all concerned about our families, our friends, our neighbors.

“We will make it through this together,” she added. “And with kindness and compassion on our side, it will make the journey easier for us all.”

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OUR VIEW

‘Stay home, stay safe’

It felt like a kick in the gut. On Monday, many Michiganders hoped to be at least a third of the way through a three-week hiatus from school and from similarly postponed activities such as eating in restaurants, going to the library and the gym, and so on. Instead, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer reset the clock — announcing the start of a new, three-week “stay home, stay safe” campaign. Even that amount of time may not offer enough social separation — although, hopefully, another week or two will at least give some indication of what steps, if any, can slow down the spread of COVID-19.

This is a nationwide and global crisis that requires very specific, local action to resolve. The tools — available to everyone — are time and distance.

Transmission stops when people can keep separated (generally six feet apart) and wash their hands frequently. The time needed to practice these measures: generally two to three weeks.

And so it is that almost every adjustment has a local impact.

Grosse Pointe students study at home with lessons, and in some cases computers, from the school district. The Board of Education held a virtual meeting, with their faces and voices coming from home and combined on a screen that was visible live on the district website; the board even set up a mechanism for public comment, with written submissions read by a district official.

(The meeting can be replayed on the district website and on cable Channel 20.)

The potential educational success is somewhat dampened by the lack of clarity from the state as to whether these days at home will count as official school attendance hours. Lawmakers need to figure out how to support students and teachers without getting hung up on technicalities, and voters need to make it clear to their elected officials that education remains a priority.

Nonetheless, there will be damage. Strain has already begun to show in the business community. Retailers have had to shut their doors, and publications, such as the Metro Times and C&G Newspapers (Grosse Pointe Times) have suspended operations.

Some local restaurants are trying to hang on by amping up their carry-out service, but customer support will be crucial. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce (grossepointechamber.com) is maintaining a list with phone numbers of members doing carry-out, curbside and/or delivery service. (See advertisement on opposite page.)

Long-standing traditions are being disrupted, including the start of the Little League season. The earliest possible start date now is May 11.

“Does it hurt? Yeah it hurts,” Bill Crandall told mlive.com. The District 6 administrator in Grosse Pointe and Little League information officer for Michigan added: “But there are bigger things going on in the world. Baseball will be there when it’s time.”

Still, it’s exceedingly hard to watch the closing off of institutions that normally bring people together — youth sports, churches, schools, classes and activities run by the Neighborhood Club and War Memorial — and those that offer a common experience, like the library. Even using the wonderful parks and the walkable neighborhoods of the Pointes requires new etiquette for maintaining proper distances — and, sadly, keeping kids off the play equipment.

Some great at-home activities have gotten partially stymied, too. You can de-clutter and clean out your closet, but it appears no groups are accepting donations. Want to round up your returnable bottles and redeem them? Retail associations say no way.

Remember, the whole point is to slow the spread of an incredibly contagious germ. Anyone can carry it around, in some cases without even getting particularly sick, and everyone needs to behave as if they’re either that person hosting the virus or the next link in the transmission chain. In one of the great contradictions of all time, beating back COVID-19 requires the community pulling together to stay six feet apart.



Photos by Renee Landuyt

Monica Mourad, inset, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was one of many who “stepped up” this week by delivering “grab and go” items for Ascension St. John Hospital.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Hospital in need of PPE

We received the following from the daughter of a physician at Ascension St. John Hospital, who asked to remain anonymous. Based on her account, we are not immune to the shortage of personal protection equipment.

“Doctors at St. John have no equipment, COVID-19 tests or N95 masks. They are constantly being exposed and put in harm’s way.

“When patients are suspected of having COVID-19, they have to send them to Beaumont because St. John has no tests, furthering the number of people being exposed.

“They have sent home medical students, who should be making rounds because they are young and at risk and instead having people like my father and others in their 60s go in and see patients.”

We forwarded the above to an Ascension spokesperson for comment and received the following: “We are following the updated CDC guidelines regarding suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases and the use of personal protective equipment. The safety of our caregivers and patients is our utmost priority as we all work to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and care for all those in need.” The physician’s daughter continued:

“The number of people with COVID-19 are increasing every day. They’ve already begun to reuse equipment and will soon be in dire straits.

“What can we do to help? They need MASKS, GLOVES and PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

“In the Grosse Pointe area, many businesses are currently closed.

“Dentists, Botox/skincare centers, nail salons, painters, carpenters, construction companies, clothing manufacturers, etc., ALL have potentially life-saving N95 masks that they currently cannot use because they are closed for COVID-19.

“If these companies could donate masks, gloves, anything — it will buy our doctors and healthcare workers more time as the situation escalates.”

We think that is an excellent idea and we encourage businesses, practices and professionals to donate any personal protective equipment they can spare to our local hospitals, Ascension St. John and Beaumont, or to Henry Ford Cottage Medical Center.

We understand some Pointe dentists already have begun doing this, as has the Wayne State University Medical School. We compliment and thank them for their forethought. We need to work together to get through this.

LETTERS

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

Lights On!

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe community is so fortunate to have three of Detroit’s major medical centers’ sites in “our own backyard.” They are neighbors.

Right now, as our medical professionals working at these sites drive to our community, through it or they live here, they are headed to work, to be on the front lines of an extraordinary battle they never expected to have to fight.

As a show of great appreciation and thanks to these dedicated medical teams, how about the rest of us in Grosse Pointe lighting up our neighborhoods with lights. Christmas lights, porch lights left on, an LED candle in a window, a swag of lights around a tree or an entire tree wrapped in lights — whatever moves you —

and they will know we are extending a heartfelt thanks to them through “Lights On for White-Coats and Scrubs!”

SALLY OWEN
City of Grosse Pointe

Wedding Guide

To the Editor:

Congratulations on this year’s edition of the Wedding Guide. I’m sure those contemplating a locally based marriage will find it attractive and helpful.

I’m writing to express concern about one omission and my hope that it can be remedied in the 2021 edition. I refer to the absence of any information as to whether the facilities and vendors mentioned in the copy, as well as those who advertised in it, are willing to serve all your readers who may apply for their services, including gay and lesbian couples — a group that in other

locales in our country have run into service denials by photographers, bakers, inn owners and dining facilities. I’m sure you’ve seen news coverage of the resulting disputes and court cases.

If a business feels for whatever reason that it cannot serve gay clients, I would not suggest that it shouldn’t be featured or advertised in the Wedding Guide.

Owners should be required to state their preference in the guide so potential customers can avoid the chagrin and humiliation that accompanies being turned away in a place of business open to the public. This would apply both in paid ads and in editorial copy related to wedding service providers.

As an alternative to individual business disclaimers, there could be a brief editorial statement on the first page verifying that all vendors described or advertised in the guide have pledged to serve potential clients without regard to race, religion or sexual orientation, if in fact that is the case. Exceptions could be noted without comment.

In the Wedding Guide, diversity has not been served by photos or ads depicting people of color, though they reside, to

the best of my knowledge, in all five Pointes.

I assure you that lesbian and gay people do, too, perhaps in numbers most residents do not suspect.

I believe those contemplating a wedding would very much appreciate knowing who will welcome them when they enter a store or make an appointment to see a venue or meet a photographer.

JAMES GERARDI
Grosse Pointe Farms

Reconfiguration

To the Editor:

I had a chance to read a transcript of the comment by the GPEA (Grosse Pointe Education Association) from the March 9 school board meeting and found these statements so profound, I want to make sure that everyone heard them.

“Teachers feel as though they have not had an opportunity to provide input ...”

“Teachers would like to see well-researched practices implemented and if possible, like-district comparisons.”

“Our teachers are telling us they do not feel like they’re being heard.”

“The GPEA ... urges you to consider slowing this implementation down.”

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

Words from the wise in difficult times



I don't remember the exact words my dad said to me the last time I saw him. But if it ended like any of the conversations we'd had for many years before his death, my guess is, "I love you."

He never left my presence, nor I his, without both of us saying those words. However, I will always, without a doubt, remember the last words my father-in-law said to me before he died last week-end. I worked late one Wednesday night a couple weeks ago, covering a rehearsal of Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Little Shop of Horrors" — for a story that didn't make it

to press before concerns over COVID-19 shut down everything. I decided to stop by my father-in-law's house on my way home. I knew my husband and sister-in-law were there looking out for him. Over the past few months, his cancer had spread and his dementia had worsened, but I took my chances that he'd be up for a visit. We sat together, the four of us, for an hour or so before he retired for

the night. As my husband helped him from the living room, I wished him a good night. He stopped, turned to me and said, "Goodbye." After a slow shuffle forward, he stopped, turned to me again and said, "It's always nice seeing you; never forget that." I saw him again the day before he passed. He did not see me. My husband is now the McVeigh family patri-

arch. He has huge shoes to fill. My father-in-law — aka "Mr. McDad" back when I was getting used to being married — set the bar high. He was the kindest, most positive man I've ever met. He entered every room with a whistle, was quick with a silly anecdote and never said no to ice cream. A steadfast Christian, he never spoke ill of anyone or complained. He was a man of integrity,

generous and selfless. And I always felt like he was my biggest fan — a sentiment shared by many who knew him. When my husband told me of his father's death, the words that stick out most from that conversation are what have helped me through these last few days: "There's a party going on in heaven right now. They're cheering for him as he's walking through the gates."

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945
75 years ago this week

SHORES FAVORS CITY IDEA: A quiet agitation has been under way in certain high places in the Pointes, not a million miles removed from the Grosse Pointe Shores section, for a change in form of municipal government. The Shores, like the Park, Farms and Woods, is an incorporated village. This means the assessment for all purposes, except for the village government maintenance itself, is made by the township board. There's the rub. The owners of the larger properties which are numerous in the Shores have been making an effort for several years to obtain a reduction in their assessed valuation. The township board has stood adamant against

this and thus far has had its way.
1970
50 years ago this week

BON SECOURS HOSPITAL TAKES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CITY: Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe has instituted a suit in Circuit Court attacking the validity of Grosse Pointe's present zoning ordinance as applied to it, which has prevented the hospital's planned expansion. The Grosse Pointe City Council voted 5-2 in favor of allowing the hospital to proceed with expansion plans, but under the Michigan Zoning Law, six out of seven votes were required; thus, the hospital was prevented by a single vote from carrying out its plans. *Obituaries: Eugene A. Casaroll, Patrick Henry*

Conlon, George F. Beranek, Ruth M. Linder, Joseph Maertens, Lewis A. Smith

1995
25 years ago this week

POINTES LOSE SMART'S 630 BUS ROUTE: Before the Pointes even got a chance to be part of the new Wayne County Transit Authority, SMART has already announced it is trimming service in Grosse Pointe. SMART's 630 route, which runs from Eastland along Vernier to Marter, then along Lakeshore downtown to Woodward and Adams, will be cut beginning April 3. *Obituaries: Louise Sinclair Livingwood, Mary Virginia Haddow Cook, Margaret B. Hoffman, Gerald Louis Stoetzer, Esther Halonen Carne*

2010
10 years ago this week

BREWING A BUDGET: Dale Scrace knows what he's up against when building next year's budget for the City of Grosse Pointe. Internal projections show the city next year having \$500,000 to \$600,000 less general

fund revenues compared to now. The estimate represents a 10 percent drop from the current fiscal year. **BENEFIT ON LIFE SUPPORT:** One of the first decisions facing two Grosse Pointe Shores councilmen being sworn into office this month will affect the financial future of employees for decades to come. Further discussion about slashing the employee sick

bank has been rescheduled to this month's council meeting so appointees David Galbenski and Brian Geraghty can have their say. *Obituaries: Charles "Ted" Stephens, Margaret Harrigan Cole, Joseph Frank Jeannette II, Diann Coosaia, Dolores Jean Lavins, Frank Joseph Eurs M.D., Michael Jay White, John C. Purcell*

OUR VIEW

Moretz named Coach of the Year

The Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association has named Grosse Pointe South's Paul Moretz 2020 Coach of the Year, Division-III. After taking over a Blue Devils team that finished 7-17-1 in '18-19, wrote Craig Peterson for the MHSCHA, Moretz flipped the record completely in his first season with Grosse Pointe South, finishing with a 22-6-0 record, ranked seventh in the state and with a monumental win over No. 1 ranked Detroit Catholic Central. "After such a stellar job in his first season," Petersen wrote, Moretz is easily one of the most exciting up-and-coming coaches in the game today." Congratulations, coach, well done!



Coach Paul Moretz

LETTERS:

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At a time when life as we know it has come to a standstill, I find it impossible to continue to push this reconfiguration. This is just one more sign showing us to take pause and reconsider what is best for our students. My current first, third, and fourth graders remain just that, losing out not only on their last few months of elementary school at Trombly but for my fourth grader, will he go to middle school as a fourth grader? Due to the research that states middle school is not the right environment for fifth graders, it surely isn't appropriate for fourth graders. With other districts across the country canceling the remainder of the school year, what happens if Michigan follows suit?

There is just far too much uncertainty at this time to be focusing on anything other than the virtual education and safety of our children, staff and community. If no other good comes from this virus, it has forced us all to pause, reset, slow down and really reflect on who we are and what we're doing here. I urge you to do the

same. Unfortunately, due to the outbreak of coronavirus, we have postponed the Town Hall meeting. We look forward to rescheduling as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we are looking into a virtual platform that would allow a similar format, so I will keep you posted! *LAUREN NOWICKI Grosse Pointe Park*

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Week one of home learning complete

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Whether or not the state recognizes home learning as official days while schools are closed due to the new coronavirus pandemic, teachers, students and parents across the Grosse Pointe Public School System are working hard to make those days count — at least in terms of learning.

Day one of distance learning began Monday, March 16, following a district-wide day of meetings Friday, March 13, for staff to prepare and plan.

Maire Elementary School kindergartener Maddie Johnson wasn't so sure about the new arrangement, according to her mother, Kate Johnson, a City of Grosse Pointe resident.

"She said to me, 'Why am I the only one doing it?' I said, 'You're not the only one doing it.' But as a 6-year-old, she can't see into other people's homes."

Fortunately, later that day, Maire Principal Ryan Francis posted a video on Maire's PTO Facebook page as part of his daily



COURTESY PHOTO

The second week of home learning begins at the Du Charme Powell household with Keenan, left, and Kobe working on homework packets prepared by their teachers.

story time for Maire students. He began with a simple message to students, encouraging them to do their work and listen to their parents, Johnson said.

"I said, 'See, Maddie? Everyone's doing it.' And she walked away from me like she's 16, not 6. It's hard for a kindergartener to understand the whole thing."

Johnson added that

Francis's daily video posts have helped with the transition.

"She looks forward to seeing Mr. Francis," Johnson said. "It's a familiar face. It's been very comforting to her."

Jessika Du Charme's home school in Harper Woods consists of kindergarten student Keenan, 6, and third grader Kobe, 8. Du Charme manages their lesson times while

working from home and keeping her 2-year-old daughter, Milani, occupied. Both sons are students at Poupard Elementary School.

"I was really impressed with the way everybody came together right away and said OK, this is how we're dealing with it, this is our plan," Du Charme said. "They had these packets. I can't imagine what these teachers went through in such a small amount of time."

Du Charme applauded her children's teachers — kindergarten teacher Abigail Hultgren and third-grade teacher Sarah Hartley — for their efforts and dedication.

"They're checking in every day," Du Charme said. "Ms. Hultgren checks in on video every day on the Dojo app. My son Keenan just adores her. This is hard on them to be away from their teachers because they've created a bond with them for the past six months or so."

ClassDojo is an app connecting teachers with families. This communication was set up at the beginning of the school

year, Du Charme noted, easing the transition to home learning.

Du Charme said Hultgren posts daily videos of herself reading a book or provides ideas to help "de-stress," such as a yoga video. Hartley, too, stays in touch with daily emails and messages, along with her children's other teachers and Principal Hussain Ali.

"Things are so uncertain right now and it's just nice that the communication has been so open," she said. "I don't have any questions because I feel like everything I could have a question about, they are right there and providing the answers before the question could even come up."

Using resources the teachers provided, Du Charme said she tries to create as much structure for her children as she can.

"I try to honestly mix it up throughout the day," she said. "They're young and they're anxious. They've really only been in the house and in the yard. I'm trying to keep that in mind and keep them positive and keep

their brains going. ... I try to stagger it. I'll do an hour, let them take a break and have a snack. We'll come back and do a couple pages, switch it up, let them do something on their tablet. Let them have some down time, play outside for a bit.

"Kids need that structure and that stability," she added. "I think that's really where a lot of them are going to suffer with this because not all of them are going to have that structure and stability like they do at school."

Du Charme also has to accommodate her children's different ages and learning styles, with her 6-year-old requiring more one-on-one time while her 8-year-old is more self-sufficient.

"Teachers do this all day long with kids. As a parent you do it for one hour at home," she said, adding, "Educators are right up there with nurses and doctors and job fields that require people to think about others before they think about themselves. I think this is a time when people are starting to appreciate that. Which is long overdue."

Making distance learning count

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

After the Grosse Pointe Public School System's first week of home learning using online resources — also known as "distance learning" — concluded March 20, the question remained whether the hours invested will count toward the state's mandate of 180 school days and 75 percent in-school attendance.

The House and Senate met March 17, to handle matters related to the new coronavirus, but adjourned before lawmakers took action on legislation to keep all school employees paid and forgive school districts for the days of education missed.

The School Aid Supplemental bill has bipartisan support, according to the Michigan Education Association. SB 373 includes amendments providing relief for the days requirement during the state-mandated emergency closures and

requires districts to continue to pay all school staff, including low-wage hourly workers.

Meanwhile, in response to local and intermediate school district superintendents' query on whether time spent on distance learning during the mandated closure can be counted as instructional time, the Michigan Department of Education issued a March 20 memo stating, "No. There is no mechanism to earn instructional time during a period of mandated school closure. However, schools can and are encouraged to offer supplemental learning opportunities to students using distance learning methods as they see fit. MDE will not be granting seat time waiver requests during this time."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer responded that same day with a statement clarifying the memo "does not mean that school work done during the mandatory school closure won't 'count' toward grades,

credits or graduation. Each district should determine what services and supports they are able to provide during this unprecedented crisis. Many are focusing on meeting basic needs and are working around the clock to provide breakfast and lunch for hungry students. Other districts have the ability to provide more learning support as a result of one-to-one technology initiatives. I am in awe of the work that school employees are doing to support their kids and I applaud their efforts."

Whitmer added she would "be working in the coming days to ensure our seniors graduate and that no child is held back as a result of our inability to provide face-to-face instruction during the COVID-19 school closure."

Educators and parents throughout the district signed petitions and wrote letters to legislators urging them to provide forgiveness for school clo-

sure days and provide pay for all school staff.

Among them was Grosse Pointe Farms resident Rebecca Fannon, whose sons attend Brownell Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools. Advocating for school employees and their families as a parent rather than in her role as community relations specialist for the district, Fannon urged lawmakers to "do the right thing for Michigan educators and ... act on this important legislation." The next legislative session, scheduled March 25, was past press time.

"If you want to see e-learning done well, I'll gladly show you what my sons have experienced this week in Grosse Pointe," Fannon wrote. "They've had synchronous and asynchronous instruction. They've worked on creative STEM projects. They've written compare and contrast essays tied to the curriculum. They have taken online exams. And every

single teacher has reached out through our learning management system, email or text to check on them — emphasizing their physical and mental health over grades, offering help, quelling fears.

"You might not be able to give my senior a prom or a traditional graduation, but this you can do," she continued. "Forgive the days. Keep our teachers working for the pay parents knew they deserved even before we started e-learning at home. And later we can figure out how to recognize our students' work. Take one thing at a time and give us back some hope."

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus urged faculty, students and parents to stay the course.

"I believe this will be resolved in the political arena in Lansing," he wrote in an email posted on the district website. "To that end, the following is my commitment to you: The work you are doing as students, teachers and parents matters and should continue. Staff will continue to be

compensated, per our collective bargaining agreements and commitment to our valued adults. Student work will count. We know that we owe all of our students, especially our upperclassmen, 'credit' for their hard work so that it applies to all colleges, etc."

In a video message posted on Twitter, Grosse Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka also encouraged students to stay the course and be patient.

"There's a lot of discussion that this is just the Michigan Department of Education's way of forcing the legislature's hand into taking action in support of our schools," he said. "So right now what we can do is reach out to our legislature. Reach out to our governor. Let our voices be heard."

He also reminded students that learning is more than meeting a state mandate of hours.

"Let's keep growing and learning as human beings because that's the point of education," Hamka said. "It's to enrich ourselves, our mind and our soul."

VIRTUAL:

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ing of a public body be held in a physical space available to the general public and requiring the physical presence of one or more members of a public body, allowing that meeting to "be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means," according to the order.

The order further stipulates a "meeting of a public body held electronically must be conducted in a manner that permits two-way communication so that members of the public body can hear and be heard by other members of the public body and so that general public partic-

ipants can hear members of the public body and can be heard by members of the public body and other participants during a public comment period. The public body also may use technology to facilitate typed public comments that may be read to or shared with members of the public body and other participants.

"Members of a public body and of the general public participating electronically will be considered present and in attendance at the meeting and may participate in the meeting as if physically present at the meeting," the order continued.

In accordance with the executive order, the board approved bylaw 0181.1. Current board bylaw 0131.1 permits amendments to be effective only during a second meeting after the amendment has been proposed, unless the

board determines there is a compelling reason to adopt the amendment immediately.

According to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, the board policy committee determined the current emergency constitutes a compelling reason and the administration worked with the school district's legal counsel on the new bylaw.

A notice on the district website provided a link to watch the meeting via livestream. There also was a link to a Google form to write public comments. The form went live at 6:45 p.m. and comments were accepted through the duration of the meeting. No comments were submitted on action items and comments on non-action items toward the end of the meeting were read

aloud.

"All seven board members were able to join the meeting," Dean said. "All the administrators were there. We had over 60 people watch the livestream."

While the executive order suspends the revised school code requiring school boards to conduct meetings at least once a month, the decision was made to proceed with the virtual meeting for two reasons, according to Dean.

"There were a significant number of construction bids that needed to be approved by the Board of Education last night in order to have the construction projects successful this summer," he said. "The contractors are not going to hold those spots for us."

"We also believe conducting business is important and holding a safe

meeting is the right thing to do," Dean continued. "... We were able to structure the meeting in a virtual way that kept everyone completely safe. We as a district believe the government still needs to continue during this time. In fact, I feel our community relies on our government to continue and make decisions for our kids. Just because we're in this crisis, doesn't mean we shouldn't be making decisions and supporting our kids."

Weertz agreed holding the meeting was the right decision.

"It's critical in Grosse Pointe as we go through a \$111 million bond issue that we approve these bids right now in order for our construction team to get supplies and get teams in place, get bids set so we have projects ready during the small window of opportunity to

do construction this summer."

Bond projects approved at the meeting included construction bids for Monteith Elementary, Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools — three of the five schools slated for construction this summer — an information technology backup system and new computer devices.

Weertz praised the administration on its efforts to pull together the technological components to make the meeting happen and the hard work of the administration and staff on a "seamless transition to e-learning," both within a short timeframe.

"The staff and teachers did a great job," she said. "From what I'm hearing, we're a lighthouse district. I'm proud of that, too."

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From left, Isaiah Thomason-Redus and Kristi Crago play horns while Caleb Thomason-Redus plays violin for passersby.



Grosse Pointe Park resident Verona Relan, 12, played “La Réjouissance” by Handel from her porch in the 700 block of Pemberton.

Sweet serenades
Neighbors entertain with live music

A handful of Grosse Pointe residents took it upon themselves to fill the silence of vastly empty streets with the sweet sounds of live music.

The plan, wrote Grosse Pointe Park resident Matthew Eszes via email, was for musicians to perform from their porches each evening at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

Eszes’ son, Nolan, participated by playing a blues riff on his Epiphone Les Paul Traditional Pro II electric guitar for passersby the evening of Tuesday, March 17.

“He was improvising and making it up as he went,” Matthew Eszes wrote. “Additionally, I will probably do some Facebook live shows with him, since he had

gigs at Bogart’s that had to be canceled because the restaurants are closed.”

Verona Relan participated in the outdoor concert by playing “La Réjouissance” by Handel on her violin the same night. Several neighbors walking by stopped to listen — from a safe distance — as she played.

In the 1100 block of Berkshire, music was a family affair.

“My husband, Caen, is the senior director of community and learning at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra,” wrote Kristi Crago. “I am a freelance horn player and trachea in the area and play frequently as a substitute musician with the DSO. Our three kids all play two instruments each.”



Christos and Penelope Routsis perform for passersby on Sunningdale in Grosse Pointe Woods.



From left, Caleb Thomason-Redus plays violin, Caen Thomason-Redus plays flute and Lydia Thomason-Redus plays violin in the 1100 block of Berkshire.



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Nolan Eszes, a ninth-grade student at Grosse Pointe South High School, played guitar from his porch in the 500 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park. His band, The Boys of Summer, was forced to cancel several gigs at Bogart’s.

Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe alters tot lot plans

Amid uncertainties about COVID-19 and ever-changing local and national restriction policies, the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe has decided to temporarily place on hold the installation of its Rotary Tot Lot Re-Imagined.

A letter from Rotarian Michael Carmody, who is spearheading the project, indicates the club has arranged for Sinclair Recreation, the vendor from which the new playground equipment was purchased, to install said equipment.

“Using Sinclair Recreation will help to assure prompt mobilization and professional installation as soon as circumstances permit,” Carmody wrote. “Sinclair Recreation’s involvement will allow us to adjust our need for vol-

unteer services, but we still need to fill 82 volunteers slots.”

♦ Day 1 — Moving equipment to the Tot Lot. Eighteen young, strong and able volunteers are required; eight are needed at Stroh River Place to pick up the equipment and 10 are needed at the Tot Lot to unload it. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

♦ Day 2 — Assist with digging post holes. Eight young, strong and able volunteers are required and must be at least 16 years old.

♦ Days 1 through 14 — Security from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. Fifty-six volunteers are required to fill shifts, with one volunteer per shift, from 5 to 9 p.m., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 1 to 5 a.m. and 5 to 9 a.m.

Volunteers are no lon-



Volunteers are still needed to install new equipment at the Rotary Tot Lot in the City of Grosse Pointe.

ger needed for hospital-ity, clean up or assembly and construction, Carmody said, “but make no mistake, we still need

volunteers. We will continue to seek volunteers for the 82 slots that we need to fill with Sinclair Recreation doing the

installation.

“If you have volunteered and want to volunteer for another activity because yours

was eliminated, or if you have not volunteered yet and wish to do so, please visit gptotlot.com,” he added. “If you previously volunteered, we will insert your new service dates as soon as we know our new start date.”

Volunteer positions in the current May calendar on the Tot Lot website will automatically move to comparable new dates as soon as those dates are known. Volunteers will be notified by email when a start date is selected, at which time volunteers may confirm, change or delete their volunteer dates.

“Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times,” Carmody said. “We are working hard to have our beloved Tot Lot up and running as soon as possible.”

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OBITUARIES

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

Diana Garber Cheriez

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Diana Garber Cheriez, 77, passed away peacefully Friday, March 20, 2020, after a courageous battle with dementia. Diana was the loving mother of Danielle Cheriez and David Cheriez (Jessica); and proud grandmother of Tori and Jayden. She was the loving sister of Paula Davis and Daniel Garber (Cookie); and dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Diana was predeceased by her sister, Mary Schocker.

At Diana’s request, her body was donated to Wayne State University School of Medicine for the advancement of science.

The family plans to hold a memorial service at a later date.

Edouard Stines

Edouard Stines, 87, of Grosse Pointe Woods, peacefully passed away Monday, March 16, 2020, at home surrounded by family, after a long illness.

Edouard married the love of his life, Marie-Therese (nee Elie) Sept. 7, 1957. Together, they cherished 63 joyful years.

Edouard graduated from Wayne State University in 1964, with a degree in civil engineering. He began his career at Giffels Engineering and GM Argonaut. He was with Ford Motor Co. most of his career and retired from Chrysler in 1996. Edouard was a longtime member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and Detroit Economic Club.

Edouard is survived by his loving wife, Marie-Therese; and dear children, Ingrid Stines (the late Bryan Smith), Carole Empey (Ken) and Ed Stines (Natalie). He maintained a special relationship with his former daughter-in-law, Cheryl Bowers. Edouard was the loving “Papa” of Margaux and Nicholas Empey, Alec and Sydney Stines and Austin Smith and great-grandfather of Myah Stines. He had several sib-

lings, many of whom predeceased him. Edouard also was blessed with numerous nieces, nephews and friends, including his dear brother-in-law, Dr. Jean-Claude Elie (Elizabeth).

Contributions in Edouard’s memory may be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul and mailed to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at ahpeters.com. Arrangements will be determined at a later date.

Carolyn Royer

Grosse Pointe resident Carolyn “Candi” Royer, 66, died at home Thursday, March 12, 2020, after a lengthy illness. Candi was the loving and beloved daughter of the late Dr. Richard Robert Royer and Carolyn Vander Royer. She is survived by her brothers, Robert S. Royer of McLean, Va., and Richard K. Royer of Clinton Township; nephews, Shippen C. Royer and Stewart P. Royer; and grand-nephew, Matthew Michael Royer.

Candi was born in Newark, N.J. A lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointes, she was raised in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

Candi was the creator and owner of Candi Belts, a manufacturer of women’s accessories. She was a member of Tau Beta Association, Junior League of Detroit, Mackinac Arts Council and Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society.

Candi enjoyed a busy and active social life in Grosse Pointe. She also had the fortune of dedicated friendships and care from her closest friends during and at the end of her life.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tau Beta Association at tau beta.org or Junior League of Detroit at jldetroit.org. A memorial service will be arranged at a later date.

Evelyn Lough Montgomery

Grosse Pointe resident Evelyn Lough Montgomery, 95, passed away Friday, March 13, 2020, at home.

Evelyn was born Aug. 8, 1924, in Lincoln, Neb., to Thomas J. and Genevieve Lough (nee Simpson). The family moved to Detroit, where Evelyn attended Highland Park High School and Kingswood Academy. She graduated from the University of Michigan School of Design in 1946. Evelyn married William N. Montgomery, an executive at Michigan Bell, in 1948. Evelyn and Bill actively volunteered in their church and community while raising their four children and enjoyed dancing, bridge, travel, tennis and golf.

Evelyn was known for her independent spirit, keen sense of humor, love of arts and culture, cooking and entertaining. Evelyn’s family recalls her can-do attitude, attention to detail and abundant energy, which made her a natural leader benefiting the Junior League of Detroit, League of Women Voters, Ibex, Alliance Française, Grosse Pointe Artists Association and numerous committees at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Until shortly before her death, Evelyn remained active in French conversation, bridge, church activities and dinner groups. She was never without a New York Times crossword puzzle and she kept a lively interest in politics. Evelyn enjoyed a vast network of friends. She will be sorely missed as a loving presence, valued community member and mentor.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Bill (Marcia), Lynne Davidson (Brad), Tom (Rose) and Bob (Pam); grandchildren, Katie (Peter Robinson), Evan, Teddy, Jessie (Jason Lenore), Sarah, Rob, Michael, Lucy and Austin; and great-grandchild, Vera. Evelyn was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, William, and brother, Thomas S.



Diana Garber Cheriez



Edouard Stines



Carolyn Royer



Evelyn Montgomery



Dewey E. Dallaire



Donald L. DeWulf

Lough.

A memorial service will be held at a future date at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Contributions in Evelyn’s memory may be made to GPUMC Memorial Fund, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Dewey Edmund Dallaire

Dewey Edmund Dallaire passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020, at age 99. The eldest of three children, Dewey was born Dec. 19, 1920, in Detroit, to Mabel and Dewey Dallaire. A graduate of Southeastern High School and Wayne State University, Dewey married the love of his life, Hazel, Oct. 4, 1943. They were married 71 loving years.

Dewey was a proud World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in many capacities, including aircraft radio operator staff sergeant. Dewey excelled as a salesman in the machine tooling industry. In retirement, he spent several winters in Longboat Key, Fla.

Dewey was an avid lifelong golfer, with two memorable holes-in-one. Dewey also enjoyed reading, watching old television westerns and the challenge of completing the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle. He was a member of Historic Trinity Lutheran

Church.

Dewey is survived by his beloved children, Judith Christian (Edward), Robert (Anne) and Janice, who lived with and cared for him until his death. He was the proud grandfather of Eric Christian (Laura), Dana Raymant (Peter), Robert Dallaire Jr. (Laci), Rebecca Marchetti and Michael Dallaire (Olivia); and beloved “Papa Dew” to nine great-grandchildren.

Dewey was predeceased by his ever-loving wife, Hazel, in 2014, and his sisters, Eleanore Moore and Lorraine Coble.

As an expression of sympathy, the family asked for memorial contributions to wounded warriorproject.org.

Family and close friends plan to gather for a celebration of Dewey’s life later this spring.

Donald Lionel DeWulf

Donald Lionel DeWulf, 88, died Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the presence of his loving family. He was born March 2, 1932, to Francis (nee Verrist) and Lionel DeWulf. He attended St. Martin High School in Detroit, where he was a proud state football champ in 1950. Don also met the love of his life, Marlene Lochbiler, at St. Martin. Don and Marlene married in 1953.

Don owned Champs restaurant in Detroit and later moved to New

Baltimore, where he was a partner at Blue Water Medical Supply.

Don’s greatest love was time spent with Marlene, his children and grandchildren. He also loved the water and fishing. At Don’s summer cottage on Harsens Island, he enjoyed countless family gatherings that included boating, fishing and barbecuing; an occasional cocktail added to the fun. Don also enjoyed many years wintering at his condominium, the Coronado, in Highland Beach, Fla.

Don’s family noted he often was called the life of any party and a friend people loved to be around. Don will be missed by all who knew him and thought of fondly. His faith intact, Don lived life to the fullest.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Marlene; children, Michael Dewulf (Pamela) of Chesterfield, Thomas DeWulf (Sally Semaan) of New Baltimore, Peter DeWulf (Athena) of St. Clair Shores and Stephen DeWulf (Elizabeth DeWulf Laney) of the City of Grosse Pointe; and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Don was predeceased by his parents; his beloved son, Donald DeWulf Jr.; and adored sister, Patti Quarters Gitre.

Interment is planned in May at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

K. Capps Counseling supports youth coping with loss

Grief is a natural part of life. The death of a family member, moving to a new town or school, the loss of a pet — each transition brings with it new challenges. When children experience loss, it can be both confusing and stressful, but having the tools to address these adjustments is what K. Capps Counseling is about.

“A lot of the time, specifically with grief or loss, it can be difficult to spot as children tend to return to normal functioning or routine,” said Kylie Capps, LLMSW, who specializes in grief and loss in children and adolescents between the ages of 3 and 17. “(Grief) often creates subtle shifts and subtle changes that don’t interfere with functioning as obviously,

but may interfere with overall wellbeing. Addressing that early is beneficial and allows for a more stable path of wellness.”

Spotting the signs of grief can be difficult as they vary depending on age, type of loss, personality, family dynamic, etc. Some symptoms may include tears and sadness, while others manifest as behavioral changes such as irritability or increased sensitivity, changes in eating or sleeping, or numbness and shock.

At K. Capps Counseling, children struggling from these adjustments can sit in a private session with a specialized professional and learn healthy coping skills to overcome difficult times. K. Capps also

offers group therapy sessions as a more affordable option, where a group of eight or 10 children of the same age can talk and meet others going through similar changes.

“When it comes to grief and loss, children often feel like they’re the only ones that have experienced a significant loss and at that age it’s not a common conversation to have if they’ve lost someone or something close to them,” Capps said. “So the idea of group therapy is to have a space where they can come together and share their experiences with others like them and know they’re not alone.”

The office, located in Grosse Pointe Farms, is a new addition to The

Hill and opened its doors in February. Its interior of cool colors and warm lighting gives the office a calming feel. One room hosts a wealth of toys and art supplies, which Capps uses to engage young clients in a combination of play therapy and traditional talk therapy.

The private practice was always a goal for Capps, who was inspired to pursue a career in mental health by her parents. Her father, a PhD psychologist, and her mother, a master’s level therapist, also had a private practice in the area when she was young. This regular exposure to mental health work led Capps to develop a long-term

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Toys, games and activities are part of a therapy room for young children.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Gary Abud and Janice Abud

Best practices for at-home learning

Q: With my children now doing their school lessons remotely from home, we need a little help coming up with a schedule that will stick. I have a college student and two high schoolers. Do you have any suggestions for something that might work for all of them? They each have their own style of learning and working, but are there organizational tools that can help despite that?

A: For homebound college students and K-12 students stuck at home learning remotely while the world is on hold, we’ve found some great options. We highly recommend using a technique for managing time known as block scheduling. It’s the way classes are scheduled in college and how Montessori schools organize their classroom time for learners. Regardless of how you size it up, the idea is simple: Carve out blocks of time for working on different categories of tasks. Then, when that time comes up, work only on tasks for that category.

We feel the weekly block scheduler from Charlie Gilkey at



Productive Flourishing is among the best. Learn more about how Charlie does time blocking and download a blank block schedule to use for yourself at productiveflourishing.com/time-blocking/. You also may find examples and options at sagaeducators.org/resources-for-remote-learning/.

Since all middle and high school students are now in a “college-ish” situation in which they have to manage their “freedom,” there are ways to help them be more successful in the process. Parents also may help their children stay on top of these practices.

- ◆ Practice 1: Prioritize sleep
- ◆ Practice 2: Eat well
- ◆ Practice 3: Stay hydrated
- ◆ Practice 4: Be active
- ◆ Practice 5: Work smarter
- ◆ Practice 6: Be resourceful
- ◆ Practice 7: Avoid isolation
- ◆ Practice 8: Budget time

- ◆ Practice 9: Realize limitations
 - ◆ Practice 10: Manage stress
- Visit sagaeducators.org/resources-for-remote-learning/ for detailed descriptions of each practice and more remote learning resources.

Gary Abud Jr. and Janice Abud of Saga Educators are educational consultants working with clients and their families to grow productivity, time management, independence and success through executive coaching and family advising. They can be reached at email@sagaeducators.org or (313) 799-3785.

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Campus, taught in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and its Team 26 program, led by the Full Circle Foundation, are both online.

“The teachers and assistants (in GPPSS) are working with those (Community Campus) students online to continue with the academic progress, with lessons and tips and things to work on,” Coutilish said. “And we’re working with those young adults with special needs (in Team

26) to do the same thing. We’re teaching them, giving them assignments and working with them on educational opportunities such as researching other countries ... to keep them engaged and give them meaningful academic assignments while they’re off.”

There’s no telling when Full Circle, along with many other businesses and organizations, will reopen to the public.

“But on this first day of spring, we certainly encourage people to spring clean and bring us their donations after we reopen sometime down the road.”

PAATS: Free fares

Effective March 18, all rides on Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services are free through Friday, April 3. Riders must live in Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes and be at least age 60 or disabled.

Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Service runs 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. The “free fare” also includes the Shop the Gratiot Loop service running 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month.

To make a reservation or for more information, call (313) 343-2580.

ENGAGEMENTS



Branda Campbell and James Backoff



Richie Kish and Kate Finn

Campbell-Backoff

Tamela and Brian Campbell of Portage, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Branda Lynn Campbell, to James Richard Backoff, the son of Joyce and Richard Backoff of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe.

An August wedding is planned.

Miss Campbell graduated from Portage Central High School and earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree in business administration, management and leadership from Capella University. She is a material master data analyst at Stryker Corp.

Mr. Backoff graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and business from Kalamazoo College and an MBA with a concentration in finance from Western Michigan University. He is an associate manager in

Portfolio Administration at Stryker Corp.

Finn-Kish

Amy and Ken Kish of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their son, Richie Kish, to Kate Finn, the daughter of Anne and Greg Finn of White Lake.

An August wedding is planned.

Miss Finn graduated from Hope College with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical engineering. She is a Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan and is studying biomedical engineering.

Mr. Kish earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Hope College. He is a process engineer for an automotive supplier in Jackson.

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- 1 Sacred wading bird
- 5 Suitable
- 8 Morse "T"
- 12 Created
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 15 Series of missed calls
- 17 Celebrity
- 18 Pair
- 19 Consecrate with oil
- 21 Cognizant
- 24 Huffed and puffed
- 25 Shrewd
- 26 Lunch holder
- 30 Tokyo's old name
- 31 Canonized one
- 32 Beer-like brew
- 33 Joke that won't work on radio
- 35 On the briny
- 36 Thy
- 37 Theater staffer
- 38 Treeless tract
- 41 Blond shade
- 42 Ark builder
- 43 Long-popular jazz tune
- 48 Shrek, for one
- 49 Pirouette pivot
- 50 Car
- 51 German city
- 52 Finish
- 53 Encounter

DOWN

- 1 Mischievous tyke
- 2 "Humbug!"
- 3 Altar affirmative
- 4 Guard
- 5 Chorus member
- 6 Shooter ammo
- 7 Annoying follower
- 8 Drop from a will
- 9 Opposed
- 10 Read cursorily
- 11 Rodgers collaborator
- 16 Lamb's mama
- 20 Salamander
- 21 Dogfight participants
- 22 Gully
- 23 Awestruck
- 24 Pipe type
- 26 Loaf of French bread
- 27 Wild party
- 28 Sheltered
- 29 Paraphernalia
- 31 Halt
- 34 It's handy if you have to break your word
- 35 Religious retreat
- 37 Handle
- 38 Uppity one
- 39 Takeout phrase
- 40 Deserve
- 41 On in years
- 44 Charged bit
- 45 Regret
- 46 Corroded
- 47 Obtained

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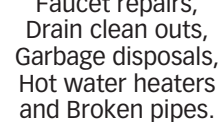
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