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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

## GPPSS to open with remote learning

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — At noon Friday, July 31, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus sent an email to staff and families informing them of a decision to begin the school year Tuesday, Sept. 8, “in full remote learning with a gradual plan to bring everyone

back,” pending approval from the Board of Education.

Per the governor’s mandate, the school district created a return-to-school plan including options for in-person, hybrid and remote learning, with the ability to pivot between each. The board will vote on the plan and recommendation for a

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## City offers relief to permit holders

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — In an effort to support the rebound of small businesses and out of fairness for permit parkers, city council unanimously voted in June to automatically extend the permits of second quarter holders into the third quarter if they had not already requested a refund. Those who requested a refund were granted one.

“Just before the stay-at-home order was issued, the second quarter permit parking

renewals went out,” City Manager Pete Dame explained. “There were somewhat less renewals than there typically is and it’s fair to say that those who paid for those permits by and large did not use them.”

For permit holders who paid for all of 2020, the City plans to give 25 percent off the annual renewal if they didn’t request a refund over the course of the year.

The extension of permits for quarterly holders alone is estimated to cost the City’s parking

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PHOTO BY JACK RYAN

From left, election volunteers Leah Smith, Karla Keelean and Desiree Deschamps assist voter Holly Ryan at the polls.

## Election day running smoothly

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — While absentee voting has been in high demand amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pointes still saw a fair amount of turnout to the polls during the primary Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Around 47 residents showed up for in-person voting in Grosse Pointe Shores before 10:30 a.m. and Grosse Pointe Farms saw approximately 100 voters at each of its five precincts by midday.

“There is a slow but steady turnout,” said Derrick Kozicki, Farms assistant city manager and city clerk.

The clerks also reported around midday that COVID-19 precautions at the precincts, such as social distancing and using personal protective equipment, were working well.

“It’s been excellent,” said Julie Arthurs, City of

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## TIFA OKs \$50,000 to reopen Park shops

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Businesses that have been struggling due to statewide shutdowns and related economic challenges since the spring can get a financial lift from the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Grosse Pointe Park City Council’s approval of a \$50,000 TIFA budget led to TIFA’s recent endorsement of a reopening program designed to aid local shops and establishments in recovering from loss of revenue.

Leah Smith, assistant to the city manager, wrote program guidelines, in conjunction with City Manager Nick Sizeland, to award \$3,500 to each eligible business applying for funds to complete projects or expand operations. Funds will be awarded through September.

“It’s not a lot of money, but I feel like, at this point, every little bit helps,” Smith said.

Smith already had received five applications by the time of a Tuesday, July 28, virtual meeting when TIFA approved the program.

Eligible businesses in the TIFA zone, including Mack Avenue, the Charlevoix business district and Kercheval business park, can participate in the Park’s expanded outdoor footprint, as have O’Flaherty’s bar and Celler 313. The footprint lets establishments extend their service outdoors beyond their property boundaries.

“We wanted to focus on helping businesses reopen and helping them expand to their fullest capacity possible,” Smith said. “That, to me, means

expanding outside.”

Excluding rental costs, other efforts to complete or partially fund business recovery endeavors will be considered, too, Smith said.

“This is open to any business within the TIFA. That includes the dry cleaners, the vet clinic, the hardware store,” she added.

Interested owners or retail operators may write letters detailing their projects and project budgets and email the proposals to tifa@grossepointe

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## Infrastructure project continues with meter purchase

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — In the next step toward a major sewer infrastructure project, the Shores city council unanimously approved the \$35,000 purchase of five sewer meters at its meeting in the Osius Park pavilion Tuesday, July 21. Metering the flow of sewage will help locate leaks and inform the city on where its efforts need to be concentrated during phase two of the project, which will consist of figuring out cost-effective ways to fix the leaks.

This was already approved in May as part of the \$214,900 needed to undertake the first two phases of the project, with approximately \$180,000 set to go toward Hubbell, Roth and Clark engineering work and \$35,000 toward purchasing the meters.

“This is a project that’s going to span many, many years and to rent meters for \$35,000 a year every year versus buying them once and being done, that’s a no brainer,” said Jesse Vandecreek, vice president of HRC.

Director of Public Works Brett Smith confirmed the meters cost approximately \$30,000 to rent when the city used them for a study around two years ago.

The meters are set to be installed within the next couple months and expected to last 10 years.

“However, with good maintenance and calibration, I’m sure

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**Bettye Wright**  
Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
Award-winning volunteer and founder of senior daycare center



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# An update from the MHSAA

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association recently approved the next steps in returning sports for member schools, adopting a plan to phase in competition for fall sports in hopes of continuing to deter the spread of COVID-19.

The council affirmed that lower-risk sports – Lower Peninsula girls golf, Lower Peninsula boys tennis and Upper Peninsula girls tennis, cross country and Lower Peninsula girls swimming and diving – may begin practice Aug. 12, and begin competition on the traditional start dates of Aug. 19 and 21.

However, moderate and high-risk sports – football, girls volleyball and boys soccer – may begin practice but not competition. Decisions about competition timelines for these three sports will be made by Aug. 20.

Practice for boys soccer and girls volleyball may begin Aug. 12. Football will delay the start of practice with full player pads and equipment until

Monday, Aug. 17.

The week of Aug. 10 may include football practice sessions consisting of conditioning, physical training and skill work with no other player equipment except helmets. This week of acclimatization is similar to allowed summer football activities that have been ongoing for schools since June.

The council, the MHSAA's 19-member legislative body, also voted to cancel scrimmages in all fall sports for this school year and approved limitations on numbers of teams that may compete together at regular-season tournaments, invitationals and other multi-team events.

The council believed eliminating scrimmages emphasized the importance of keeping teams from mixing before the first date of competition and the regular-season limitations may lessen opportunities for viral spread while still allowing meets to be conducted.

As this remains a fluid situation, the MHSAA would release updated

timelines for competition for football, girls volleyball and boys soccer by Aug. 20, dependent on how the spread of the virus is trending statewide.

Plans remain reliant on sustained metrics measuring virus spread and/or progression by schools and regions across the state according to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's MI Safe Start Plan. Currently two regions are in Phase 5, which allow for limited indoor activity, while the rest are in Phase 4 and unable to host indoor training, practice or competition.

The start of volleyball and swimming and diving practices are in part contingent on the reopening of indoor facilities. Those sports may begin their practices outdoors if not allowed to be indoors by

Aug. 12.

"The council, reflecting on the positive impact on their athletes this summer from taking part in off-season training, feels it's of utmost importance to continue athletic activity moving forward," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "If we take a month off, our students will find opportunities to compete through non-school entities that may not be as focused on safety. Our athletic directors and coaches can provide the safest possible environment to return to sports and this phased-in approach to competition will help schools continue building on progress already made."

"The council chose to make these adjustments to help ensure our athletes have a safe regular season this fall. As we

continue to solidify the regular season, we can then turn our attention to building a safe postseason for our athletes."

The MHSAA also has posted sport-by-sport guidance documents outlining increased precautions designed to limit the viral spread, plus a four-page overview with precautions that apply generally for all sports and include coverage of the protocol for reporting COVID-19 infections and guidance on face coverings. Athletes participating on the field/court are not required to wear face coverings, but are allowed to do so. However, bench personnel must wear face coverings at all times.

Specific sport guidelines and the overview are available on the respective sport pages of the MHSAA website, all

linked from mhsaa.com/sports. Recommendations on spectator attendance will follow before the start of competition; spectators will be limited in accordance with Whitmer's executive orders on large gatherings.

The council on July 17 approved a return-to-activity plan for the 2020-21 school year, retaining the traditional calendar of fall, winter and spring sports, but allowing for the possibility that fall sports forced to halt activity during the next four months may conclude later in the school year.

"The easy way out would be to postpone all activity to next spring and we are not taking the easy way out. But we will make wise decisions based on medical guidance," Uyl said. "We will make these difficult decisions quickly and appropriately. If we don't play this fall, it won't be because we didn't make every effort to do so."

## Marathon relay raises \$5,700 for COVID relief

Eight professional runners represented by Grosse Pointe Woods-based Elite Runner Management raised more than \$5,700 for Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries by running a virtual marathon relay on two continents.

"We far exceeded our expectations," said Chris Mengel, ERM's founder and owner. "We thank the 85 supporters who donated. They are the ones who made our race fun, competitive and a tremendous success."

Each of the eight athletes — Patrick Rizzo,

Carlos Trujillo, Tim Young, Weldon Kirui, Nicole DiMercuro, I v e e n Chepkemoi, Zach Hine and Rachel Walny — ran 3.275 miles to complete the full marathon distance in a total time of 2:20:04.

Kirui, two-time winner of the Los Angeles Marathon, did his segment at his home in Kenya, while others raced in their home states of Michigan, Colorado, Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland.

Mengel presented the check July 27, to DRMM President and CEO Chad Audi, who said it would benefit coronavirus relief efforts and further the work of the century-old



PHOTO BY ELLEN CREAGER

**Elite Runner Management owner Christopher Mengel presents a check to Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries President and CEO Chad Audi.**

nonprofit organization that fights hunger, homelessness and addiction across metro Detroit.

"We are very happy that people like you support us. We are very grateful," Audi said.

Since its founding, the rescue mission has aided

the very poorest and most needy citizens, "and we are still doing it now," DRMM Vice President Paschal Eze said. Even with a coronavirus pandemic raging, "our mission still is to help people, especially people in dire need."

## Becker places second in golf tourney

Grosse Pointe South student Audrey Becker recently lost in the championship to Utica Eisenhower's Ariel Chang, two and one in the Michigan Girls Junior Amateur Championship at Forest Akers East in East Lansing.

Chang set tournament and course junior records with a 9-under-par 62 in the second round of stroke play to earn medalist honors at 8-under 134.

Becker trailed after the first hole, but tied it after winning the sixth hole.

Becker fell behind after losing the next two holes and couldn't catch Chang.

Becker earned a spot in the championship match after defeating defending champion Lilia Henkel of Grand Rapids 3-2 in the semifinals.

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# City to explore the potential of a historic district

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — In the coming months, the City of Grosse Pointe could join Grosse Pointe Farms in being the only Pointes to have a historic district.

A six-month moratorium, to end Jan. 20, 2021, has been placed on demolition and new building permits within the Estate Residential District, as the City uses the time to explore the possible creation of a historical district and/or the adoption of a set of design standards.

“The E-R is a unique district within the City of Grosse Pointe and home to the majority of its remaining original historic assets,” City Planner Julie Connochie said. “A lack of preservation tools threatens to deteriorate this history and further, standards that encourage preservation, investment and stability of the E-R district, come with significant cultural and economic benefits.”

Aside from the now-

established moratorium, there has been no protection in the City against historic homes or buildings being demolished.

The creation of a historic district would come with the establishment of a historic preservation ordinance and a historic preservation commission to determine approval or denial of proposed activities within the district.

“If you’re changing the view that people see and contemplate as contributing to the historic character of the neighborhood, that’s the kind of thing the historic district regulates,” City Manager Pete Dame said.

Being within a historic district also would increase property values, he added, as well as make homeowners eligible for a 20 percent tax credit for qualified rehabilitation expenses.

“We’re hearing from people who have bought some of these large homes that it costs so much money to rehab them, that they are contemplating tearing them



DRONE PHOTO BY JACK RYAN/SKYVIEW AERIAL PRODUCTIONS

**Maire Elementary School could be included in the boundaries of a new historic district.**

down,” Dame said, “so we would want to try to do anything to keep that historic character in Grosse Pointe, which is the intent of the estate district.”

The next steps the city will take include a study, designating a committee to oversee the study, conducting an inventory of the homes and buildings, holding a public hearing and creating a final report for the city council to decide on either approving or rejecting the historic district.

“Lots of study and careful thought and consideration goes into determining whether it’s appropriate or not to have a historic district and what the exact

boundaries of that district might be,” Connochie said. “There are high criteria for what we would consider a qualifying historic structure and the boundaries may not perfectly match the E-R district.”

The development of a list of design guidelines could be supplemental to a historic district, but also could be implemented without a historic district in place. These could include building height, facade variations, standards for materials and colors that could be general or specific, regulations for architectural features and frontage standards. Such guidelines could exist in multiple sets of standards, with one set for designated historic buildings and another for non-contributing ones.

The majority of residents who spoke during the public hearing supported the six-month moratorium and the exploration of creating a historic district.

“A property owner never wants anyone else to tell them what to do with their own property,” Dame said, regarding his past experience setting up historic districts, “but as the vast majority of people realized, the reason why there’s value in their property is because it’s the kind of historic character that a historic district ensures continues.”

# Drowned Woods woman is ‘Unsolved Mysteries’ focus

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

A TV series with a new look will soon spotlight a 10-year-old tragedy that impacted the Pointes.

“Unsolved Mysteries,” a popular program first launched in the ‘80s, examined true crime, psychic phenomena and supernatural events, among other subjects. After enjoying renewed interest from a cable television audience on multiple channels between 2000 and 2010,

the show became available this summer in a six-episode Netflix run. As fall approaches, a release of six additional Netflix episodes is scheduled to include a segment examining the case of Joann Matouk Romain, a Grosse Pointe Woods woman whose death sparked cover-up allegations and led to ongoing demands for information by her daughter, Michelle Romain.

“We’re very grateful to Michelle and her family

for working with us on this case,” said Cindy Bowles, an “Unsolved Mysteries” producer.

Michelle Romain appears in a Netflix promo of the series.

“We think the episode turned out extremely well and hope it results in new information on this complex and challenging case,” Bowles added.

Matouk Romain went missing in January 2010, not long before police found her car in a church driveway. Two months later, a fisherman discov-

ered her body in the Detroit River near Canada’s border. Although a federal civil case filed by Matouk Romain’s estate, naming the Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms public safety departments for failing to properly investigate the death was dismissed last year, the family has alleged mishandling by officers, including Matouk Romain’s cousin, who was then a Harper Woods detective.

Canadian authorities

recovered Matouk Romain’s body and performed an autopsy, concluding only that she drowned. A Michigan coroner reached the same conclusion, but simultaneously noted that homicide was less likely than

suicide and an accident seemed “quite unlikely” because the victim had no reason to be near the river.

No longer actively investigated, Matouk Romain’s death remains unsolved.

# Grosse Pointe Woods clerk Hathaway first in state to earn advanced status

Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway has been named a Michigan professional municipal clerk, after completing educational programming that earned her a level three designation, the highest statewide.

The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks announced Hathaway’s designation Tuesday, July 14. In addition to 140 hours of programming necessary to achieve level two and three status, clerks earning the level three designation

must complete no fewer than 50 hours to advance. The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks encourages continuing education for city, township and village clerks for the benefit of the communities they serve.

# PERMIT:

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fund approximately \$25,000. The City took in approximately \$32,500 in quarterly parking permit renewals in the first quarter of 2020.

“We do think that not only is it fair, (but) that hopefully it’ll help the businesses come along and bring their employees back,” Dame said.

When the pandemic reached Michigan, parking equipment was covered since it could not be regularly sanitized or collected and because the drop in commercial activity made parking collection enforcement unnecessary. While the other Pointes removed parking meter bags weeks ago and with the City now working to do the same with its on-street meters, the raised

gates in the lots and parking structure are set to remain open until new revenue control system equipment can be implemented.

As the final phase of improvements following an audit of the municipal parking structure in early 2019, this is expected to take place toward the end of September, but will be brought before city council before the process

begins.

For permit holders, a new revenue control system could mean entry to the lots and structure via a card, showing a screen on their phones or being recognized by their license plates, rather than having a barcode on the windshield.

“Essentially the functions for permit holders will be the same,” Dame said. “The mechanism to do it may be different.”

# TIFA:

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park.org or deliver them to the Palmer T. Heenan

Municipal Center.

Businesses may apply for reimbursement of reopening expenses or funds for assistance in reopening. Funds will be

awarded in installments. Smith expects a positive response from Park retailers, but the city will begin contacting potential recipients by mid-Sep-

tember if the \$50,000 hasn’t been distributed, she said.

“Even if you only have \$500 in expenses, please apply.”

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we can make them last longer than their expected life just like we do with all of our other equipment,” Smith said.

“ ... I’m thinking we’re going to keep these in here as long as we can, because even if something does appear, something that’s not there now, these meters should catch it.”

The infrastructure

work has been made necessary under the city’s contract with the Southeast Macomb Sewage Disposal, which sets the Shores’ maximum discharge limitation to the Grosse Pointe Interceptor at 3 cubic

feet per second.

“There’s a number of times a year where that’s exceeded,” Smith reported. “Not significantly, however, we are outside of our contract and we need to get within our contract.”

# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, AUG. 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 a.m. via Zoom.

## THURSDAY, AUG. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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# Retired nurse, PA finds new mission

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Bettye Wright was born in Platte City, Mo., and raised by her grandparents, who remain the single greatest influences in her life.

Her grandmother was “a saint,” Wright said, but it was her grandfather for whom she named the senior daycare center she founded on the eastside of Detroit in 2017.

While Tobe McDaniel only received a third-grade education, he read the Wall Street Journal every day, Wright said, and was highly respected as a role model in their small community. Her family was the only Black family on that side of town, but “my grandfather didn’t allow it to be an issue. My neighbors were all Caucasian. My grandfather just had this philosophy that we’re all people.”

She has instilled this philosophy and her grandfather’s high standards into TobeMc Senior Daycare, located on Mack Avenue near Alter Road.

Wright said her grandfather believed she should become an attorney, “because I talked a lot and always want to see what the other side of the subject was.”

Her dream was to become an interior designer, but after moving to Michigan to attend



COURTESY PHOTO

**Bettye Wright, second from right, received an award from the Hanna House Senior Program in Detroit for people over 70 helping others over 70. She is pictured, from left, with her son, Michael, his wife, Darlene, and daughters Michelle and Monique.**

high school, she studied nursing at Mount Carmel Mercy, specializing in spinal deformities. She later returned to Mercy to become a physician assistant, specializing in orthopedics and graduating as the only female nurse of color among Mercy’s first class of PAs in 1973.

After completing preceptorships at Henry Ford, Detroit Receiving and Mount Carmel Mercy hospitals, Wright worked in Henry Ford’s depart-

ment of orthopedics. She chose the new career track because it offered her a way to focus on direct patient care rather than advance to a position in management or administration.

“At that particular time, PAs were very new,” she said. “It was really kind of a journey because you were in a different position from the nurses. It was quite a learning experience because nurses were only used to taking direction and orders from the doctors. Then here comes this new entity. We were the first class. It was really kind of a groundbreaking experience.”

After several years in private practice, Wright retired in December 2007, but quickly realized she needed something new. In January 2008, the chairman of a hospital for special sur-

geries in New York asked her if she would accompany him to Ghana to help with a special project.

“In many ways, that invitation changed my life,” Wright said. It also fulfilled her grandfather’s dream that she one day go to Africa.

Wright became a member of the nonprofit FOCOS — Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine — founded in 1968 to provide optimum care and improve quality of life in Ghana, Ethiopia and other countries. As the “on-the-ground person” for the organization, she helped build the FOCOS Orthopedic Hospital, spending approximately nine months each year for nine years dedicated to her goals to create a hospital with the same principles and standards as American hospitals.

In 2013, Wright received the Walter P. Blount Humanitarian Award from the Scoliosis Research Society.

“For me this was the ultimate reward because of Dr. Blount’s reputation (as a spine surgeon) and because at the time there was only one female of color who was a member of the association and that was me,” Wright said.

In 2017, her youngest granddaughter, with whom she spoke every Sunday, begged her to come home and Wright returned to spend more time with her family — a son, two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Feeling there was “something else God wants me to do,” Wright opened a senior daycare center under the model her grandfather set taking care of the widows and elderly in her hometown.

Wright’s goal was to provide a place where seniors living at home or staying with their families could exercise, enjoy activities such as karaoke and Bible study and receive support services for cognitive issues or memory loss.

Wright started the center using her own savings from her 401(k) plan. While an attorney from Michigan Community Resources began to help her with fundraising, plans were set aside due to the new coronavirus and Wright has focused her time and energy on continuing to support her clients. She checks in on them daily and finds community support for those who need it.

In addition to her work with TobeMc, Wright formed a relationship with Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology and the Healthy Black Elders Center and works on a contingency basis in surgical services at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, where she also has volunteered.

“I’m probably the oldest employee they have,” Wright said, who is proud to call herself an octogenarian.

She also volunteers for Full Circle Foundation, Forgotten Harvest and Freedom House and is active with Greater Christ Baptist Church in Detroit, where she became a member while living in Indian Village. Wright moved to the Park because of its proximity to the church, her volunteer commitments, the senior daycare center and her children, who all reside in the area.

Wright considers among her extended family countless adopted children from all over the world, many of whom were former patients in Ghana.

“Mother’s Day and Christmas my phone rings constantly and I just consider it such an honor that first, they remember me and secondly, that they think enough of me to call me on those days,” she said.

One “small world” example occurred when she visited a shoe repair shop on Mack. She recognized the proprietor’s accent as Albanian because of a family she met in Ghana. The parents brought their 5-year-old son, Alex, from

Albania for spinal surgery. Alex remained at the hospital for so long, he started to refer to Wright as his grandmother.

Alex’s mother mentioned she had a sister who lived in New York City and had never met her nephew. Wright was due to travel to Manhattan that December to receive the Volunteer of the Year award from FOCOS.

“I jokingly said to (Alex’s) dad, you need to bring my grandson to see me get my award,” she said.

Wright sent the parents an invitation and “lo and behold, they came to New York and they were with me when I got my award,” she said.

When Wright told this story to the store owner, it turned out he knew the family and had heard about her.

“They know me as Alex’s grandma from Ghana,” Wright said.

This connection is not unusual for Wright.

“I truly feel like God has blessed my life,” she said. “No matter what I do, it somehow interacts with the other things I do in life.”

For example, her medical background enriches her contributions at Beaumont, her many associations, affiliations and relationships help her support the members of her senior daycare community and her years in Ghana gave her the skills and expertise to help many of the African refugees at the Freedom House.

While unable to return to Ghana since 2017, Wright maintains contact with friends and former colleagues via email and serves on the FOCOS board in an emeritus capacity. Plans to return this summer were waylaid by the pandemic, but she hopes to go back someday when there is a COVID-19 vaccine.

“Every day I thank (God) and every day I ask him, ‘Why are you so wonderful to me?’” Wright said. “I don’t feel worthy of all of the things he has done. But I am extremely grateful for all of the wonderful people.”

“Maybe my way of showing gratitude to them is trying to give back because of these multitudes of things that I have been the benefactor of,” she added.

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No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus  
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Driving while license suspended

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 7:45 p.m. Monday, July 27, for an out-of-service brake light and activated high beams, a 42-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Becoming a regular

While on patrol at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, on Mack Avenue, an officer recognized the driver of a vehicle as a person who had been arrested multiple times and whose license currently was suspended.

The 23-year-old Farms woman had seven suspensions and was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Home invasion warrant

A driver was pulled over under suspicion of driving while intoxicated after the vehicle veered into a turn lane and then back into the lane of travel on Jefferson Road at 2 a.m. Wednesday, July 29.

The front seat passenger was identified as a 39-year-old Detroit man

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with a felony warrant for a third-degree home invasion out of West Bloomfield, for which he was arrested.

Fleeing with loaded weapons

A simple traffic stop for rolling through a stop sign at Chalfonte Avenue and Cook Road at 7:40 p.m. Thursday, July 30, escalated quickly when the 23-year-old Detroit man attempted to flee; he jumped from the vehicle on Moross Road as flames began to show from the undercarriage and ran with a pistol in one hand and a red bag in the other.

When the officer pursued, the man tossed the pistol into the Mack-Moross intersection and then was eventually tackled on Hillcrest in Detroit.

A large amount of currency was found in his pocket, while a second gun and marijuana were found in the red bag. Both weapons were loaded.

Narcotic possession

A 23-year-old Sterling Heights man was arrested for possession of narcotics after he was reported for harassing customers at a business on Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 2:07 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Suspected heroin was found on his person, while suspected cocaine and heroin were found behind an ice machine where he had been loitering.

Brick wall struck again

After stopping at a solid green light on Mack Avenue at 1:42 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, a 30-year-old Detroit man ran his vehicle off the road and struck a brick wall near an area post office.

While he told officers he was just tired, preliminary breath test results showed his blood alcohol content at .345 percent, for which he was arrested.

The man also had 20 current suspensions, three prior suspensions and a bench warrant out of Bloomfield Hills.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Freak boat accident

A 29-year-old Harrison Township towboat captain was towing a boat in Lake St. Clair around 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, when the tow rope wrapped around his leg and he was thrown backward and momentarily knocked unconscious, leaving both boats headed toward the shoreline with no one in control.

Fearing they would crash, another occupant jumped overboard, but both vessels safely beached themselves in a

backyard with no visible property damage.

The captain was transported to a hospital for further treatment.

Hitting close to home

While attempting to turn into her driveway on Vernier Road at 8:38 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, a 23-year-old Shores woman's vehicle was struck by another vehicle going 70 mph on Vernier Road, which pushed her across the front landscaping of four houses.

The 19-year-old Woods man whose car hit hers admitted to being under the influence of drugs. The woman was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen bikes

Six bicycles were stolen from two unlocked garages in the 1000 block of Wayburn within a two-day period.

A \$200 black Laguna six-speed was taken from the first residence between noon Thursday, July 30, and 11:30 p.m. Friday, July 31.

The larceny of a black Murray Sabre mountain

bike, yellow 20-inch specialized Hotrock Coaster bike, red Giant mountain bike, black Trek 3700 bike and gray specialized Hotrock bike from a second residence occurred between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, July 31. Losses in the second incident totaled about \$1,300.

Additionally, a Red Hyper boy's bicycle was reported stolen from a rear yard in the 1400 block of Nottingham between 10:23 and 10:53 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.

Stolen TV

A 32-inch Sigtus television was stolen from a home in the 1200 block of Wayburn between noon Thursday, July 30, and noon Saturday, Aug. 1, after a suspect entered the residence through a window.

Motorcycle accident

A 42-year-old Warren man was arrested for his third operating while intoxicated offense at Jefferson and Bishop

around midnight Monday, Aug. 3. The suspect was taken into custody after having an accident on a motorcycle. No other drivers were involved.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Caught sleeping it off

A 29-year-old Detroit woman with five current driver suspensions was arrested in the 20700 block of Mack around 9:15 p.m. Thursday, July 30, after she was discovered asleep at the wheel.

The woman's vehicle had collided with a sign advertising gasoline pricing. She admitted to having consumed a half pint of tequila before failing field sobriety tests. Her vehicle was impounded after she was taken to custody.

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OUR VIEW

# Remote learning best option now

It may not be the solution they would have chosen, but a firm decision about school in the fall should come as a relief to most parents. The Grosse Pointe Public School System announced July 31 that it will start the school year with two versions of remote learning. One GP Virtual is for students whose families know they will want remote learning for at least a full semester. The other, GP Traditional, will open with remote learning but work toward returning students to physical classrooms as that becomes possible.

It became clear during the July 27 Board of Education meeting that a lot of families and teachers did not have confidence in the district’s plan to re-open the doors as COVID-19 case numbers continue to grow. Many small but crucial details remained fuzzy, including cleaning schedules and how or if social distancing would work. Examples from elsewhere suggested a disease outbreak would shut schools back down sooner rather than later. In-person teaching needs to remain the goal, of course, but at least two factors argue against it happening Sept. 8.

Part of the problem is money. Districts have no idea yet what kind of funding they’ll get for the 2020-21 school year. How can they plan a cleaning schedule when they don’t know whether they can pay for extra service? How can they develop a hybrid plan — half or fewer of the students in the building to maintain good distancing — when that probably also requires more staff to do in-school and remote teaching at the same time?

The major factor weighing against opening the doors, however, is the spread of the disease, which emerged and peaked in Michigan in March, then dwindled to lows in June before case numbers began growing in July. Again, uncertainty reigns. But the numbers are definitely going in the wrong direction.

That includes here in the Grosse Pointes, where cases of the new coronavirus rose by more than 10 percent in the week ended Monday. That amounted to nearly 70 new cases, according to the COVID-19 dashboard at waynecounty.com.

Moreover, the school district has had its own initial experience with cases of the new coronavirus this summer. Between summer camp, preschool programs and preseason sports workouts, several cases emerged.

Further afield, an overnight summer camp in Georgia saw a huge outbreak, even though participants arrived for the week-long session with negative test results in hand. Among nearly 600 campers, 394 were tested afterward and 260 had positive results. Researchers consider this a 44 percent attack rate, or the amount of illness in a group initially considered free of disease.

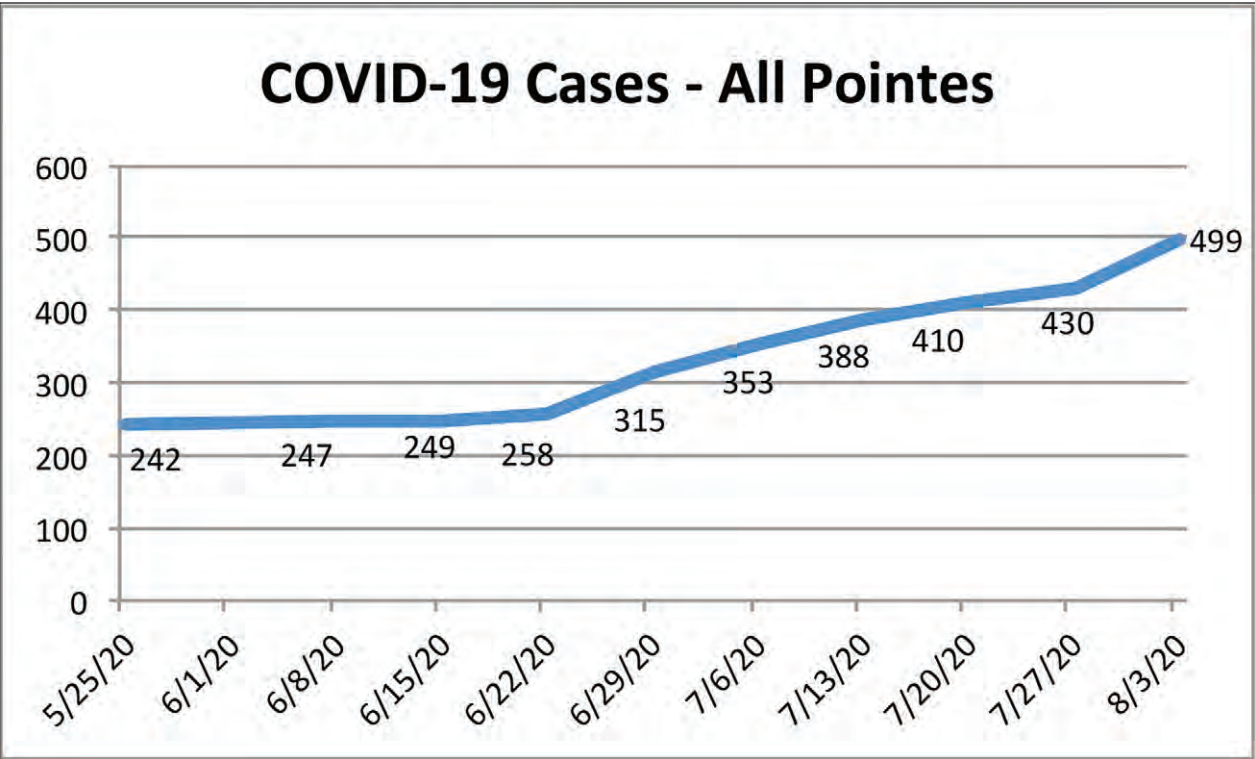
As such examples grew, Grosse Pointe teachers and many parents, not surprisingly, grew increasingly vocal about their safety concerns. Now that two of the state’s biggest school districts outside Detroit — Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor — have announced they will start with remote learning, it has provided some shelter for smaller districts to do the same.

The crosswinds include a president who insists children should be in school. Then there’s the Michigan Legislature, where Republicans are working on a bill insisting every district have an in-person option for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It has already passed the state House.

Meanwhile, the sad truth remains that a fair chunk of Michiganders — and yes, Grosse Pointers — remain insistent on arguing about masks or wearing them below the nose, or giving in to the temptation of large gatherings. Amazingly, there have been no deaths in the Pointes since late spring, but the rise in cases has been disheartening.

The pandemic has led to many disappointments about America’s capabilities. There’s no denying the return to remote learning is one more disappointment, as necessary as it is for now.

Until we have widespread rapid testing and contact tracing, opening our schools remains untenable.



SOURCE: WAYNE COUNTY COVID-19 DASHBOARD

OUR VIEW

# 2020 Census: Not too late to count

Among the many concerning things happening during the pandemic, the forced curtailing of Census 2020 field work may have some of the most long-lasting consequences.

And if you’ve still shied away from submitting your information, you can help.

A decade of badly constructed congressional districts does not match the tragedy of the 150,000-plus deaths nationwide from COVID-19 or the longer-term health impairments that some survivors face. But lopsided allocation of federal funds based on major counting gaps, along with under-representation, will make for harder times for many communities until the 2030 Census.

The pandemic has already delayed the start of field work, which will inevitably lead to statistical distortions. Now the government has lopped off the final month meant to be spent in the field, ending Sept. 30 rather than Oct. 31 as once planned.

However the Census turns out, the Grosse Pointes have done relatively well so far. As of Tuesday, the response rates (as calculated at 2020census.gov) are:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe: 81.8 percent
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms: 85.8 percent
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park: 79.4 percent
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods: 86.4 percent
- ◆ Village of Grosse Pointe Shores: 82.2 percent

But that doesn’t mean any non-participating Grosse Pointers should keep hesitating. It wouldn’t take much effort to push aside Huntington Woods, with a 92.4 percent response rate that ranks it fourth nationwide. (Michigan, even with a paltry 68.8 percent response, is tied for third among the states.)

And the burden clearly remains with individuals. Census field workers were to start deploying this week in some parts of southern Michigan, and next week throughout the state. With their jobs now cut short on Sept. 30, they may find it nearly impossible to do much follow-up work after they’ve been through a neighborhood once. And if they have to prioritize, it may seem more important to work in neighborhoods with low response rates.

In other words, anyone reading this can be of outsize help in making sure that the Grosse Pointes, southeast Michigan and the state as a whole get their share of representation and federal funding.

And it’s not too late. You can still participate by mailing in the paper form if you have it, or by going online at my2020census.gov or calling (844) 330-2020. There appear to be workarounds if you’ve lost the user number that came in the mail.

Sept. 30 also has become the deadline for self-responses. You may not have responded so far, but you don’t need to start October with regret.

# 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.*

## Teacher supports virtual learning — for now

To the Editor:

I am a public school teacher who supports virtual learning this fall.

As districts across the United States struggle to cope with the coronavirus, students, support staff, administrators and teachers have to prepare for every conceivable outcome. Stories from schools having to shut down and quarantine on the first day back are fresh in the news. While some choose to accept the reality, there are others who insist that life must continue the way it always has.

Let me be clear: I want to go back to work. Fewer things give me as much joy as watching students learn and grow into compassionate, empathetic individuals. Nothing takes the place of making them actually laugh at a joke, or watch them roll their collective eyes when I try to make a current cultural reference, or drop a bar from Migos.

I miss that. I miss my students. I also know that the coronavirus doesn’t care that I miss my students, or if I am also struggling with what to do with my own child if I do have to return to virtual learning. It is a once-in-a-century occurrence that kills family, friends and, yes, even children.

Dr. Deborah Birx warned yesterday of a, “new phase” in this struggle. “What we are seeing today is different from March and April. It is extraordinarily widespread ...” she said.

Do you want to send your child to school with that risk? Are you OK with sending people who you trust with the social, emotional and psychological growth of your child into such danger and uncertainty?

PETE SMITH  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## War Memorial’s redesign doesn’t protect birds

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, located in the

International Migratory Bird Pathway, is proposing tall glass façades on the sides of the glass box addition in its amended site plan revision.

It is a well-known fact that glass buildings in the U.S. are the second major cause of bird deaths, killing hundreds of millions of local and migratory birds every year.

The glass facades in the War Memorial’s revised site plan for the proposed glass box addition will kill hundreds, if not thousands, of birds over the course of a year, depending on weather conditions. To prevent the killing of birds, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial’s revised site plan must be amended to use bird protective glass (with a score of 30 or less) wherever there is glass — the facades, the skylights, doors, etc.

During the July 13 Grosse Pointe Farms City Council Zoom meeting, the GPWM’s Mr. Charles Burke stated in his presentation to the council that glass with Bird1st protection coating will be used on the lake side of the proposed glass addition that is visible to the birds. He did not state that the bird protective glass would be used on all sides of the glass facades, but only “that’s our intent.”

The council, neighbors and the community need to know that using bird protective coated glass on only one side (lake side, the narrowest of the four facades) of the pro-

posed glass box addition is very destructive to both local and migratory birds, given the bird’s side view vision.

Even with the use of bird collision protective coating on the lake side of the glass façade, approximately 30 percent of the birds that crash into it will be killed and, worst of all, up to 100 percent of the birds that crash into unprotected glass on the remaining three sides of the glass box addition will be killed.

A review of the GPWM’s “Exterior Facade Elevation” drawings for the other three sides (excluding the lake side) of the proposed glass box addition shows that the Garden Elevation ... has very large glassed areas ...

These very large expanses of glass at the Garden Elevation will be a magnet for migratory bird deaths as they travel south in the fall and a magnet every day of the year for local birds.

In addition, lighting in the evening and night in the proposed box addition can attract migratory birds to their deaths by colliding with the glass, during low cloud cover and/or rain events during the night.

Bottom line: The council should vote to table approval of the proposed glass façade box addition until it receives written assurances from the G.P. War Memorial that:

- ◆ All the glass in the

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I SAY By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

# Some truths about ‘fake news’



One of my best friends won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing this year. Obviously no slouch, Jeff Gerritt has long earned journalism awards of every kind, since his days at the Detroit Free Press when we first met.

I’ve visited his office more than once and was always impressed that I could barely see slivers of paint where the walls weren’t completely covered by hanging plaques, first-place certificates and other framed docu-

ments with fancy congratulatory print.

While I’ve never sought validation through formal recognition for my work, having the guy I’ve sat with for Coney dogs take home a Pulitzer thrills me on a different level.

Jeff worked hard, raising his own special brand of hell at the keyboard by writing a series of pieces criticizing Texas jails for poorly handling preventable inmate deaths.

Of course, it made him the sheriff’s least favorite staff member at the tiny Palestine Herald-Press, near Dallas. But it shined a big light into one of those dark places the public usually overlooks or has no other way of detecting.

I caught Jeff on the phone one Saturday eve-

ning after he’d left Dallas, driving toward Pennsylvania for a new editor’s position he starts this month. Never one to rest on his laurels, he no longer seemed to be buzzing from the biggest achievement of his career.

We chatted a little about the new community and the readers who will be his new audience, but what most struck me was his all-business tone and mood of calm preparation for the job: Except the five-or-so minutes we spent chatting about family and friends, his entire conversation seemed geared toward this next chapter of using his skills and talents for the public good.

“Fake news” is a term we’ve heard way too often in recent years. Jeff

would agree with me that there’s no such thing. The phrase is oxymoronic — a story is news or it’s not.

Sure, it’s valid to challenge the credibility of reporting and editorial statements. I want to be held professionally accountable for the words I’ve written and positions I’ve expressed in print, so maintaining a high standard safeguards me against being dismissed as “fake.”

I have no doubt that the sheriff operating those jails Jeff called into question cried foul. He dismissed my friend’s work as fake news, in one form of denial or another. But being presented with unwelcome scrutiny doesn’t entitle public officials to simply reject it. The accuracy, not the

nature, of news is what appropriately measures the attention it should or shouldn’t receive.

Responsible media scrutiny should reflect both good and bad public service.

Again, Jeff provided one of the best examples of this when he wrote about our mutual friend, John Tharp, sheriff of Lucas County in Ohio. Tharp used his position not only to lock up offenders; he developed the widely praised DART (Drug Abuse Response Team) to combat rising opioid overdoses six years ago. I had the meaningful privilege of helping Sheriff Tharp craft a letter requesting support from the governor, but it was Jeff who wrote countless editorials and columns stressing

the critical need for DART. Today the program is a national model.

From national anthem kneeling to immigration, I’m always disappointed in the low tolerance for disagreement by some who consider topics taboo, based on emotion over intelligent evaluation. “Fake news” claims fall into a similar category, but waded into dangerous waters that leave folks like that Texas sheriff more angered by an allegation than concerned about its truth.

Guys like my friend Jeff, who make enemies by raising questions, seldom get the credit they’re due. Of course, there was that little Pulitzer Prize thing he won in spring 2020.

Did I mention we’ve had Coney dogs together?

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1945

75 years ago this week

**CONSTRUCTION BEGINS:** Ground has been broken and work has started on the construction of the Grosse Pointe News office building on Kercheval between McMillan and Oak Street in Grosse Pointe Farms. Brief ground-breaking

ceremonies were held with Justice Frank Murphy of the U.S. Supreme Court turning over the first shovelful of earth.

**POST OFFICE GETS NOD:** The final assurance that the Grosse Pointe post office is a fixed reality is evidenced in the arrival from Washington of the commission of Leland F. Lindow as “Superintendent in Charge of the Grosse

Pointe Branch of the Detroit Post office.”

### 1970

50 years ago this week

**RULING HURTS SCHOOLS:** How does the July 17 ruling by the State Supreme Court that all public schools must supply textbooks affect the Grosse Pointe School

System? Dr. Theos I. Anderson, superintendent, said it was a “serious blow” to the local district, upping its expenses by \$212,000.

*Obituaries: John Senesi, Gustav Knopf, Lillian Bacquet, Bess S Branum, William A. Stanton, Lottie Delezinski, John D. Jakle*

**APPROVED:** In the face of neighborhood opposition, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voted 4-3 to approve a hardship variance that will permit Caribou Coffee to open at the corner of Prestwick and Mack.

*Obituaries: William Moir, Natalie Schreck Wilcox, Margaret Caroline Scharfenberg, Edith H. Pierron, Helen Stevenson Ranney, Alfons A. Limberg, Margaret L. Maynard, Olcha E. Van Dresser, Helen Abaly Sullivan*

### 2010

10 years ago this week

**PRIMARY SURPRISE:** Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, lost the Aug. 3 primary election to state Sen. Hansen Clarke, also of Detroit.

*Obituaries: Rosemary Heenan Durant, David Hadden Sr., Juliet Elisabeth Moore Rasmussen, Elizabeth A. Garey, Matry George Thomas*

## LETTERS:

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proposed addition must be glass with bird collision protective coating and a threat score of 30 or less.

♦ Vertical blinds must be installed to cover all the glass facades and must be closed once the sun goes down.

♦ All exterior lights on the grounds of The War Memorial including lights in the parking lots, lights shining on sculptures, lights on walkways, etc., must have shields on all sides to direct the light downward so as not to attract migratory birds into flying in endless circles.

We give thanks for the beauty of God’s creation on Lake St. Clair and pray that council members will enhance, and not disfigure, his creation.

On Aug. 10, our community will see if the council members are good environmental

stewards or if their “excitement” for the glass box addition overshadows critical analysis of the project and environmental stewardship. You can then decide on how well each council member served the community when election time comes.

CONNIE BORIS, Ph.D.  
*Neighbor to GPWM*  
*Editor’s note: Dr. Boris is executive director of the Wayne County Conservation District.*

### Bravo GPP!

**To the Editor:**

My hat’s off to Grosse Pointe Park leaders for 30 years of progress revitalizing the Jefferson Avenue gateway between Detroit and the Pointes.

Their bold vision has added vibrancy to the area and I see that more progress is planned.

Now, thanks to the commitment of local civic-minded benefactors raising \$25 million, the area is slated to see a first-class art gallery and

performing arts theater. What an improvement over the derelict buildings that remain in the area.

The Pointes haven’t seen a major gallery since the Alger House ceased to be a branch of the DIA, so this will be a great asset to the Pointes and to all of southeast Michigan.

I look forward to performances of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, which should be a perfect fit for the new theater.

Thanks also for the G.P. Chamber of Commerce for its July Zoom presentation on the project.

Between the endowment, fundraising, ticket sales and volunteers, the newest project will be a magnificent asset to the eastside community with no tax increase.

The more I take the time to learn about it, the more I find to like about what has already been accomplished and what is on tap for the neighborhood.

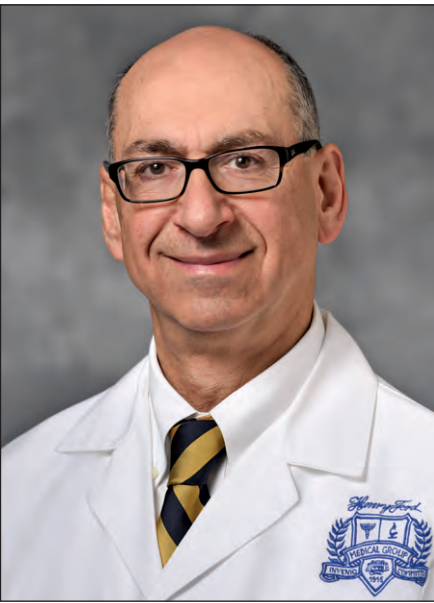
JAYR. HACKLEMAN  
*Grosse Pointe Park*

## When should you see a neurologist?

Neurological issues are complex – and can be frightening. Amer G. Aboukasm, M.D., a Henry Ford Medical Center – Cottage specialist who is board certified in neurology, epilepsy and sleep medicine, answers some common questions.

**Q: Are headaches normal?**

Most of the time they are. People get headaches for many reasons, including stress, fatigue, staring at a digital screen for too long, certain foods and alcohol. But when headaches become very frequent or severe, it could be the sign of a more serious condition that requires treatment.



Amer G. Aboukasm, M.D.  
Henry Ford Health System

**Q: If I have a seizure, does that mean I have epilepsy?**

One seizure does not necessarily mean you have epilepsy. By definition, epilepsy refers to the recurrence of two or more unprovoked seizures. However, if you’ve experienced a seizure, you may want to see a neurologist for a full medical history, testing and diagnosis.

**Q: My hands get shaky sometimes, does this mean I have Parkinson’s?**

Not necessarily. Everyone can get shaky at times, especially as we age. But if this shaking, or tremor, is persistent or gets worse, you should see a neurologist to get evaluated for Parkinson’s disease or other movement disorders.

**Q: When do I know if I need a sleep test?**

Sleep issues can have a dramatic effect on your quality of life. Whether you’re experiencing insomnia, sleep apnea, restless legs syndrome or another sleep-related condition, there may be many possible causes.

If changing your sleep habits doesn’t work, it may be time to consult with a sleep specialist.

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Pool temporarily closes due to COVID-19 exposure

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Less than two weeks after the Neff Park pool reopened after a lifeguard tested positive for COVID-19, the Shores’ Osius Park has found itself in the same situation.

A lifeguard who last worked at the municipal pool Friday, July 24, tested positive for the virus, leading to the temporary pool closure at 4 p.m. Friday, July 31. “(The lifeguard) came in no contact with any residents (and) hasn’t worked here in over a week, but we just want to

make sure, because COVID can be hiding before it shows its ugly head,” Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk said. “Better safe than sorry and we just want to make sure that all our employees are tested negative and we can reopen.” The entire facility was

sanitized this past weekend and is set to reopen once testing for eight pool employees — the minimum number needed to run operations — comes back negative. As of Monday, Aug. 3, four tests had come back negative with no positive results. “We don’t foresee any

positives coming in,” Krolczyk said. “Ninety-nine percent we know no one’s infected, but we want to make sure that 1 percent’s covered by getting everyone tested.” Approval to reopen from the Wayne County Health Department is not required, he added. The incident will not

alter any of the protocols and precautions which already have been in place to protect residents and employees at the pool. “Actually it’s been working fantastic,” Krolczyk reported. “Our practices are very strict over there and we don’t vary off of them.”

REMOTE:

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remote start to the school year at its next regular meeting Monday, Aug. 10. The plan is due to Wayne Regional Educational Services Agencies for approval Aug. 17. The superintendent’s email was followed by a 1 p.m. live-streamed town hall meeting conducted by Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, Director of Instructional Technology Chris Stanley and Director of Special Services Stefanie Hayes, with

Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon moderating the question-and-answer session. The virtual Q&A is available for viewing at gpschools.org. Earlier that week, the district also rolled out its One GP Virtual plan, which allows a family to choose remote learning for the full year, with the option to switch from the virtual plan to in-person learning for the second semester. That decision must be made in November for scheduling purposes and students aren’t guaranteed placement in their home schools. Parents must select

either the One GP Virtual plan or the GP Traditional plan, in which students and staff will be poised to return to face-to-face learning as soon as it’s deemed safe. According to Niehaus’s email, this will “take a major flattening of the curve or a vaccine for full-time in-person learning to happen.” Registration for the One GP Virtual plan went live Aug. 3. No action is required for the GP Traditional option. Staffing assignments follow in mid-August and depend on enrollment.

Many teachers, backed by the Grosse Pointe Education Association, attended the board meeting July 27, to promote opening the school year remotely as the safest option. “We cannot predict the progression of the pandemic, but we can plan to be safe by making a decision now to go fully online in September,” said Grosse Pointe South High School English teacher

Sandra McCue. “I urge you to follow the example of Ann Arbor Public Schools.” “Please make the responsible choice to

assured them a more robust plan will emerge as a result of advance planning, including more consistency and clarity around student

ducted according to Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations — as examples of how even while following state and health department protocols, participants tested positive for COVID-19. “Even though (we) are doing the right thing ... we are still having COVID spread,” Dean

said. “The reality is we feel if we have seven or eight positive COVID cases with less than 5 percent of students back, we think if we were to bring all of our students back on Sept. 8, we would have more than that. And the cascade of quarantining that would come after that would cause all of us to revert to remote learning and that remote learning would not be as robust and as appropriate as the remote learning we can do now.”

As outlined in Niehaus’s email, the district will continue to work on its return-to-school plan according to federal, state and local guidelines, with the additional time allowing for more safety protocols such as temperature checks, personal protective equipment selection and training.

Childcare will be available for GPPSS staff and essential workers and additional training on remote learning provided for staff, families and students.

“Let’s not kid ourselves,” Dean said during the Q&A session in a response to the question of how science labs will be replicated in a remote environment. “Remote does not offer the same opportunities as face to face. We’re not here because we want to be. We’re here because from a safety perspective, we need to be here.”

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CHRISTOPHER PRATT  
Grosse Pointe Educational Association president

start the year online,” said South English teacher Danielle Peck. “Teachers, students and families deserve the time to adequately prepare for this.” GPEA President Christopher Pratt applauded the announcement in a July 31 news release. “I believe this is the most prudent course of action given the very short timeline before school begins,” Pratt said. “The GPEA continues to listen to concerns expressed on behalf of staff that must be addressed to ensure safe face-to-face instruction. While we recognize that this is in the best interest of safety for our students and staff alike, our members are certainly saddened not to be in the classroom with our kids. All of our educators recognize that in-person interactions lead to high-quality relationships. Those interactions create optimal conditions for student learning. We understand this cannot be replicated in a virtual setting, but we will do our best to deliver the best instruction that we are able to offer under the current circumstances.” During the town hall, Dean reminded viewers of the sudden transition in March after the governor’s stay-at-home order from in-school to remote learning with one day to prepare and

expectations and time commitments. “I’m really proud of the work our teachers and staff did,” he said. “But it was instantaneous. We couldn’t even get into our buildings. We did the best we could, but it wasn’t good enough. We knew that no matter which way we came back this fall, we would have to come back better. ... By making this decision now, our families and our staff have over five weeks to prepare for the start of school.” Differences between last spring and this fall, according to Niehaus’s email, include students will experience both synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous instruction and staff will design an opportunity for students with the most need, including at-risk students, students in the categorical special education program, the youngest students and “others requiring the most support to return to some moderated version of in-person small group instruction opportunities soon after the start of the school year.” The second primary reason the administration is recommending schools open remotely is due to safety, Dean said. He pointed to the district’s summer camp, preschool programming at Barnes Early Childhood Center and athletic team pre-season workouts — all con-

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CRIME:

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Driving with suspended license

A 25-year-old Detroit man was cited after he was seen driving 10 mph on a flat tire in a 35 mph zone around 12:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Vernier and Helen. The man was discovered to have 14 driving suspensions. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued citations for driving while suspended, improper plates and defective equipment. — Eddie B. Allen Jr. Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

# Former principal to lead virtual learning launch

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

When Sara Delgado left Grosse Pointe with her family to move to Mexico last October, she didn't anticipate returning seven months later due to the new coronavirus pandemic.

Her husband, Alejandro, accepted a position as the chief financial officer for General Motors Mexico, headquartered in Mexico City, and Delgado left her post as principal at Kerby Elementary School for this new adventure.

Months later, the new coronavirus hit, and with Mexico City on a stricter lockdown than Michigan and her husband working remotely, the family decided to return in early summer to their home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Delgado, who formed an educational leadership consulting company called EdSpire, was able to work remotely as well, coaching and mentoring principals and teachers.

Last week, the Grosse Pointe Public School System contracted her to serve as the One GP Virtual launch coordinator.

"I spoke to (Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services)



COURTESY PHOTO

The Delgado family enjoyed a visit to the Teotihuacán Pyramids in the State of Mexico, Mexico. Pictured are Sara and Alejandro Delgado and their children, from left, Isabella, Alejandro and Santiago.

Jon Dean on Wednesday and I started on Thursday," she said.

"We're excited to have Dr. Delgado on this temporary basis to help launch One GP Virtual," Dean said. "She is an excellent leader and educator."

Delgado brings not only her educational expertise, but her long-time relationships in the school district to the temporary position.

A GPPSS teacher for

cation from Temple University and an educational specialist and Ph.D. in educational leadership from Oakland University.

Since her July 30 start date, Delgado has spent the bulk of her time talking to parents about the differences between the One GP Virtual and GP Traditional programs (see sidebar).

In initial stages, her role is to support parents while they "sort through the decisions and make the decision that is right for them," she said.

"In most of the conversations I've had, I've talked to parents about the fact that I really do think GP Traditional when it's remote will be a very similar experience to One GP Virtual in terms of instruction and materials because it is taught by Grosse Pointe teachers," Delgado said. "What it comes down to is whether they feel comfortable with the school district setting the timeline for when they return to face to face."

Delgado echoed Dean's assurance during the virtual town hall July 31, that remote learning will look very different under either the One GP Virtual or GP Traditional scenario than it did last spring

## GP Traditional vs. One GP Virtual

In GP Traditional, online learning is temporary and based on changing public health factors, with the goal of commencing face-to-face learning as soon as possible. The district will decide whether remote learning or in-person instruction is appropriate. Students remain with their assigned GPPSS teachers and shift from an in-person schedule to a remote schedule.

One GP Virtual learning takes place completely online and is optional. Families made this selection in early August. It is a full-time commitment through January and available year-round. Students remain with their One GP Virtual school teachers and experience no change in their schedules. With no transitions required, students continue to learn at their own pace.

due to having time to prepare and set up expectations.

After the enrollment period ends Aug. 7, Delgado's role will be to staff the virtual program and look at cohort and student assignments. She will be in close contact with principals and teachers at every grade level across the district, collaborating with them to make sure metrics are followed and the virtual and traditional pathways mirror one another as much as possible.

She also will work closely with Director of Student Services Stefanie Hayes to ensure the needs of students with special needs and individual education plans are met in the One GP Virtual arena.

"It's definitely easier when you have a working relationship with people and trust," Delgado said. "I'm really excited to collaborate with them again. ... Hopefully, it gives people a little bit of peace that (the person in this role is) somebody familiar with the community, the curriculum, the teachers and the administrators."

For families who have chosen the One GP Virtual option, Delgado said she looks forward to being "their point person" and answering their questions.

"I have missed working with parents and teachers so much," she said. "I knew I would miss it, but I didn't know I would miss it so much."

# Defer garden program flourishes with GPFPE funding

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education announced a grant of \$352,000 to improve the gardens and replace the greenhouse at Defer Elementary School, as well as enhance the curriculum with indoor and outdoor classroom learning opportunities.

The funding, directed specifically to this project after the school district submitted a grant proposal, was provided anonymously. Other partners working to facilitate the project are Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Wayne State University Center for Community Health Impact and Defer's staff and PTO. The goal is for the project to be replicated throughout the district.

"This project has the potential to have a lasting positive impact on gen-

erations of Grosse Pointe students and we are grateful to all the partners at the table who are bringing this vision to reality," GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said. "We are especially grateful to Suzy Berschback of Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and Dr. Lisa Rheau, Defer Elementary School principal, whose vision and enthusiasm kept the momentum going throughout this process and, of course, our generous benefactor."

The project will roll out in four phases:

Phase 1 — Updating the current gardens at Defer, including the addition of a butterfly garden, native plants, plant labels and educational signage.

Phase 2 — Dependent on schools going back to face-to-face learning, phase 2 includes curriculum additions in the classroom using the

Tower Garden program and lunchtime enrichment in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Garden Center.

Phase 3 — Replacement of the onsite greenhouse.

Phase 4 — Implementation of an outdoor classroom garden with native plants and vegetables in partnership with Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

"From our bi-annual grants to signature programs such as Leader in Me, the GPFPE has a legacy of supporting initiatives that have an enduring impact on our students and the school system," said Robert Bury, GPFPE president. "The Defer Elementary garden and greenhouse project fits perfectly within our mission of supporting exceptional learning opportunities for our students and we are pleased to be able to play an important sup-

portive role in bringing it to fruition."

— Mary Anne Brush



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# St. Paul Educational Trust announces scholarships

The St. Paul Educational Trust recently awarded scholarships to four students from St. Paul on the Lake Parish for outstanding academic performance.

The Monsignor Francis X. Canfield Scholarship, given to Katherine Moores, is awarded annually to an eighth-grade member of St. Paul Parish who plans to attend a Catholic high school. Moores, a graduate of St. Paul Catholic School, is attending Shrine Catholic High School in the fall.

The Couzens Family Scholarship is awarded to a graduating eighth-



Katherine Moores

grade member of St. Paul Parish who plans to attend a Catholic high school. Winner Seamus Doyle is attending the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Doyle graduated from St. Paul Catholic School



Seamus Doyle

in the spring. The Joseph and Alice Wright Scholarship is given annually to a deserving young parishioner entering sixth grade. The winner is St. Paul student Emma Dombrowski.



Emma Dombrowski

The William A. Cardinal Scholarship is a full-tuition scholarship awarded to an incoming eighth-grade student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement, leadership and character. This year's recipient



Blake Shock

is St. Paul student Blake Shock.

Winners are chosen by a committee made up of St. Paul School parents and parish members. Traditionally, scholarship winners are announced at an honors

assembly that takes place at the conclusion of the school year. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a representative from the Scholarship Committee made a surprise visit to the winners' homes to notify them.

"We are proud of each of these students for their outstanding achievements and contributions that they have made to the St. Paul on the Lake parish community," said Kathleen Conway, chairwoman of the St. Paul Educational Trust. "We look forward to following their progress as they begin the next school year."

— Mary Anne Brush

# Lochmoor wins virtual championship meet

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Lochmoor Club recently won the 2020 Michigan Inter-club Swimming Association virtual championship meet hosted by Oakland Hills Country Club.

Lochmoor had 1004 points, followed in the top three by Great Oaks Country Club with 968 and Birmingham Athletic Club with 815.5.

Lochmoor coach Kevin Hafner said even though the format was a little different this year, due to social distancing measures, the children still had a chance to swim this summer and compete.

Below are the Lochmoor swimmers who competed in the finals in each event and their placement with time.

In the first event, the mixed 8U 100-meter freestyle relay, William Thornton, Riley Collins, Liam Hafner and Drew Gwinnell won with a time of 1:15.83, and the group

of Brooke Lezotte, Nicole McEnroe, Clare Hafner and Grace Wesley won the girls 200-meter freestyle relay with a time of 1:55.64.

Tommy Moreland, Tyler Collins, Dane Lezotte and Ian Donahue took first in the boys 200-meter freestyle relay at 1:50.40, while Charlotte Bond was the winner of the girls 8U 25-meter breaststroke at 27.96.

Gwinnell was third in the boys 8U 25-meter breaststroke with a time of 23.54, and McEnroe won the girls 10U 50-meter breaststroke at 39.96.

Christian Azoury won the boys 10U 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 42.63, and Clare Hafner was first in the girls 12U 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 37.39.

Lochmoor's Brendan Beland was third in the boys 12U 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 36.60, and in event No. 10, the girls 14U 50-meter breaststroke, it was Naya Azoury taking seventh at 39.04.



PHOTO BY KEVIN HAFNER

Lochmoor Club won another MICS league championship meet.

Jack Howe was second in the boys 14U 50-meter breaststroke at 33.00, and Lindsey Caldwell placed fourth in the girls 17U 50-meter breaststroke

with a time of 37.10.

Donahue was second in the boys 17U 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 30.90.

Gwinnell was third in the boys 8U 50-meter freestyle with a time of 42.34, and Millie Moreland took third in the girls 10U 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:19.00.

Tyler Collins won the boys 10U 100-meter freestyle at 1:11.45, and Charlie Bronk finished second in the boys 12U 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:06.27.

Anna Wesley was 10th in the girls 14U 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:12.49.

Tommy Moreland finished second in the boys 14U 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:00.41, and Grace Wesley was fourth in the girls 17U 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:00.59.

Gianni Carlino placed

fifth in the boys 17U 100-meter freestyle at 55.34, and Emily Lorelli won the girls 8U 25-meter backstroke at 22.43.

In the girls 10U 50-meter backstroke, Vanessa Haladjian was fifth with a time of 44.90, while Brady Bond was second in the boys 10U 50-meter freestyle at 35.08.

Clare Hafner took second in the girls 12U 50-meter freestyle at 30.22, and in the boys 12U 50-meter freestyle it was Bronk placing third at 30.28.

Scarlett Flynn finished eighth in the girls 14U 50-meter freestyle at 32.09.

McEnroe won the girls 10U 100-meter IM with a time of 1:17.20, and Christian Azoury was third in the boys 10U 100-meter IM at 1:30.02.

Carr was fifth in the girls 12U 100-meter IM at 1:21.18, and Beland was also third in the boys 12U 100-meter IM at 1:17.42.

Brooke Lezotte won the girls 14U 100-meter IM and Tommy Moreland was second in the boys 14U 100-meter IM with times of 1:06.97 and 1:08.15.

Grace Wesley took third in the girls 17U 100-meter IM with a time of 1:07.71, and Donahue finished fifth in the boys 17U 100-meter IM with a time of 1:00.21.

Lochmoor placed second in the mixed 8U 100-meter medley relay with a time of 1:36.39 as Lorelli, Henry Rozycki, Charlotte Bond and Delgado competed.

The group of Carr, Naya Azoury, Hayden Barry and Ella Hafner took fourth in the girls 200-meter medley relay with a time of 2:19.51, and it was Brady Bond, Howe, Carlino and Bronk winning the boys 200-meter medley relay at 2:09.67.

## ELECTION:

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Grosse Pointe city clerk. "We've been able to keep everyone safe. We've had a rotational cleaning of the voting stations as well as the marking pens and the flow has been very good."

Nevertheless, absentee ballots have seen significant increases, with nearly 800 mailed out in the Shores and 1,352 returned in the City as of noon Tuesday. The Farms mailed 3,400 and received 70 percent back as of 1 p.m.

Since absentee ballots

cannot be opened and processed until election day, the increase has left some Michigan cities unsure of when results will be ready. Michaux anticipated they may delay the normal result time a bit.

"We don't anticipate (delay) because of the size of our jurisdiction," Kozicki said, adding the Farms planned to have results posted by 10 p.m.

Despite a minor and quickly resolved technical error on a tabulator, the City anticipated having its results up by 9 p.m.

Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods

awaited results Tuesday, including returns of more than double the total number of absentee ballots requested in both cities, compared with the last primary.

No problems were reported from Woods and Park polling sites by late afternoon.

Residents can find the results of the election on the various Pointes' websites and posted in Shores City Hall.

See Grosse Pointe News coverage of the results in next Thursday's issue.

Staff Writer Eddie B. Allen Jr. contributed to this report.

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Souper Summer Celebration  
transitions to online raffle  
More than \$30,000 in jewelry to be awarded

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Ahee family isn't going to let a worldwide pandemic spoil a beloved family tradition. The 39th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration simply will take on a new format this year.

Rather than a physical gathering at Comerica Park with thousands of celebrants, this year's event, themed "Heart from Apart," will be hosted online.

"The original date was June 23, so we knew early on we were going to have to change our original plan," spokesman Stefan Ahee said.

The virtual jewelry raffle will be streamed live on the edmund t. AHEE jewelers Facebook page, beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. The date was specially selected as it would have been Edmund T. Ahee's 99th birthday.

The raffle will consist of 10 items totaling more than \$30,000.

"First prize is a 1-carat total diamond ring made by our workshop," Ahee said.

Other prizes include items by Cartier, Roberto Coin, David Yurman, Sara Weinstock, Tag Heuer and Shinola. All jewelry and expenses are donated by the Ahee family, allowing 100 percent



of proceeds to go directly to charity — half to the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment for Hunger and half to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

"My grandfather grew up near the soup kitchen during the Great Depression and witnessed a lot of people he knew standing in line for food," Ahee said. "It definitely left a mark on him and he vowed, if he was ever able, to help however he could."

"He kept his promise; he supported the Capuchins his entire life," he continued. "Now the second and third generations have taken over his legacy. ... He taught us to care about people in need and help as much as we could and to be thankful for what we have."

Through the annual event, along with the

Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Hunger, millions of dollars have been raised to help provide food, clothing, substance abuse treatment, job training and tutoring services for thousands in Detroit through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

"The annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration is a day we look forward to each year as it brings our community together to support a cause that was close to the heart of Edmund and our entire family," said John Ahee, vice president of AHEE. "So, while we can't be together in person this year, we invite our friends and family to join us in giving 'Heart from Apart' to support the tireless work of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit as they provide

food and basic needs to individuals in our community."

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each and there's no limit to the number purchased.

Tickets are available at edmund t. AHEE jewelers, 20139 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or the Capuchin Center, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit.

While tickets are not available online, donations are accepted through the website at ahee.com/capuchins.

"We've already received a lot of generous donations in raffle purchases," Stefan Ahee said. "We're so grateful for the community's support."

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From left, Grosse Pointe Park resident Michele Hintz with her dog, Dilly; Grosse Pointe Farms residents John and Linda Axe, who hosted the event; Matt Pepper, CEO, Michigan Humane, with the Axes' dog, Linus; and City of Grosse Pointe resident Judy Murray with her dog, Aiden. Hintz, Murray, Team Dilly and a few others were the top fundraisers this year.

Mutt March makes its mark online

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It's not unusual to see a dog or two being walked in Grosse Pointe, especially during summer months.

But a parade of socially distanced dogs and their walkers? Now that may have raised some eyebrows.

Sunday, July 26, Linda Axe of Grosse Pointe Farms welcomed guests — both the two- and four-legged varieties — to the lawn of her Kercheval home, where they were greeted by Michigan Humane CEO Matt Pepper. The gathering was part of Michigan Humane's 32nd annual Mutt March, this year held virtually.

For more than three decades, the fundraising walk has been held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, "with 1,000 of our closest friends," Pepper



Michigan Humane CEO Matt Pepper walks down Lakeshore with the Axe family dog, Linus.

said. "We had to reimagine it this year because we couldn't have it at the Ford House. ... In this corona world, we decided to have a virtual event with mini Mutt Marches around town."

The virtual event invited dog owners to take their precious pups on walks in their own neighborhoods. Each registered participant

created or joined a team or registered as an individual. Like past Mutt Marches, fundraising goals were set by registrants and donations collected.

For Axe, a 15-year Michigan Humane board member, the decision to host a march from her house was easy. A life-long friend of animals, she immediately said yes

when Pepper asked.

Invitations were sent and around 20 leashed dogs and their families arrived July 26 to participate.

"Matt spoke to everybody," Axe said. "He took our Linus on a walk to Lakeshore, then came back here. I fed everybody lunch. It was a great day."

Axe surpassed her personal goal of \$2,500, collecting \$3,000 in contributions for Michigan Humane. Her fundraising was made in the name of Team Linus, the terrier mix she and her husband, John, adopted from the organization just two months ago.

"John and I lost our two sweet dogs earlier this year," she said, but a visit to Michigan Humane's Rochester Hills shelter brought Linus into their

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# Theatre announces scholarship winners

Five high school seniors were awarded a total of \$6,000 in scholarships by Grosse Pointe Theatre at the annual scholarship auditions July 12.

The auditions looked a little different this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Performance scholarships were awarded after students performed two monologues and optional song or dance to two GPT adjudicators in Grosse Pointe Theatre's rehearsal space, 315 Fisher Road. Social distancing was enforced and students were offered the opportunity of a virtual audition. Additionally, no guests were allowed.

Scholarships usually are given to seniors to be used toward college tuition and to underclassmen attending summer performing arts camps. Due to the uncertainty of those camps this summer, scholarships were awarded to seniors only. Scholarship winners are:

◆ Errol Service Jr., University Liggett School, attending Boston Conservatory at Berklee.

◆ Elyse Tazzia, Grosse Pointe South High School, attending Penn State University.

◆ Andrew Fleming, Grosse Pointe South, attending Texas State University.



Errol Service Jr.



Elyse Tazzia



Andrew Fleming



Bobby Conlan

◆ Bobby Conlan, Grosse Pointe South, attending Michigan State University.

◆ Danielle Vogler, Grosse Pointe South, attending Western Michigan University.

Adjudicators were Marie Boyle Reinman and Nick Marinello. Kathy Fisk is the scholarship chairwoman. Winners will virtually showcase portions of their auditions at the Grosse Pointe Theatre membership meeting Aug. 17.

Grosse Pointe Theatre has given out \$85,000 to



Danielle Vogler

88 students during the past four decades, helping students fulfill their dreams of continuing their theatrical education.



## Help save the natural world, starting in your own backyard

Ford House hosts celebrated author and researcher Doug Tallamy for a virtual lecture on his new book "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Tallamy will inspire attendees to look to their own landscapes and gardens to help restore and support the

circle of life that keeps all of nature going, protecting the right plants, animals and insects. Reading the book before the lecture is not required.

Ford House will host Tallamy's lecture online using the Zoom platform. Cost is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for Ford House members. Reserve a ticket at [fordhouse.org/events](http://fordhouse.org/events).



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A few of the participants in the virtual Mutt March walked down Lakeshore just a few blocks, because of the heat and so Michigan Humane could stream it on Facebook Live.

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lives. Linus was one of 50 dogs Michigan Humane rescued from an Alabama shelter that was going to euthanize them.

"He was in a cage for two years," Axe said. "He was never out of a cage until we adopted him two months ago. He loves our front yard; he can run."

The Grosse Pointe Farms march was one of several hosted by supporters July 26, including one in Franklin hosted by Michigan Humane board members April Wagner and Kathy Huber. The first-time virtual march was a success, Pepper said, adding, "We generated right around the same amount we've raised in previous years."

Mutt March proceeds are used to supply pet food for families in need, veterinary care for vul-

nerable animals, as well as other services such as vaccinations, sterilizations and animal cruelty investigations and rescues.

Donations are always welcome at [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org), Pepper said.

"Given the coronavirus, the support services we offer have really grown in relevance and need," he added, noting efforts made at the Michigan Humane Judith Caplan Phillips Pet Food Pantry, especially in the early days of COVID-19.

"Our pet pantry is a great example of the dramatically increasing need to keep families together," Pepper said. "Animals aren't pets; they're part of the family. Last year was a record year for us. We provided 411,000 pounds of dog and cat food. This year, halfway through the year, we're at 650,000 pounds and we anti-

pate far exceeding one million pounds this year. That 650,000 pounds is the equivalent of three million meals for dogs and cats that would have gone without a meal."

Additionally, since March, when COVID-19 began hitting families with job loss and business closures, Michigan Humane has welcomed 15,700 client visits; served 40,000 animals — 29,000 dogs and 11,000 cats; made 300 home deliveries; and accomplished 45 rescues.

"It's very important to support Michigan Humane because they rescue cats and dogs," Axe said. "It's wonderful what they do for the community. I'm on a lot of boards, but this one is my favorite. Two-thirds of my life I've volunteered for Michigan Humane."

Her passion extends to Julie Verlinden, who works for Axe and has witnessed the impact Michigan Humane has on communities.

"They've always been a supporter of both humans and animals," Verlinden said.

The pandemic, she noted, has increased the need for support.

"You see how many people depend on Michigan Humane for food just on a normal day," she said. "People would have to surrender their pets if they can't feed or take care of them. ... Michigan Humane stepped up to care for these pets. It's a wonderful organization, not just what they do behind the scenes, but also the way they treat humans and animals. It's a symbiotic relationship."

The Mutt March, she said, is a not just a great way to support Michigan Humane, but a fundraiser as well.

"It's wonderful to see community outreach like this," Verlinden said.

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# Author shares unique insights of three generations

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Grosse Pointe Park resident Venus Rembert-Karchin used to speak in elementary schools, she would say to children, “When you look at me, you automatically assume I’m Black,” she said, noting the room would get so quiet, one could hear a pin drop. She’d go on, “but I feel just as different as any other biracial child.”

Her mother was Native American and raised in Black culture; her father was Geechee, of African roots, and also had Native American blood in him, Rembert-Karchin said, but never talked about it.

“I don’t like to be classified as one thing or another,” she explained. “I want people to be aware a person can’t be put into just one category. You can’t judge a book by its cover; you don’t know what’s inside the book unless it’s open to you.”

Rembert-Karchin is opening her book — literally — to readers with the release of her first published work, “Peace Pipe in the Cotton Patch,” available in Kindle and hardcover on amazon.com.

The book is written as a three-generational autobiography told through the voices of three “mamas” — Rembert-Karchin, her mother and her grandmother.

“They’re my experiences through all the things that happened in the U.S., starting back in the late 1800s when my grandmother was alive,” she said. “It’s Native American history. It’s Black history. ... But you’re seeing it through the eyes of a child ... from each culture, the good parts and the bad parts, how it was being in the Black culture, how it was for me living in each culture, what my parents passed on.”

Rembert-Karchin began piecing together the narrative years ago, when she’d stand in line 45 minutes to spend 30 minutes online at the library downtown. She recorded stories from her mother, but also thoroughly researched history and family records.

She stopped in her tracks many times, she said, recording information, then letting it sink in. She wants to share her story because, “there’s a surprising amount of people that never thought, ‘What happened to the slaves that did escape?’ Even Native American tribes had slaves who escaped. There is a Black Indian society. There are lots of Black Indians.”

“Peace Pipe” covers Rembert-Karchin’s family history, as well as U.S. history; it details how the family feels and survives events happening in the United States. It’s about Black Indians, their struggles to survive in the southern U.S.

and finding the same fate in the North, while providing insight into the origins and nature of the multicultural challenges that confront America today.

It’s a personal story Rembert-Karchin only recently has become ready to share. The author, who was music director at Detroit Waldorf School 22 years, has long been a writer, but this is the first of her works to be published.

“I had to come to that place,” she said. “Many people around here have read it, but I had to wait, even if I had it done for a while.

“I came to a place in my life — I’m retired and open — where I didn’t feel embarrassed about publishing these facts. ... I had to wait to come to the place where I didn’t mind other people knowing who I was.”

Rembert-Karchin said she’s always been rather “closed,” so to share details of her life and her family’s lives was a challenge. She said a fellow member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church encouraged her to publish, saying, “This is your life, your opinion.”

“Peace Pipe” is Rembert-



Karchin’s first book in a trilogy that will examine each of the three cultures in which she lives. The second book will focus on her Native American heritage and time on the reservation, while the third will examine the Jewish culture, which she embraced through marriage.

She expects the second book to be finished by year’s end,

but before she finishes the third, she’d like to write a children’s book or two featuring stories she’s told her children their whole lives, many stemming from Black culture.

“I outlined a short story for each month of the year,” she said.

Like her children’s stories, “Peace Pipe” will resonate with young people as well as adults, Rembert-Karchin said.

“I tried to make it simple enough that children can hear it,” she said. “My 7-year-old grandson says, ‘Read to me out of your book.’

“It’s history in there,” she continued. “You’ll learn a lot of American his-

tory, so it’s for junior high to adults. Adults will get something out of it; they’ll understand the moral parts of it more. It’s all the things that happened to me in the ’60s and ’70s, times when I was growing up and to date.

“It’s a delightful story.”

“Peace Pipe in the Cotton Patch” is available for purchase at amazon.com.

## Woods resident nominated for Women in Blue

The Detroit Public Safety Foundation recently hosted the seventh annual Women in Blue, a celebration of Detroit’s female first responders with the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department. This year, due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, the event was a small, private affair for invited guests only. The entire event was streamed live to a larger audience on social media.

A total of 10 women, five from each department, were nominated by their peers for recognition. Among them was Lt. Kimberly Gabriel, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Gabriel has been a member of the Detroit Police Department more than 24 years. She currently is the Officer-in-Charge of Peer Support. Prior to taking on this assignment, she worked in various commands throughout the department, including the sev-



Lt. Kimberly Gabriel

enth precinct, sex crimes, internal controls, police recruiting and crime scene services. She has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and a graduate certificate in business administration from Wayne State University.

Gabriel grew up on the east side of Detroit. When she was 8 years old she was attacked by a pack of wild dogs. The

DPD officers who responded were so kind and left such an impact, she decided at that time she wanted to be a police officer, too.

Gabriel is a passionate member of the Detroit Police Department Peer Support Team, which led her to her current assignment. The Peer Support Team provides emotional and tan-

gible support for peers in a personal or professional crisis — those struggling after a line-of-duty death, injury, traumatic incident, personal problems or the culmination of daily stresses of the job. Gabriel helps manage the program and is available to her peers in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She is dedicated to working with a team of peer sup-

porters to help employees and their families through difficult times. She also currently checks on employees with COVID-19 to see if they or their families have any specific needs.

Gabriel is respected throughout the department and known for being fair, kind and supportive. She also serves her community as a volunteer at the Parcels Middle School medical clinic and with youth ministries at her church. She is devoted to her career and her daughter, setting an example through her work ethic, compassion and empathy.

Gabriel also was nominated for Women in Blue in 2018.



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# Grosse Pointe nurse among those recognized

Before the pandemic, the World Health Organization declared 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife in recognition of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birthday.

With nurses throughout the country and world at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic, celebration of their strength, grit and sacrifice could not come at a more relevant time.

Already three of Beaumont Health’s eight hospitals — Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy — have achieved the American Nurses



Cathleen Solecki

Credentialing Center’s most distinguished designation: Magnet status. The remaining five hospitals are currently on that journey.

With this in mind, Beaumont Health

recently announced its first Nursing Excellence Awards, recognizing nurses and support staff who represent the best in patient care delivery. More than 800 nominations were submitted.

Among those recognized is Cathleen Solecki, MSN, RN-BC, CCRN, CNRN, program coordinator at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She received the Nurse Empirical Outcomes Award for her efforts.

“Shortly after names started pouring in, southeastern lower Michigan was hit with the COVID-19 surge most of us never could have imagined,”

said Susan Grant, chief nursing officer for Beaumont Health. “The courage, determination and leadership of our nurses and support staff helped us get through the surge, stronger than ever. Now it’s time to celebrate

their accomplishments.”

The public is invited to join in watching the system-wide Nursing Excellence Awards video, created in the absence of an in-person gala: <https://youtu.be/nijheIM1COE>

“This video is an oppor-

tunity to thank our nurses for everything they do for our patients, their families — and each other,” Grant said. “Each one of them is extraordinary. The video is a must-see event that celebrates our amazing colleagues.”

## P.E.O. Sisterhood honors two women

Two young women recently were honored for their educational and community achievements by Grosse Pointe Chapter AO of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the international Philanthropic Educational Organization dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for women around the world.

### Elizabeth High

Elizabeth High, a 2020 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was awarded the Johanna M. Gilbert Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts.

High plays the string bass and performed as principal bassist of the South Symphony Orchestra and South Chamber Orchestra.

In addition to music, her leadership roles included founding the high school’s coding club and serving as cross country captain her senior year. She also is the recipient of numerous awards in music, math, computer science and German. High, who was selected by South for this new scholarship, was named an AP Scholar with Distinction and received a National Merit Letter of Commendation. She plans to continue her music at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where she also will pursue studies in math and computer science.

Chapter AO President Beth Pressler said the chapter is thrilled the Gilbert family chose to honor the memory of the



Elizabeth High



Abby Menth

late Johanna Gilbert, a longtime supporter of P.E.O. activism for women’s education, by providing this annual scholarship to an outstanding South senior woman in the performing arts. Johanna Gilbert was a valued community leader, member of Chapter AO and talented arts supporter and performer herself. She was especially noted for her voice and performed early in her career with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She later was an in-demand soloist for many groups, continuing her music while raising her family with her husband, Ellwyn.

Gilbert’s daughter, Melanie, noted that High is “a dynamic young woman” and as the first recipient “is setting a high bar for future awardees.” Melanie Gilbert also noted that High shared another bond — the love of German language — with

her mother, who passed away in May 2019.

### Abby Menth

In other awards, Chapter AO presented the Florence Miller Award to Abby Menth, who will graduate from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2021. The annual junior award honors the memory of Florence Miller, a longtime Grosse Pointe educator who was a member of Chapter AO while serving as assistant principal at North and a leader in community activities, including the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees.

Menth was selected by North based on her leadership and achievement in academics and extra-curricular activities. As a member of the Grosse Pointe synchronized swim team, she recognized the need for such a program at the middle school level and was instrumental in starting a synchronized swim program for younger girls so they are prepared to compete once they are in high school.

Menth also is a leader in the Freshman Assist team, a mentorship group to help younger students. She continued to fulfill the mentorship virtually when school transitioned to online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# OBITUARIES

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### Mary Louise Klobuchar

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Louise Klobuchar (nee Steiner), 71, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020, with her husband and children by her side.

She will be remembered most prominently for her deep and consistent concern and care for those in need. Mary's service to others was first expressed through her career as a licensed practical nurse by her many years' work at Bon Secours Hospital and in private homecare. Her service extended through several faith-based activities at her parish by which she helped support the care of the elderly and underprivileged. She contributed in many ways and often found opportunities to bring love and kindness to people she never met. Mary's passion for protecting the basic human rights of the unborn included her contribution

of time and resources to Right to Life of Michigan.

Mary loved spending time with her family, especially her five grandsons. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and playing tennis. She also enjoyed meeting new people and traveling to new places while staying at bed and breakfast inns along the way.

She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 49 years, John Klobuchar, and loving children, Heather Wettstein (Matthew) and Michael (Natalie). She was the proud grandmother of Corrydon, Keegan and Caden Wettstein and Canyon and Colton Klobuchar.

Mary will be remembered always by her friends and family for her thoughtful and frequent expressions of kindness.

Funeral information may be obtained from A.H. Peters Funeral Home online at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com); or by phone at (313) 884-5500.

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tions in Mary's memory may be made to Right to Life of Michigan Education Fund, [edfona.tion.rtl.org](http://edfona.tion.rtl.org); or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, [cskdetroit.org](http://cskdetroit.org).

### Michaeline Hrabonz

St. Clair Shores resident Michaeline Hrabonz, 104, died peacefully Monday, July 27, 2020. A former Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Michaeline was born Oct. 17, 1915, to Michael Gwiazdzinski and Teresa Pigula, both now deceased.

Michaeline was the beloved wife of the late Mitchell Max Hrabonz; cherished mother of Joanne Brown (Thomas) of Mequon, Wis., Michael (Christine) of Lake Orion and Marcia Ricci (Thomas) of Bradenton, Fla.; adored grandmother of six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews; and



Mary Louise Klobuchar



Michaeline Hrabonz



Sherry G. Day

a wonderful friend of many.

Michaeline was a member of Lochmoor Club more than 50 years. She will be greatly missed.

Visitation will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, followed by a funeral Mass at noon officiated by Msgr. Michael Bugarin. Face coverings are required and social distancing will be observed. The liturgy will be livestreamed on St. Joan of Arc's Facebook page and the St. Joan LIVE page on the church's website, [sjascs.org](http://sjascs.org).

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TN 38105, [stjude.org](http://stjude.org); or a charitable organization of the donor's choice.

### Sherry G. Day

Sherry Gallagher Day, 73, of Pointe Aux Barques Township, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2020. A former Grosse Pointe Farms resident, she was born Sept. 2, 1946, in Alma, to Thelma Marie and William James Gallagher, both now deceased.

An artist, business owner and avid golfer, Sherry enjoyed her retirement years sailing around the world with her beloved husband, Dennis, which included traveling to more than 60 countries.

Sherry was involved in numerous causes before her adventures at sea. She was an active parish-

ioner at St. Philomena Catholic Church and a former president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Sherry also enjoyed activities at Country Club of Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis M. Day; daughters, Heather Catallo and Katie Catallo-Bauman (Markus Bauman); stepsons, Benjamin Day (Susan Park), Jonathan Day (Krystal Grossmith) and Nicholas Day (Daphne); and grandchildren, Massimiliano, Addison, Alexander, Tanner, Henry and George.

A funeral service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sherry's memory may be made to the Appendix Cancer Research Foundation, [acpmp.org](http://acpmp.org).

## Collaborative efforts bring nature, art, children together

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Things don't always work out as planned, especially in the days of COVID-19.

But that didn't stop Karen Pope of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association from finding a new way to engage children with art.

Plans initially called for artist and activist KT Andresky to speak with girls from Alternatives for Girls and the GPAA's Promising Artists program about becoming environmental activists, while connecting them with the environment via the Howell Nature Center's nature bus. It was to be part of the association's Girl Power Friday program at The War Memorial.

"When COVID shut those plans down, we



Left, Stephanie Bussema of the Howell Nature Center shows children a turkey vulture. Right, Fr. Jim Bilot reads "St. Francis and the Animals: A Mother Bird's Story" to children.

looked for a way to use the nature bus in a different way," Pope said. "Frankly, it was hard to find someplace that would let us have the bus come and park. But we remembered St. Paul on the Lake and their support for our 'Art from the Heart: Frontyard Art Exhibition' and we called

them."

"Karen Pope contacted me and asked if we could join them in bringing an entire day of festivities to kids," said Anne Graves, a St. Paul parishioner and member of the religious education staff. "We had partnered with them for 'Art from the Heart,' trying to bring



PHOTOS BY JACK RYAN

hope and joy to people. ... She and I developed a friendship through that."

The Howell Nature Center bus was invited to the grounds of St. Paul on Wednesday, July 29. The program was limited to 30 children, who were divided into three groups. Each group participated in three activities:

- ◆ learning about animals via the nature bus; two live animals were included in the demonstration;
- ◆ participating in a collage craft and
- ◆ listening to Fr. Jim Bilot read "St. Francis and the Animals: A Mother Bird's Story."

"Karen asked if we

could have someone read a story on St. Francis, the patron saint of animals," Graves said. "It was a great way to connect with kids and with adults."

Bilot has hosted virtual storytime events since the start of the pandemic and though young parishioners have enjoyed hearing different tales online, being with Bilot in person was a delight for many of the children. "Father Jim has so much fun with the kids," Graves said. "It's fun to have them there in person. We're going to do another in-person story Monday, Aug. 10."

Following the children's portion of the event, tours of the church were given to adults. The program was altogether a success, Graves said.

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Above, Michelle Corbo drew chalk art of Mario brothers, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and The Simpsons. Right, 7-year-old Dana Ray wanted to create happy art, so she drew a note that said “Enjoy the Day,” then added a rainbow and a frame.



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# Ford House welcomes guests to Chalk the Walk

With stringent social distancing efforts in mind and enforced, Ford House opened its gates to the community for Chalk the Walk, drawing 200 guests each day, July 25 and 26.

Visitors entered the estate with timed tickets throughout the course of each day to ensure safety. Each artist had plenty of space to make their chalk masterpieces and everyone was required to carry a mask, per Ford House COVID-19 rules.

“This was the first-ever Chalk the Walk at Ford House and we were thrilled that visitors loved the event,” said Sarah Kornacki, communications and media relations specialist. “We look forward to planning another Chalk the Walk in the future.”

The chalk drawing spanned the majority of Ford House’s half-mile walk, Kornacki said. Ford House provided free packs of chalk to children,

though many visitors — adults and kids alike — brought their own chalk from home.

“Families showed off their creativity, decorating the path with favorite movie and TV characters, several unique hopscotches, portraits of family members and kids’ favorite animals,” Kornacki said. “Many young artists wrote positive and encouraging messages along the path like ‘Be kind’ and ‘Love each other.’”

“Many families said they were thrilled to get out of the house and have fun in a safe environment,” she added.

Ford House kicked off the fun with a larger-than-life koi on the sidewalk, chalked by Ford House graphic designer Kristina Koggenhop. Another employee added a portrait of Ford House’s canine employee, Moss, who visitors often see on duty chasing geese off the grounds.



Adelina Dellario and Finnegan Merkel had fun creating random chalk art while Beau Dellario sat on the grass and watched them draw.

## NATURE:

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“Karen’s vision was, because kids and families have been cooped up for so long, just to give them somewhere to go, to have a thing they could come to and just enjoy being together locally,” she added. “I love that through this pandemic we’re reaching out and being creative, but we’re also making friendships in the community.”

So happy is St. Paul about its new partnership with GPAA, the pair are hosting a plein air art class with Donald Cronkhite on the church lawn from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. For information or to register, visit [grossepointeartcenter.org](https://grossepointeartcenter.org).

“Building this friendship has been such a gift,” Graves said. “It helps us reach out to the wider community. It’s a great benefit for the kids and the families. I’m grateful to be able to bring people together from the community and allow them to participate together. I think everybody had a good time. ... This event was a breath of fresh air.”

Pope also said she is happy with the partnership.

has “the safety of everyone at heart and supporting our efforts to find ways to offer opportunities within the framework of the current normal.”

Pope said before this event was even planned, the GPAA attended a three-part seminar with the Youth Development Resource to learn how to safely engage children in the COVID-19 era.

“They gave us the guidelines we needed to feel comfortable and make the parents feel comfortable,” Pope said.

The event was a collaborative effort between the GPAA, St. Paul, the YDR and Howell Nature Center, but also was made possible through the support of the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Foundation.



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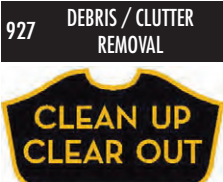
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## King Crossword

Solution for last week's puzzle 7/30/20

O	P	E	C		A	S	I	A		D	N	A
L	O	L	L		I	O	N	S		E	O	N
D	E	F	E	N	D	A	N	T		F	U	N
		R	E	E	K		R	H	O	N	E	
L	O	D	G	E		V	I	O	L			
O	B	E	Y		T	R	A	D	E	I	N	S
S	O	S		Q	U	O	T	E		A	U	K
S	E	I	Z	U	R	E	S		O	N	L	Y
		C	O	O	K		T	I	T	L	E	
B	A	C	O	N		P	O	O	L			
A	K	A		D	E	O	D	O	R	A	N	T
B	I	N		A	G	E	D		I	R	O	N
A	N	T		M	O	M	S		G	E	N	T

### ACROSS

- Autumn mo.
- " — Breckinridge"
- Drag along
- That girl
- Quite some time
- Shrek is one
- Remiss
- Flattery
- Eye-related
- Marry
- Hen pen
- Famous
- Flowering vine
- Clinton veep
- Standard
- Billow
- Watch chain
- Sister of Osiris
- Grump
- Eighth Greek letter
- Rip
- Historic period
- Healthy
- Dairy item

- Aye opponent
- Heap
- Carte
- Conk out
- Choir member
- Vail gear
- On in years

### DOWN

- Norway's capital
- Fellow
- Libretto
- Team animals?
- Evergreen type
- Caviar, really
- From the start
- Frank
- Khan
- Web address
- Albanian
- Coffee break hour
- Lemieux milieu
- Piece of work
- 1992 presiden-tial candidate

- Bean curd
- Cupid's alias
- Society new-bies
- Skewer
- Launder
- One of HOMES
- Chills and fever
- Dutch Renaissance scholar
- Audiophile's setup
- Expert
- Joan of —
- Weaponry
- Loosen
- Catch red-handed
- Changed the color
- Hot tub
- Painter's medi-um
- Last (Abbr.)
- "A mouse!"
- Blackbird

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 7/30/20

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

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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