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Grano to step down from Park council

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Citing a relocation to Macomb County, Councilman Daniel Grano announced his resignation Friday, Sept. 4, after serving the city 15 years. The resignation will be effective Monday, Sept. 28, pending council's vote to accept it.

In a letter submitted to city officials, Grano said the move to Macomb County will mark the first time he has lived outside the Park.

"I was not intending to move from the Park, nor my home, ever in my life," stated Grano, 38.

But the relocation "allows me to provide

more space to my family, increases career opportunities, allows my wife and I to invest more in our children's education and enables me to care for an aging parent," he wrote.

Having served council since 2005, Grano wrote that he has accomplished much of what he hoped to achieve: "When I

started on council as a 23-year-old, the city faced a lost generation of my peers, a lack of business investment (literal tumbleweeds were seen blowing down the Kercheval business district) and an uncertain future," he added. "Through council's efforts, private-public partnerships and invest-

ments by our residents, the city has been recently ranked one of the best communities in the country in which to reside. Millennials are flocking here — the residential market is at an all-time high and our business districts are strong, despite the pandemic."



See GRANO, page 3A Dan Grano



PHOTO COURTESY OF RENEE LANDUYT

Neal Gross's fourth-grade classroom at Maire Elementary School is set up for his first day of remote teaching Tuesday, Sept. 8, complete with a SMART Board, 50-inch TV and tablet to record lessons.

Back to school pandemic-style

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Opening day for 2020-21 may have a different look and feel this year, but the goal is the same for teachers throughout Grosse Pointe — to build relationships with students and get the school year off on a positive note.

Kate Price plans to begin the first day read-

ing "First Day Jitters," by Julie Danneberg, to her first-grade students at Defer Elementary School — a back-to-school tradition for her.

"Since we are in a unique situation, this year starting virtual and I am new to Defer, I sent a little information page about me with some pictures," said Price, who previously taught at Trombly Elementary School. "I felt it was

important for my families to read a bit about me and see who I am before the first day of school."

"First Day Jitters" is "a great book to let students know that they aren't the only one with first day jitters," she added. "Teachers have first-day jitters, too."

Maire Elementary School teacher Neal Gross had his classroom set up and ready to go for his first day of remote

teaching. He can use his SMART Board to instruct and a 50-inch TV to see his students' faces. On top of the TV is a tablet to record lessons for students who can't attend in real-time.

The TV was made possible by Maire's PTO, which purchased 14 flatscreen monitors — one for each classroom, including a teacher who

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Mayor, clerk resign from Shores ethics committee

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Since the pre-formation meeting of the Shores ethics committee in January, some have questioned whether elected officials should be part of the committee, given an ethics ordinance would govern them.

During the Aug. 15 meeting at Osius Park, which was its first meeting since February, Mayor Ted Kedzierski announced his resignation both as chairman and member of the committee.

"Early on in the committee I was asked to resign as the chair and even asked to resign as a committee member and so they felt I could not be impartial, that they wanted it to be led

by citizens and I agreed to do so," he said.

City Clerk Bruce Nichols decided to resign from the committee two weeks later, also at the request of certain members.

Councilman Matt Seely, the last person on the committee with connections to council, does not plan to resign at this time. When the topic was broached at previous meetings, Seely said it makes sense for council members to take part since an ethics ordinance would have to be approved by council.

The committee also is composed of residents John Clark, Brian Geraghty, Joe Ghanem, Scott Houghton, Janice Pemberton and Rob Squiers.

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Public safety urges compliance with moped regulations

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Since the COVID-19 pandemic reached Michigan and especially in recent weeks, public safety has seen a significant increase of mopeds driven by teenagers on Grosse Pointe streets, many not in compliance with the law.

Numerous phoned-in com-

plaints to the department relate to reckless or careless operation, vehicles not legal for the road and operators being too young.

"It's just our goal to make sure mopeds operate safely within our city and make people aware of those rules, because I think there's just kids jumping on mopeds right and left kind of willy-nilly, who don't know that there are any rules," Deputy

Director of Public Safety John Hutchins said, adding the uptick is taking place in many communities right now. "You'll see them whipping in and out of traffic. You'll see them going at what appears to be faster than 30 mph."

To operate a moped, the driver must be at least 15 years old; have a valid operator's license or moped license; and have the

moped registered with the Secretary of State, unless it's strictly operated on private property. A three-year registration decal is \$15 and should be displayed on the back of the moped so it's visible to officers.

Mopeds also are required to follow the same traffic rules as all other motor vehicles; should not

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Amanda Roraff

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Co-founder of mobility corridor team looks to the future of autonomous vehicles



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Ascension seeing uptick in strokes

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Emergency departments around the country faced a dilemma during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic when a dramatic number of people avoided care due to a fear of catching the virus in hospitals.

Now, many people are less apprehensive, said Ascension Michigan Chief of Neurology Dr. Paul Cullis, which has played a part in the dramatic increase in stroke patients at Ascension St. John Hospital the last

two months.

The hospital saw approximately 100 stroke patients in August, twice as many as in March and April, some with conditions that could have been prevented had they gone in during the pandemic.

Strokes related to COVID-19 have added to the increase, as well.

Doctors use the acronym BE FAST — balance, eye movement, face, arms, speech and time — to describe the signs and symptoms of strokes that community members should be aware of.

More specifically, people should keep an eye out for difficulty with balance, such as if the room is spinning; difficulty with eye movements, such as having double vision; one side of the face drooping; one arm being weak; and having trouble talking or slurred speech.

Some stroke treatments have to be administered within four and a half hours after onset, which makes response time all the more of the essence.

“Tens of thousands of brain cells are dying for every minute that you

wait and the faster you come to the emergency department, the more likely it is that we’re going to be able to help you,” Cullis said.

Preventively, controllable risk factors should be kept in check, including high blood pressure, weight, exercise, cholesterol, looking for heart disease and looking for abnormal heart rhythms such as atrial fibrillation.

Ascension St. John is the only comprehensive stroke center on the east-side of Detroit and the closest one to the Grosse Pointes, which means it is equipped with the abil-

ity to perform thrombectomies.

“I think people are familiar with cardiac catheterizations where the cardiologist can go in and fix things in your heart,” Cullis said. “For the last number of years, we’ve been able to do that now for brains, so if you come to Ascension St. John and there’s a clot in one of the large vessels in your brain, one of our interventional doctors can go in and pull the clot out and restore the flow and that means that we are a comprehensive stroke center, not just a primary stroke

center.”

The only other comprehensive stroke centers in the metro Detroit area are Henry Ford Hospital and Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

“(We’re) making sure that people understand that they’re not going to be exposed to COVID patients in the emergency department,” Cullis said. “COVID patients are kept in a different area. And so we’re trying to encourage people that have the symptoms of stroke to come to the emergency department for prompt treatment.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

In business

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of PurseNality, 18416 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. The women’s boutique offers clothing and accessories and carries sizes small to 3X. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Pictured from left are Chamber Director of Administration Regan Stolarski, PurseNality owner Marilyn Smith and Chamber President and Executive Director Jenny Boettcher.

PEG fees are out

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It’s the end of an era as the Farms became the final Pointe to eliminate its Public, Educational and Governmental, or PEG, fees during the council meeting Monday, Aug. 10.

For 10 years, and with a three-month extension ending March 1, the Pointes and Harper Woods had allocated the fees to The War Memorial for its public television program, but new FCC regulations dictate PEG fees can now only be used for capital equipment costs, making it no longer in the organization’s best interest since it relied on the fees for staff pay.

It is for this same reason that attempts to reach an agreement with the

Grosse Pointe Public School System to receive the funds and provide the same service as The War Memorial were unsuccessful. The district’s proposal largely revolved around putting the funds toward operational costs to support its educational access channel.

“We talked about this at the bi-monthly mayors meeting and the limitations on the PEG fees are very strict now,” Mayor Louis Theros said, “so even looking at do we do something in broadcast ourselves or with our city council meetings and it just literally became not worth it with all the strings that come attached to how they limited this to strictly a capital item.”

As soon as the companies can implement the change, the 1.15 percent Comcast and 2 percent

AT&T U-Verse PEG fees will be eliminated from subscribers’ bills.

“This is a nice little return to the residents, not a lot, but we’ve seen our bills go up forever in cable so why not give a little back,” Theros said.

The city plans to allocate its \$38,469 balance of PEG fees that were acquired while it explored its options, to the GPPSS to be used for equipment for the district’s educational access channel.

“I talked to Grosse Pointe City, who did return the fees to Comcast in particular and Comcast had indicated that there would be no form of rebate or reimbursement to its customers,” City Manager Shane Reeside reported, “and I guess the belief is that those dollars would be better spent locally than going back to Comcast or AT&T.”

Permanent polling sites approved

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents eager to make their votes count in the November election might have a new neighborhood polling site, following a recent city council vote.

After several temporary relocations for the August primary, the council approved the Election Commission’s recommended permanent sites during its Monday, Aug. 31 session, including:

- ◆ Precincts No. 1 and 2, Mason School, 1640 Vernier Road (formerly

- Ferry Elementary School)
- ◆ Precincts No. 3 and 4, Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza (formerly Parcels Middle School)
- ◆ Precincts No. 5 and 6, Barnes School, 20090 Morningside Drive (formerly Monteith Elementary School)

The council previously approved the commission’s emergency recommendation to relocate three precincts, due to construction at school sites. The Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch had been consid-

ered as a possible location, said City Clerk Lisa Hathaway.

The Election Commission might consider requesting the use of local churches as polling sites if school gym locations become unavailable, Hathaway said.

Absentee ballot application status may be requested online at mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index or by calling (313) 343-9945 or (313) 343-2440.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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Artists invited to enter Park logo contest

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Visionary artists can win a \$100 gift card and at the same time help the city win recognition for an ambitious commercial initiative.

The Grosse Pointe Park Social District Logo Contest calls for submissions of full-color or black-and-white renderings of graphics that represent the newly formed business zone to promote

local bars and restaurants. As defined by the state, the district is an area “within the local government’s boundaries where consumers would be able to drink beer, wine or spirits in a designated common area outside the walls or patios of licensed establishments.”

The Grosse Pointe Park Social District Logo Contest was conceived to generate enthusiasm among residents while ultimately generating a

symbol that will be used on the city’s website, in signage and in marketing of the district and its events.

The state announced social district guidelines in order to encourage safe distances between bar patrons without closing the establishments due to health concerns. City council approved the Park’s social district in July. The district’s location is outlined at Kercheval from the city of Detroit’s boundary

between Alter and Wayburn to Nottingham, on both the north and south sides of Kercheval, continuing to Charlevoix. From the city of Detroit between Alter and Wayburn on the north side of Charlevoix to the west side of Nottingham is the remaining area. Operating hours of the district will be 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To be eligible to submit a logo design for the

competition, artists must be 21 or older and reside in the Park. Graphics must be contained in a 7.25-inch-diameter circle on 8-by-8-inch art board with the artist’s name or the artist’s logo printed in small font.

Email submissions must be made, using PDF, JPG or PNG file format, to Leah Smith, assistant to the city manager, at smithl@grossepointe-park.org by noon Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Artists should list “GPP Social District Logo Contest” in the email subject line and provide their names, addresses and telephone numbers. Each contestant may submit no more than two logos.

The winning artist will receive a \$100 gift card redeemable at a Kercheval or Charlevoix restaurant and will be recognized at the Park City Council session scheduled Monday, Sept. 28.



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From left, Grosse Pointe South sophomore Nolan Eszes, vocals, guitar, piano, ukulele, harmonica; Grosse Pointe North sophomore Charlie Bomgaars, guitar, banjo, vocals; South junior Marco Cilano, bass; South sophomore Cooper Evans, bass, vocals; and kneeling, South sophomore Sebastian Moncivais, percussion.

End-of-summer session

To commemorate the last weekend of summer before the start of school, Grosse Pointe Park hosted a special event Friday, Sept. 4, at Windmill Pointe Park. The band, The Boys of Summer, played on the sun deck above the pool

and JB’s Mobile Food Hut and Simply Spanish food truck offered food and beverages for sale. The Boys of Summer is made up of five Grosse Pointe high school students who have been playing together since 2018; however, this was

the first time they’ve played live since January. All other shows and dates prior to Sept. 4 were cancelled due to COVID-19.

The next chance to see them is at Cadieux Cafe from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11.



Craig Balow orders a Cuban sandwich from the Simply Spanish food truck which, served food such as empanadas and spicy sandwiches.



People wait in line for JB’s Mobile Food Hut, which served walking tacos, burgers and hot dogs.

Follow them @theboysofsummergp on Facebook and Instagram for pictures and upcoming dates and news.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

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

Pier Park to host fitness class

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While gyms and fitness centers are just now reopening under the governor’s executive order, Pier Park is partnering with STOTT Pilates Instructor Amy Pugliesi to offer residents an alternative way to stay active and social with Pilates+HIIT.

The hour-long class, developed by Pugliesi, combines the strengthening and toning of Pilates with the cardio from high-intensity interval training to work on core, arms, legs and ab muscles.

“The inspiration behind the class was more of really trying to give people a great workout for that hour of time,” Pugliesi said. “Sometimes people are

doing exercise and they’re not seeing the benefits, so one of the things about this class is you’re doing cardio, you’re burning some calories and you’re strengthening.”

Both sessions offered are outside at the Pier Park pavilion and run for six weeks: Session one is at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 22 to Oct. 29, for \$162, while session two is at 6 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 24 to Oct. 29, for \$90.

The class is designed to boost metabolism, core strength and overall muscle tone.

“I think it’s good for your posture, your strengthening, for stress relief and honestly just having fun and getting out of the house at this point,” Pugliesi said. “... I spend a lot of time focusing on people’s

form, so they’re getting the most sort of efficient benefit out of that exercise.”

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GRANO:

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Grano plans to continue serving through Friday, Sept. 18, and will not attend the scheduled Sept. 28 council session. Following the session, the city will have 60 days to fill Grano’s anticipated vacancy by nomination and council vote, or the clerk will initiate a special election.

Mayor Robert Denner praised Grano for his dedication and service as chairman of the city’s Public Service and Ordinance Review committees and for representing council on the planning commission.

“Grosse Pointe Park has been better for the contributions of his time and talent,” Denner said. “I have enjoyed serving with him for these past 15 years.”

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The road ahead

Mobility corridor team co-founder looks to future of autonomous vehicles

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Amanda Roraff joined Ford Motor Co. as its head of engagement only eight months ago. In that time, she has had to relocate her office from the company's world headquarters in Dearborn to her home office in Grosse Pointe Farms due to COVID-19, adapt to the company culture and help prepare, as co-founder of the AV Mobility Corridor Team, a major announcement about Ford's partnership with the state of Michigan on the first-of-its-kind corridor designed for connected and autonomous vehicles.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Ford Executive Chairman William Clay Ford, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and others made the announcement Aug. 13, during a media event in front of Michigan Central Station, Ford's hub for developing next-genera-

tion automobiles. Selected as the project's master developer is mobility company Cavnue, a subsidiary of Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners.

Other partners include the Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan Office of Future Mobility and Electrification, Michigan Economic Development Corp. and Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. The project also draws on an advisory committee of automotive and autonomous mobility companies.

The first phase of the project will be a two-year feasibility study to test technology and explore the viability of a more than 40-mile driverless vehicle corridor between downtown Detroit and Ann Arbor.

The exact route is yet to be determined, but it's expected to connect major pick-up and drop-off points between

Detroit, Ann Arbor and Detroit Metropolitan Airport, with Michigan Central Station as well as Opportunity Zones for economic development, as hubs along the corridor. The route will accommodate autonomous vehicles, public transportation and eventually autonomous freight traffic.

"What the next two years really entails is to identify the technologies that will be needed to deploy the roadway system as well as the route," Roraff said.

The project is a "game-changer," she added, accelerating the deployment of autonomous vehicles while offering the community benefits such as economic development along the corridor, clean energy and equitable and accessible new mobility options.

The goal is for the Michigan corridor to carve the way in creating a national standard around connected and automated vehicle corri-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Amanda Roraff is the co-founder of the AV Mobility Corridor Team.

dors, making autonomous transportation accessible to all.

Roraff's prior work experience prepared her well for the challenge of representing Ford in this project along with co-founder and lead Jeff Jones. She previously worked as part of PlanetM, the state's business development platform representing the collective transportation efforts across the state and aimed at attracting companies to work on the future of mobility together.

As managing director of the team, Roraff's role was to connect efforts and create opportunities for collaboration between state and local entities, automotive companies, startups, investors and academic institutions to secure Michigan's leadership in the future of mobility.

What Roraff discovered during this time was the importance of involving communities and municipalities in the development of future mobility solutions.

"Technology developers can develop technology all they want, but unless it's solving a problem for a community or a municipality or a region or a state, there's no value in it," she said.

In one particular endeavor, moving the needle on these solutions required bringing a dynamic group of companies — auto manufac-

turers and suppliers, foundations, property developers, consultants and utility companies — together to work toward a common purpose in an initiative called Project Kinetic.

The team worked closely with the city of Detroit and its residents "to really understand what their mobility challenges were, and then worked with industry to come together and provide solutions," Roraff said.

Before working with PlanetM and on Whitmer's 2.0 Mobility Task Force, Roraff spent close to 10 years at NextEnergy, a company focused on working with innovators to accelerate smarter, cleaner, more accessible solutions for communities and cities. While there, she helped organize the region's first-ever mobility conference.

Roraff's first job after graduating from Michigan State University's James Madison College — following a six-month backpacking adventure through Europe — was for a startup dental technology company, where she focused on the communications, marketing and events side of the business. When the company relocated to Corpus Christi, Texas, she declined the transfer offer and accepted a position with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers producing large-scale trade shows. Ultimately that job

required more travel than Roraff, raising two young children, was willing to accommodate.

"I literally would have to go to work sometimes with a bag in my car because I might have to just jump on a flight and it wasn't ideal for raising a family with young kids," she said.

Working for an experiential marketing firm for about a year followed by several years of consulting projects allowed Roraff to strike a better work-life balance while her children were young.

Her son, Ben, is now a sophomore at MSU and daughter, Lucy, is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School. Roraff, a Sterling Heights native, and her husband, Dave, who grew up in St. Clair Shores, moved to Grosse Pointe Farms from Harper Woods 13 years ago.

Roraff looks forward to the next 15 to 20 years of her career discovering where the future of mobility will lead.

"Everybody wants to leave some kind of legacy and have some sort of impact," she said, adding she is proud to be part of a "first-of-its-kind project internationally" and work at a place like Ford Motor Co.

"They're part of the fabric of the neighborhood and the fabric of our region and the fabric of the state. It's really exciting that a 117-year-old car company is still being part of the future."



Amanda Roraff is pictured with her co-founder and lead of the AV Mobility Corridor Team, Jeff Jones, in front of Michigan Central Station — envisioned as a hub on the connected and autonomous vehicle corridor.

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exceed an engine size of 100cc or have a gear shift;

and should have a top speed of 30 mph or less.

The public safety department largely has been giving out warnings, but violators could be tick-

eted for civil infractions.

"We try not to be heavy handed with the kids here, but at the same time, we have to make families aware that there are rules and that it's dangerous," Hutchins said. "Kids who are not following the laws of the road might not be seen by a vehicle and so then you run the risk of clipping somebody or

turning in front of somebody because you don't see them coming because they're not in your field of view.

"Really it's about safety more than anything else," he added. "It's about safety and it's about letting people know that there are rules, because a lot of people, I think, don't even know."

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COVID-19 precautions being taken include staying outdoors and placing each mat six feet apart. Anyone who wishes to wear a mask may do so as well.

Designed for intermediate students, those with acute injuries should not participate.

"I can make modifications for people, but they should be already fairly active," Pugliesi said. "I wouldn't call it an entry-level class."

The class is only for Farms residents and can accommodate 10 people per session. Participants should bring their own mats and may bring light weights if they want a more intense workout, but weights are not required.

To register for one of the sessions, visit parks.grossepointefarms.org or call the parks and recreation office at (313) 343-2405.

"I just really hope people come out and participate and feel reconnected to their community and to their health," Pugliesi said.

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Small fire

A propane tank at a residence in the 500 block of Neff Road caught fire due to a faulty regulator at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4.

Fraud scam

After receiving a call from someone claiming to be an Amazon representative Friday, Sept. 4, a 77-year-old Grosse Pointe woman gave out her account information, leading to the person fraudulently withdrawing \$1,500 from her on four separate charges.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Two good Samaritans

After leaving his driver's side window open approximately two inches around 10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, a 49-year-old Farms man discovered the next morning his wallet and cell phone missing from the vehicle, which was parked in his Touraine Road driveway.

A man driving near

Bournemouthe Road and Rolandale Street found the man's credit cards scattered in the street, along with a business card. When he called the cell phone number, an Amazon driver who had found the phone in the same area answered the call.

The Farms man received everything back except \$32 in cash that had been in the wallet.

Motorcycle endorsement

After stalling in the southbound lane of Kerby Road near Lakeshore Road at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, a 27-year-old Hazel Park man was cited for not having a proper motorcycle endorsement and his motorcycle was impounded.

Fraudulent insurance

When pulled over at Mack Avenue and Kerby Road for not having a license plate on her vehicle, a 43-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for having no plate and fraudulent insurance at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday,

Sept. 2.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Living out of car

A 65-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on Lakeshore Road at 8:42 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, after traveling at around 15 mph with a defective brake light while nearly striking other vehicles.

The driver, who stated he was homeless, was checked out at Ascension St. John Hospital and cited for having no insurance and an equipment violation.

Driving while license suspended

A 54-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at Lakeshore Road and Woodland Shore at 9:07 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, for driving with a suspended license and not having insurance, after being pulled over for having no visible plate

and a defective brake light.

First in line for opening

When a vehicle was found running with its front bumper against the gate at Osius Park at 3:44 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, the 27-year-old Roseville man ended up being arrested for operating while impaired.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Sign stricken

A resident of the 1300 block of Nottingham reported that his Trump election yard sign had been damaged between 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. No suspects were identified.

More signs of disapproval

A resident of the 1000 block of Berkshire reported that her Trump

election sign had been stolen from the yard between 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. No suspects were identified.

Neighbor noise

A 65-year-old Park resident was cited for creating loud noise in the 800 block of Three Mile around 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, after multiple neighbors complained.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Caught after curfew

Two 16-year-old Woods girls were cited around 1:45 a.m. after violating curfew in Chene Trombley Park Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The youths were discovered on the Playscape by a public safety officer who questioned them. The teens initially identified themselves using

false names, but their identities were confirmed and they were released to their parents.

Chene Trombley, which closes at dusk, recently was stricken by vandalism to picnic tables and graffiti spray painted on tables and trees. Public safety officers have asked that residents report any suspicious activity or unusual presence at the park.

Driving while license suspended

A 24-year-old Warren woman was cited around 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at Mack and Anita after driving a vehicle without a license plate. The 2006 Dodge Caravan, which the driver said she'd just purchased, was impounded after it was discovered the driver had three warrants from different local cities, 22 current suspensions and no valid insurance.

— **Eddie B. Allen Jr.**
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.



Above, "Solitude" is located on Mack at the border of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms. Left, Evelyn Kuhnlein and her cousin, Daniel Kuhnlein, check out Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of Postman Roulin." Evelyn Kuhnlein is a 2020 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and freshman at Michigan State University who is taking classes at home remotely for the semester. Daniel Kuhnlein is a 2017 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and senior at the University of Kentucky who was in town for the holiday weekend.



"Iris and Lilies" is stationed at the corner of Torrey and Mack, one block past Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall.

DIA Inside/Out artwork debuts on Mack Avenue

In its second time recognized as a walkable community worthy of showcasing high-quality outdoor replicas, Grosse Pointe Woods is displaying Detroit Institute of Arts renderings on Mack.

Now in its 11th year, the DIA's InsideOut exhibition annually installs pieces that represent the

museum's world-class collection in sites throughout Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

Other 2020 locations include Wayne County Parks, Wayne County Community College District campuses, St. Clair Shores, Auburn Hills Public Library and Madison Heights.

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OUR VIEW

Not too late to be counted

The 2020 Census is down to its last gasp. Maybe.

In a move that signals increasing conflict and controversy, a federal judge has ordered the Census Bureau and the Commerce Department not to make any major changes — such as ending any of the 300,000 or so temporary workers’ jobs — until a Sept. 17 hearing. This means the Census Bureau’s intention, announced last month, to end its field work Sept. 30 may not come to pass.

The Sept. 30 deadline cut a month off the three months that workers were supposed to be out knocking on doors. The number of workers also is less than in 2010, and a serious undercount seems entirely plausible.

The Constitutional purpose for the once-every-decade Census is to apportion the House of Representatives, so each state has a voice relative to its standing among other states. Michigan, with 14 representatives now, is expected to lose at least one and possibly two of them once the count is done.

That’s one reason why getting a full count in Michigan is so important. The state may be able to fend off the loss of that second congressional seat if its population number is high enough, especially relative to other, faster growing states.

Local residents seem motivated to do their part, with solid self-response rates, as of the end of last week:

- ◆ 87.7 percent: Grosse Pointe Woods
- ◆ 87.0 percent: Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ 83.3 percent: Grosse Pointe Shores
- ◆ 83.1 percent: Grosse Pointe
- ◆ 80.6 percent: Grosse Pointe Park
- ◆ 75.0 percent: Harper Woods

In all cases, that exceeded Michigan’s statewide self-response rate of 70.3 percent. In one positive sign, the statewide number beats the 67.7 percent self-response rate at the same point 10 years ago — taken as proof that the online option has worked.

Still, it’s hardly enough. Field work remains a necessity.

As expected, Census workers have raised the numbers quickly. Statewide, they boosted the share of households counted to 87.8 percent, as of Sunday. Nationally, the data at 2020census.gov suggests an almost identical number — 87.6 percent — of households counted.

But gaps remain. While Area Census Offices headquartered in Oakland and Macomb counties have at least three-quarters of their work complete, other regions, including the Detroit office, have only a bit more than half of their canvassing done. That suggests a potentially serious undercount not just for Detroit but for much of the rest of Michigan, including all of northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Which argues for everyone in this corner of the county to get counted to help beef up the numbers even if Detroit field work ends before it’s complete. The numbers matter locally, as well as statewide, because the Census also becomes the foundation for how districts are formed — meaning well-counted areas will have the most relative strength. Wayne County already has suffered an exodus; it won’t help if the Census exaggerates the loss.

Finally, the Census forms the basis for allocating money under many federal programs. Again, Wayne County’s loss — and Michigan’s, for that matter — can end up hurting at the local level. That could prove especially true for road and transit budgeting, an area where the state routinely gets short shrift from the federal government and has never met the challenge on its own.

All of which means, if you haven’t responded to the Census or been tracked down by a field worker, you still have until at least Sept. 30 to go to 2020 census.gov or call (844) 330-2020 and respond. The Census Department also said it is mailing forms again to 16.2 million households; if you get one, fill it in and return it, pronto!



BY THE STARS AND STRIPES - THE STARS AND STRIPES (PARIS, FRANCE), JUNE 13, 1919, PUBLIC DOMAIN, COMMONS.WIKIMEDIA.ORG
The last issue of the WWI Stars and Stripes on June 13, 1919.

OUR VIEW

Stars and Stripes hits home

The Stars and Stripes newspaper got its name from a one-time publication during the Civil War, and that name became the common thread for bringing news about the military and veterans to each other ever since.

John Minnis, publisher of the Grosse Pointe News, recalls then-publisher Robert G. “Butch” Edgar telling him he had worked for Stars and Stripes while in the service. His sister, Lauren Edgar Chapman, thinks he may have been an editor of Stars and Stripes. Unfortunately, Mr. Edgar died in 2007, so we can’t ask him.

The newspaper, funded by the military but editorially independent, needs to continue as the military faces changing times and new challenges.

Even with its on-again, off-again history — it didn’t become a permanent military institution until World War II — Stars and Stripes has real value as a unique voice for the common military member through good times and bad.

Various administrations, including under

President Barack Obama, have tried to end Stars and Stripes’ subsidy, currently \$15.5 million. Most recently, the Trump administration omitted the funding from its proposed budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. The Defense Department followed up by telling Stars and Stripes to close by Sept. 30.

But budget negotiations are far from over, and last week President Donald Trump told the Defense Department not to close down Stars and Stripes.

With a circulation of 1.3 million, Stars and Stripes covers issues, such as base housing and schools, that rarely if ever would catch the interest of any other publication. And, although some of its news is available electronically and/or from other publications, distant overseas assignments increasingly lack online access, giving new value to the print edition.

Most important (as Mr. Edgar would probably attest), the military is a unique community that flourishes only with widespread support among Americans — and that includes helping to keep its primary news source in operation.

OUR VIEW

Vandalism no way to lash out

It’s always discouraging to see vandalism and graffiti, most recently on display at Chene Trombley Park, a small park with play equipment and picnic tables tucked into the northwest corner of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The damage ranged from smashed eggs to a spray painted table and trees, including an expletive used as part of an anti-Trump diatribe. This is hardly fair to the small fry and families who use the park, and it’s an unfortunate imposition on whoever has to clean it up — presumably city workers who have plenty of other tasks on their daily rosters.

In a perfect world, the vandals would be identified

and sent to work as a cleanup crew, elsewhere if necessary, to understand that their forms of expression aren’t harmless. Nor, as in this case, are they particularly visible to the world at large. It’s a stupid way to lash out, if vandalism ever gets thought through to that extent.

The resumption of school may help keep idle hands busy and fall weather may discourage outdoor gatherings among the age groups most likely to act so irresponsibly. But it may also be wise to ponder ways to keep children and teenagers constructively busy, as remote classes and pandemic-induced distancing drag on and on, and on.

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.

Schaap Center

To the Editor:

I am a Grosse Pointe Park resident and business owner. I urge the GPP DDA and council to take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity that is now offered to GPP by the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation (a 501(c)3 public charity located in GPP).

The URIF is offering to construct the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery on property located on

the north side of Jefferson between Alter to Maryland.

The anchor tenant of the Schaap Center performing arts facility will be the Grosse Pointe Theatre, an organization that has provided high-quality live theater experiences and performing arts education since 1947. The Schaap Center will also be available for performances by other organizations including the Grosse Pointe Symphony, the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, the Detroit Medical Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra,

and numerous others. In addition, the Schaap Center will include an art gallery for display of artworks from the Manoogian, the Detroit Institute of Arts and other collections.

Costs of constructing the Schaap Center will be funded 100 percent by private donors. Its projected cost of construction is \$25 million, of which \$15 million has already been secured. Construction of the Schaap Center will not begin until the remaining \$10 million has been raised.

Some individuals question whether GPP should do what I very strongly believe it should do — immediately and gratefully accept the URIF’s generous offer to construct the Schaap Center. Questioning individuals should read the “Answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the proposed Schaap Center” document that is available by opening the GPP homepage at grossepointepark.org,

then scrolling down to the “slideshow” of News and Public Notices, selecting #2: Schaap Center, and then clicking on “Read More.”

The FAQs will provide questioners with the answers they need in order to join with the many Park residents who recognize the value of the gift that the URIF is offering to GPP and who want to accept that gift now with the gratitude that it so well deserves.

THERESA BRENNAN
KLAASEN
Grosse Pointe Park

Schools should report COVID outbreaks

Dear Gov. Whitmer:

We are writing to respectfully but urgently request you immediately marshal the resources of state government to compile and publicly release, on a consistent ongoing basis, vital public information regarding

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

An escape from the ennui



I’ve long been a bookworm, which is probably no surprise coming from a newspaper editor; however, my love affair with books has ebbed and flowed over the years. The first book I read solo and out loud — which was recorded on cassette tape by my very proud mother — was “Clifford the Big Red Dog.” I remember diving

in to Dr. Seuss and the Berenstain Bears, but otherwise don’t remember much of my early reading days. In fact, I didn’t consider myself a “big reader” until my fourth grade teacher presented me with the “Bookworm of the Year” award. I carried the honor with pride. That year I also took my first crack at creative writing. My older brother challenged me to a scary story-writing contest. I’m pretty sure I won. Either way, it kicked off my love of putting words to page, not just reading them. Following in my big brother’s footsteps,

Stephen King was my go-to during my later elementary school years. Then I put a bookmark in it. Other than required reading during high school, I couldn’t care less about literature. I had my fill with “Fail-Safe,” “The Jungle” and “Far From the Madding Crowd.” College was no different, and it seemed for quite some time, I had better things to do than sit down with a good book. These days I couldn’t picture life without one or two good reads. That love was reignited some years ago, around the time I got married. My mom handed me a little

blue paperback by Janet Evanovich; she thought it might be something I’d enjoy. I took it, eyebrows raised, more to satisfy her than fulfill any desire I had to start reading again; movies were my thing at that point. But I sure devoured that book. And the next one she loaned me and the next. I had forgotten how much fun it was to escape into a different world and how much more vivid the landscapes are in my mind than they are on the big screen. Since then, I usually have at least one book in progress. My tastes vary — thriller, mystery,

romance, a little sci-fi from time to time. From James Patterson and Patricia Cornwell to Jodi Picoult and Kristin Hannah, whatever mood I’m in, there’s a genre for that. My current reading list includes autobiographies — a new genre for me. I’ve read a few over the years, but nothing all that interesting. However, since we’ve been in COVID quarantine and I’ve felt a little stuck in my own Groundhog Day life the last six months, that’s changed. By the time I get through my current stack — and being the

hockey-, music- and pop-culture-loving person I am — I’ll know a little more about the lives of Carol Burnett, Darren McCarty, Amy Schumer, Steven Adler, Betty White and a few others — the perfect escape from the tedium. And through their words I hope to recall a less-stifling world, when concerts and comedy gigs and sporting events drew throngs of cheering fans; when families and friends could comfortably gather in groups of more than 10; when hugs and handshakes were welcome, not forbidden. If nothing else, I hope their realities take me out of this COVID haze and give me hope for a return of those happier days in the not-so-distant future.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1945
75 years ago this week
5,000 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL: Grosse Pointe’s public school system swung into high gear again this week with the fall reopening of all buildings in the district. Enrollment figures have not yet been

accurately checked, but officials say the total is about 5,000 or about the same as last year.
Obituaries: Edwards S. Evans, Thomas P. Henry, Albert V. Cluff

1970
50 years ago this week
JUDGE HONORED: President Nixon has nominated Pointer and Wayne Circuit Judge Cornelia G. Kennedy to be the first woman federal judge in Michigan’s history. Her nomination was sent to the U.S. Senate for confirmation.

MOVE TURNS ESTATE INTO SUBDIVISION: The Grosse Pointe Park City Council reached a tentative agreement with representatives of the Morrison estate that permits the property to be developed into a subdivision. The plan calls for the estate to be divided into 19 lots, with new homes adhering to local zoning regulations on the property, which stretches from Jefferson to Lake St. Clair between

Ellair and Bishop.
LANDMARKS FALL TO CONDOS: The Old Place restaurant and the Wilhelm Funeral Home building are slated for demolition. The Old Place, which was a place where Grosse Pointers met for a nice evening out, closed last year. The owner, developer Diamond Phillips, approached council a few years ago with a proposal to build condominium units along Jefferson.

Spencer, Lester F. Ruwe, Isabell Wissman, Francis K. Johnson, Dorothy Ruth Cooper, Melvin Frederick Detloff, Patricia E. Hancheruk

2010
10 years ago this week
WATER PLANT UPGRADES REACH \$1M: One of Grosse Pointe Farms’ most faithful servants is getting a rest long earned. A pump at the water filtration plant dating to the golden days when The War Memorial was just another mansion is finally being replaced.
Obituaries: Michael A. Czarniecki, Diane Chapin Nilstoft, Michaeline J. Szady, George F. Van Tiem, Margaret Walsh Young, Theodore Richard Zberanowsky, Lorraine E. Anderson, Norma Mae Stanley, Linda Palazzolo Duffey, Thurman, Edward Gray Acomb, Gladys Creeger-

LETTERS:

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school-related COVID outbreaks. Right now across this great state, parents, educators and students are wrestling with whether to proceed with virtual or in-school learning in the face of the pandemic. For many families, this is among the most difficult decisions in this extraordinarily difficult year. Yet, to date, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and local health departments have failed to provide the public with essential details on the exact location and severity of school-related COVID outbreaks. On the verge of the new school year, MDHHS announced:
♦ The existence of 14 school related COVID outbreaks statewide well over a week ago. Since then we’ve learned of several more via social media and local word of mouth.
♦ Shortcomings in the state’s COVID tracking systems, including the system’s current inability to track exactly where these school-related outbreaks occur.
♦ A pledge to eventually release school-related COVID outbreak details once the tracking system is fixed and county health departments begin submitting to the state more details, including exact locations of COVID-impacted schools. MDHHS has indicated these fixes could take weeks. In the meantime, county health departments, the first level of COVID reporting and tracking, continue to refuse media requests to release essential school-related outbreak details such as names and locations of impacted schools and number of known COVID cases. County

health departments have cited confusion, lack of direction from state government and a desire to protect schools from COVID-related stigma. Respectfully, school-related COVID outbreak information belongs to the taxpayers who pay for it, especially parents with school-aged children. It is the duty of state and local health departments to protect public health. This includes the duty to inform the public of health risks transparently, rapidly and fully — including the existence of COVID outbreaks in schools at the beginning of this very challenging school year. Media organizations are filing Freedom of Information Act requests, but this is no time for drawn-out transparency battles. We call on you to immediately provide Michigan families, students, educators and taxpayers with the transparency they deserve. State government has more than 14,000 employees devoted to health and human services. Beyond the weeks-long fix of state computer tracking systems, we call on you to marshal state government resources to immediately, fully, consistently and continually release school-related COVID outbreak details — including the names of impacted schools, their locations and number of cases — to the full Michigan public. In closing, we respectfully remind you that, at the beginning of the pandemic, you declared professional news-gathering organizations an essential public service. We can think of few media public services more essential and urgent in this moment than informing local communities on COVID outbreaks in schools.

THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL-RELATED COVID OUTBREAK TRANSPARENCY COALITION
Michigan Press Association

Outbreaks will be reported

To the Michigan School-Related COVID Outbreak Transparency Coalition:
Thank you for raising the important issue of COVID-19 data reporting in schools. We welcome the opportunity to update you on the progress we have made on this important policy. It is a priority of the administration to protect the health and safety of our children, families and communities and that means giving people the information they need to make the best decision for their individual circumstances. Local health departments collect information on school outbreaks from case investigations. The state is developing a new process to obtain data on school outbreaks from the local public health departments, aggregate it and report this data on the state’s website. We are working to make sure we receive accurate data from our local health departments and to gather names of specific schools that have outbreaks associated with them so that information can be shared with the public in one central location. The state expects to begin reporting school outbreak data for K-12 schools on a weekly basis beginning Sept. 14. This will include the name and address of the building and the number of cases associated with the outbreak. A COVID-19 outbreak is defined as two or more cases with a link by place and time indicating a shared exposure outside of a household.

Parents, children and families should have as much information as possible about what is happening in their school to help them assess the needs of their individual family situation. We caution parents, students and staff not to let their guard down in the absence of cases at their school. Furthermore, the presence of an outbreak in a building is not necessarily an indication that proper precautions are not being taken. The administration regularly works with our state and local partners in matters of public health and we appreciate you reaching out to help inform the state’s response. Please let us know if you have any questions or if there is any additional information the administration can provide.
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Virtual run pays it forward in teen’s memory

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Oct. 10, 2019, marks the date of the bicycle accident that took 15-year-old Finn Huston’s life. A year later, Jamie Baker is honoring her son with a fundraiser in his memory — a four-mile virtual run/walk or one-mile relay scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10.

The event, like the Finn It Forward hashtag and Finn Huston Legacy Project created after his death, reflects the spirit in which Finn lived, Baker said.

“He was pretty shy, always an observer and very much somebody who was really focused on fairness,” she said. “He was a crazy debater about it. He was really into politics and what’s fair for everybody — just a really kind person.”

He also “noticed things,” Baker added. “He really paid attention.”

While she always knew this about her child, it became even more apparent during the memorial service attended by many of the Grosse Pointe South High School soph-

omore’s peers.

“A lot of the students who came to the service got up and spoke in front of all these people and told very similar stories about how he had affected them and how he reached out to them and helped them when they were going through something,” she said. “He just kind of noticed and gave them the indication that he saw them and was there.”

This support was especially “priceless” for young people who didn’t know how to express themselves or feared they wouldn’t be accepted for who they were, she added.

Finn Huston was born Marley Huston Sept. 3, 2004, and lived “the majority of his short life as a silly, charismatic, loving little girl,” according to the Finn It Forward website.

At the end of his seventh-grade year, he asked Baker if it would be all right if his teachers in school called him Finn instead of Marley.

“He advocated for himself,” Baker said. “When he went to high school, he emailed all the teach-

ers on the schedule when he got there and said, ‘This is who I am and I would appreciate it if you would call me this.’”

He set an example of “someone who had the courage to do this and come out OK,” she added.

Providing critical support during this time was Affirmations L G B T Q + Community Center, a non-profit in Ferndale offering a welcoming space for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions and cultures to learn, grow, socialize, receive unconditional acceptance, feel safe and obtain services.

“Finn used to attend the youth program there,” Baker said. “I got to know the people who run it through him and they’re just amazing. The help that he got and the confidence he got and the ser-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMIE BAKER

Finn Baker during his 15th birthday celebration Sept. 3, 2019.

vices and experiences from the people he met there — there’s no replacing it. It just seemed natural that that would be something we would continue to support because there is such a need for it.”

Baker worked with representatives from the organization to establish a Finn It Forward Fund to provide emergency services to clients in need of immediate medical or financial assistance. The

fund, which Baker hopes to make official Oct. 31, reflects one more way The Finn Huston Legacy Project supports causes of special interest to Finn, with a primary focus on advancement in education, fine arts and music.

Last spring, the first Finn It Forward scholarships were awarded to South seniors — a \$4,000 need-based scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships for students pursuing music in college.

A total of \$15,000 in scholarships and community support gifted to date includes \$2,000 to support the Science Olympiad teams at South, two \$1,850 scholarships for the German exchange program and \$2,000 in donations to the youth program at Affirmations, including a new refrigerator for the organization’s youth drop-in center, an Xbox One with games and Live membership, decorations for the winter lock-in event and craft supplies.

The Finn it Four Miler Virtual Run/Walk/Relay reflects the legacy project’s focus on community outreach. The event, planned before COVID-19 as a live race, was meant to be something “cool and uplifting and kind of a fun distraction,” Baker said.

Now, in the midst of the pandemic, she hopes the virtual event will allow people “to step outside all this extra stress and let loose a little bit.”

The 4-mile race is for the serious runner, she said, and registration includes a T-shirt and a “swag bag.” The 4x4 relay injects a little fun into the event, with each member of a four-person team taking turns wearing an inflatable T-Rex costume for a quarter-mile.

Funds raised will support random acts of kindness, the LGBTQ community and scholarships for advancement in music and education.

Register at finnitforward@enmotive.com or go to finnitforward.org for a link to the race registration page. Participants are encouraged to share photos on the race results page.

SCHOOL:

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is teaching One GP Virtual from home. One GP Virtual is a year- or semester-long option for Grosse Pointe Public School System families who prefer the remote option to switching between virtual and face-to-face learning depending on safety factors.

The remaining teachers are conducting remote learning from their classrooms, according to Principal Ryan Francis, and the large flatscreens will make it easier for them to see and communicate with each student.

The large monitors were Gross’s idea, according to Maire PTO President Jeff Mertz.

Gross “believed having large monitors would allow him to see his students more clearly,” Mertz wrote in an email. “We gravitated quickly around his concept and we voted unanimously to provide our teachers with large flatscreen monitors to improve their educational experience, virtually.”

“Leading our PTO is very gratifying when you have an exceptional team of parent and teacher volunteers backing you,” he added. “Really, it is Maire’s parents and community who deserve most of the credit. Year after year, they rise to the challenge of supporting Maire’s students, teachers and administrators.”

Nicole Filiccia, who has taught kindergarten at Defer five years, has set up her classroom at home for now, although she plans to teach from her classroom once she is settled into her routine.

“Our whole first week is really about building relationships,” she said.

A focus on academics will begin the following week, with parents scheduling safe, socially distanced pick-ups of materials and supplies Sept. 14.

To prepare for the start



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St. Paul Catholic School students Jackie and JP Fradenburg pose for their traditional back-to-school photos Monday, Aug. 31.

of the school year, staff participated in a virtual read-aloud of the book “Not Your Typical Dragon,” by Dan Bar-el, about a dragon who breathes everything but fire. This nod to Defer’s mascot also serves as an introduction for students to each of the teachers, whose photo appears during their portion of the reading.

Filiccia also asked parents to complete a questionnaire before the start of school to share specific goals or learning needs for their child, providing another way for her to get to know the kindergarteners beyond a computer screen.

The day began Tuesday, Sept. 8, between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 p.m. with a synchronous opening for the whole class.

“Their first day is going to go fast,” Filiccia said. “I spent quite a few hours with my grade-level team focusing on (the students’) social-emotional needs. The first day and really the first week of school we’re going to take time to figure out what it’s going to look like for our little ones to be online.”

The all-class meeting was followed by 15-minute blocks focused on one family at a time, with parents encouraged to join and help support their children.

Compared to the

abrupt transition to remote learning last spring, “We get the opportunity this time to make the opportunity for change to say, ‘This is what our new normal looks like,’” Filiccia said. “Eventually we’ll be back face-to-face and I’m hoping that will be sooner than later.”

University Liggett School opened to face-to-face learning Tuesday, Sept. 8, and The Grosse Pointe Academy’s first day of in-person school was Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Catholic schools in Grosse Pointe opened to in-person learning last week with a mixture of full and half days.

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School held half days of in-person instruction Monday, Aug. 31, through Thursday, Sept. 3, with a half day Tuesday, Sept. 8, and full days beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9.

The schedule for in-person learning is Monday through Thursdays, with virtual learning taking place Fridays beginning Sept. 11. Only pre-k and kindergarten students will be at school for face-to-face learning on Fridays, according to Principal Ann Crowley.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School opened with a half-day Wednesday, Sept. 2, and full day Thursday, Sept. 3, and St.

Paul Catholic School opened Monday, Aug. 31, for a four-day week.

“They were really excited to be back,” St. Paul parent Melissa Fradenburg said about her two children. “I think they needed some structure.”

“I asked my kids, do they feel safe and comfortable and do they think the school is doing a good job?” she continued. “And they do. They have stations for hand sanitizing all over the school. The halls are marked one direction or the other. Different stairwells are marked for one direction so people aren’t on top of one another. The biggest thing they do to keep the kids safe is they stay in their classroom. The teachers come to them for specials.”

While her sixth-grade daughter, Jackie, wears her masks at all times except during lunch and recess — as long as she maintains a six-foot distance from classmates — her fifth-grade son, JP, is allowed to remove his mask during class, Fradenburg said.

Students also remain with their class for recess and are told to bring a blanket or towel for outside instruction while the weather is nice.

“I really feel like they’re doing a great job,” Fradenburg said. “Everybody I’ve talked to — other parents — have been saying what a difference they’ve seen in

their kids since they’ve been able to go back to school. It’s a mental health boost.”

Defer teacher Stephanie Dye, who is teaching a section of One GP Virtual for first graders throughout the district, will start the school year the same way she would in a traditional setting, including having the students create “all about me” projects to share virtually with their classmates.

“I always start the school year off with building relationships with my students and their families,” Dye wrote in an email. “Although we will be online, this year is no different with beginning the school year wanting to make connections and build a positive classroom community. We will be doing whole group meetings on Zoom with icebreakers for the first week. These icebreakers will help us become familiar with each other, but they will also incorporate movement to help create an active meeting. Our first week is also filled with me meeting with families one-on-one to get to know them better.”

In turn, to help families get to know her before the start of school, she sent a recording of herself reading “The Night Before First Grade.”

Mason Elementary School teacher Christina Gill also is teaching a first-grade section of One GP Virtual. Her class-

room includes 17 students from Mason and six from Ferry Elementary School.

For her, the start of school is about re-establishing connections with friends, getting acclimated to the school atmosphere and affirming students’ sense of belonging. She accomplishes this with informal conversations in a laid-back setting, helping students get to know their classmates in whole-group and individual meetings, and sharing favorite “back to school” read-alouds.

“Being an educator in Grosse Pointe for 17 years, I have learned everything lies in the connections we make,” Gill wrote in an email. “... I always reach out and begin growing those connections with my students and their families long before they set foot into the classroom or, in this case, before they log into Zoom the very first day. Parents and students are welcomed right from the start, establishing a sense of belonging and community. I open the lines of communication and let them know that we are in this together. This year may have a different feel, but we have been working hard to replicate the same stellar teaching Grosse Pointe teachers are known for. This year, in particular, there are no walls or ceiling holding us back from greatness.”



First-grader Nora LaBelle listens as her One GP Virtual classroom teacher Stephanie Dye reads “The Night Before First Grade” before the start of school.

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Junior League invites visitors to 2020 Designers’ Show House

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The past 16 months of planning, dedication and solid work is about to come to fruition for Junior League of Detroit members and the team of experts selected for the 2020 Designers’ Show House.

Every other year, the JLD hand-picks a prominent local estate and curates a team of interior designers to transform it into a work of art. This year, 27 interior design and architecture firms and five landscape architects have been chosen to “re-imagine” the first and second floors and gardens of the Bingley Fales House, 1771 Seminole Street, the largest home in Indian Village. Built in 1907, the Georgian-style mansion features 10 bedrooms, five full and two half baths. The 16,000-square-foot house sits on two acres that are accentu-

2020 Designers’ Show House participants

- A. Lane Architecture — Tecumseh
- Andre’ Jordan Hilton — Atlanta, Ga.
- Annie Kordas Interiors — Grosse Pointe Farms
- Auer Design & Woodharbor Cabinetry — West Bloomfield
- Birch Design Associates — Ann Arbor
- Chatham House Interior Design — Troy & Petoskey
- Claudette Wellons of LaShee Floral and Events — Detroit
- Jean Stoffer Design — Grand Rapids
- Crenshaw and Associates — Detroit
- Donna Connelly Design — Almont
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- Kia Interior Design — Bingham Farms
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The Bingley Fales House, 1771 Seminole Street, Detroit, was selected as the 2020 Designers’ Show House.

ated by formal flower gardens, hardscape pathways, a trellis-covered lanai, fountain and Pewabic tile-lined reflecting pool. More than 30 rooms totaling 12,000-square-feet will be part of the Show House redesign.

The homeowner “really loves traditional architecture and wanted to update it so it’s more livable in the 21st century, but keep to the roots of the home,” said Grosse Pointe Farms resident Liana Dabir, who is co-chairing the event, set for Saturday, Sept. 19, through Sunday, Oct. 4.

Four of the Show House rooms have been completely renovated — the kitchen and three bathrooms, including the master bathroom.

“We reached out to designers we’ve worked with before,” Dabir said. “We selected a group of four to work on the kitchen and three bathrooms. Demo started quickly, but then took a break with the pandemic. That set us back, but they’re finishing up now.”

As for the rest of the house, JLD reached out in fall 2019, inviting designers to a two-day walk-through of the house, which led to “a great turnout and wonderful proposals,” Dabir said. “Some of our traditional interior designers came back and we got some new ones, too, so visitors will see a range of talent this year.”

Last December, final selections were made

and in January, JLD hosted lunch for the designated designers so they could see their spaces again.

“Then COVID happened,” Dabir said. “But we came back Aug. 4, and now every room is occupied.”

While the pandemic slowed down activity at the house, JLD members took the time to painstakingly develop a plan to safely host this year’s event. Dabir said it was a difficult decision and members considered several factors in making it.

“This is our biggest fundraiser,” Dabir said. “The money we raise funds us for two years. We have a big commitment to the Empowerment Pantry, Empowerment Plan, scholarship programs and other community outreach commitments.”

Additionally, she said,

on top of JLD’s own resources, many companies, groups and individuals have donated products, funds and time to the Show House.

“By the time the pandemic hit, we really had a tremendous responsibility to a lot of different groups,” Dabir said. “But we were confident we could find a way to still host the show.”

Members of the Show House steering committee developed plans that considered the health of all volunteers, designers, attendees and tradesmen, as well as observed all recommended state and public health guidelines throughout the duration of the event.

The committee also consulted with the Detroit Health Department’s Environmental Health general manager who oversees the city’s COVID-19 Preparedness

Response Plan. The Designers’ Show House is subject to Michigan Executive Order #EO 2020-110 that pertains to museums and libraries; it does not have to limit indoor gatherings to 10 or less.

The health department approved the JLD’s safety plans: All guests and volunteers are required to wear masks when touring the house. Additionally, JLD members will scan the temperatures of all volunteers and guests, and hand sanitizer will be available at the entry and exit of the home. Two hand-washing stations also will be on the property.

Guests are asked to refrain from touching interior surfaces; however volunteers will routinely sanitize doorknobs, banisters, railings and other surfaces that

require touch.

Some of the safety measures were inspired by Show Houses from around the country, including the project in Chicago this summer.

“They sold out all their tickets, so we wanted to see how they were doing it in a safe manner,” Dabir said. “We had a lot of resources available to us.

“This will be a brand new experience for guests going through,” she added. “We’re only letting in 30 people an hour, spread out throughout the hour. Everyone will have an audio tour to listen to. If you don’t have headphones, we’ll have printed scripts available.”

The audio tour and scripts contain information on the designers, their rooms and other fine details, as well as directional messages for guests to watch their step or go upstairs, and reminders about using hand sanitizer stations, wearing masks and social distancing.

“They will not have to stand in line; they will not have to fight a crowd to see a room,” Dabir explained. “It will be like going to an art museum. The art is the room and you’re walking from art piece to art piece. This is a very curated experience this year; we’re excited about it. And it’s good for the designers, too. People will be able to hear and appreciate what’s in each room.”

The audio tour isn’t new for the Show House; the JLD tried it in 2016. Using their personal phones and headphones or earbuds, guests will tour the house with the virtual docent guiding them through.

After guests purchase a ticket, they’ll get an email with a reminder of the precautions and a link to download the tour on their phone. Those who need assistance will be given instructions onsite.

Dabir said it’s important people know tickets will not be sold at the Show House this year; they are available online only. Also, tickets will be date and time specific, which will help eliminate lines and promote social distancing.

“Everything is online because they’re such limited tickets,” she noted. “It’s 30 an hour and when they’re gone, we’re done. We decided a reasonable



Some of the spaces being redesigned for this year’s Show House, which opens Saturday, Sept. 19.

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Virtual 5K to raise funds for Gilda’s Club

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The 27th annual Gilda’s Family Walk & 5K Run — which last year attracted 900 walkers and raised more than \$160,000 for the metro Detroit cancer community — is taking a different path this year.

The Gilda’s Around Town Walk & 5K Run is planned Saturday, Sept. 12, on participants’ walking paths of choice, and includes the local Waves of Hope team, based at Gilda’s Club’s Lake House Location.

“Our Waves of Hope team is growing,” Gilda’s Lake House Executive Director Madeline Bialecki said. “We are asking people to do their own 5K walk/run sometime (this) week and then on Sunday, Sept. 13, at noon, our team will gather for a socially distant box-lunch picnic at the new peace garden in the yard behind the Nonprofit Center at Pare.”

Though walkers may walk throughout the week, an opening ceremony for Gilda’s Walk

Around Town takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, on the Gilda’s Club Facebook page, which encourages people to “grab a friend or a small group and enjoy the end of summer and walk with us Around Town.”

“During this time when we all might be feeling a bit isolated, it is wonderful to know our cancer support programs are on Zoom and we have been keeping in touch with members through phone calls, notes and socially distant visits,” Bialecki said. “One member recently told me, ‘Gilda’s has been a lifeline for me during this shutdown.’”

“The money we are raising ensures that no one has to face cancer alone,” she continued. “We continue to offer support to anyone facing cancer. Every week, we offer more than 30 programs on Zoom for people of all ages and approximately 350 individuals participate in those programs each week.”

Funds raised will continue to support the programs at Gilda’s Lake

House and other Gilda’s locations throughout southeast Michigan.

“One silver lining of the pandemic is that our

programs are now reaching more people who have compromised immune systems and were unable to partici-

pate in person,” Bialecki noted.

For more details and to register, visit gildaswalkandrun.org.

“I continue to be deeply grateful for all the support we receive from our local community,” Bialecki said.

AREA ACTIVITIES

PFLAG

PFLAG Grosse Pointe meets via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Visit its Facebook page, PFLAGGP, for the link.

The Helm

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

◆ On the Gogh Studio, “The Pumpkin Patch,” 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, with instructor Michelle Boggess. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Participation is limited to 10.

◆ A Matter of Balance, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 22 to Oct. 15, with facilitator Rosa Hunter. Participation is limited to 10.

◆ Movie, “The Farewell,” 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. Member cost is \$7 for lunch and the movie, \$2 for snacks and the movie. Nonmember cost is \$10 for lunch and the movie, \$3 for snacks and the movie.

◆ Occupational Therapy Program, via Zoom, 1 to 2 p.m.

Mondays or Fridays, Sept. 28 to Nov. 16, with facilitator Melissa Peters.

◆ Euchre, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

◆ Bingo, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Oct. 6. Cost is \$2 for members, \$7 for nonmembers.

◆ Osteoporosis 101, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, held virtually via Zoom or conference call.

◆ Grief Work Support Group, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Participation is limited to 10.

Register by calling (313) 882-9600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

Gilda’s Club’s Lake House Location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, Family Bereavement Group.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, Cancer Support Group.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Finding Your Way Bereavement Group.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Lake House

Social Hour.

◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Family Bereavement Group.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Lakeshore Senior Living

A Lakeshore Anchors Alzheimer’s fundraiser takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, outside at Lakeshore Senior Living, 28802 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. The event features a handmade craft sale and raffles. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer’s Association.

A second fundraiser, also benefitting the Alzheimer’s Association, takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, and features a bake sale.

Call (586) 218-6228 for more details.

CARE

CARE of Southeastern Michigan, a leader in substance use prevention and recovery more than 40 years, offers a series of Facebook Live events during September. The following events begin at noon.

◆ Tuesday, Sept. 15 — Mental Health and Recovery

◆ Tuesday, Sept. 22 — Having Fun in Recovery

◆ Tuesday, Sept. 29 — Narcan Importance

Visit careofsem.com for details.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe welcomes Northeast Integrated Health President and CEO Sherry McRill as the speaker at its next meeting, held virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Dog Man Trivia, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. “Crisis in the Red Zone” by Richard Preston will be discussed.

◆ Family Yoga, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, with teacher Kathleen Wolney.

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Pet Toys Workshop, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Christen from Pet Supplies Plus shares how to make DIY pet toys.

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

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following programs:

◆ Plein air workshop with Janet Almstadt-Davison, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in the gardens at Detroit Abloom.

◆ Portrait Painting Workshop in oil with Robert Maniscalco, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17.

Register at grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets virtually at 7 p.m. every Monday. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

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Bicknell lecture series to resume virtually

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series is making a return after three lectures slated for spring were put on hold due to the onset of COVID-19.

"We are happy to announce that they have been rescheduled for this fall," said Mike Skinner, Grosse Pointe Historical Society trustee and Bicknell Committee chairman. "The fall lecture series will be offered online, with remote access only, but they remain free and open to everyone."

The series begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, with "Votes for Women: Suffrage in Michigan," which commemorates the centennial of women's suffrage. The lecture is jointly sponsored by the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe.

For more than 80 years after Michigan became a state in 1837, women fought for the right to vote. Their goal was to overcome the obstacles that stood in their way and achieve universal suffrage for women. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted Aug. 26, 1920, giving all women in the U.S. the right to vote in all elections.

Susan L. Nenadic, a retired high school English and history teacher, presents this lecture. She is the author of



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The Bicknell lecture, "Votes for Women: Suffrage in Michigan," takes place Sept. 16.

"A Purse of Her Own: Occupations of Nineteenth Century Women" and "Legendary Locals of Ann Arbor," as well as many articles. She is a former board member of the Washtenaw County Historical Society, a member of the Ann Arbor Street Exhibit Educational Committee and president of Friends of Amoru, a nonprofit that is building and financing a school in rural Uganda.

A second lecture, presented by James Buccellato, Ph.D., and based on his book, "Early Organized Crime in Detroit: Vice, Corruption and the Rise of the Mafia," takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The Italian mafia was operating in Detroit as early as 1900; bootleggers controlled the Detroit River and created a national distribution network for illegal booze

during Prohibition. Gangsters, cops and even celebrities fell victim to the violence. Some politicians and prominent businessmen collaborated closely with the mafia, while others, such as popular radio host Gerald Buckley, fought back and lost their lives. Buccellato's book explores Detroit and the area's struggle with gang violence, public corruption and the politics of vice during the tumultuous first half of the 20th century.

A faculty member in the Department of Criminology and Crime Justice at Northern Arizona University and the Irvin D. Reid Honors College at Wayne State University, Buccellato researches and writes about the politics of crime. His work has appeared in peer-reviewed journals, crime anthologies and on national news websites. He also is a certified gang

specialist with the National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago; co-hosts the podcast "Original Gangsters" as part of the Entercom media network; and has appeared as an expert on organized crime and gangs in documentary episodes featured on VICE television and the Travel Channel.

A third lecture based on Tobin T. Buhk's book "Wicked Women of Detroit," takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, and describes some of Detroit's most violent, clever and misunderstood female criminals, including "Queen of the Underworld" Sophie

Lyons; Nellie Pope, who goaded her lover to axe her husband in "one of the most atrocious, cold-blooded and deliberately planned murders" in Detroit history; and "High Priestess of the Flying Roller Colony" Mother Elinor L. Mason.

The author has bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Michigan State University and a Master of Education degree from Western Michigan University. A high school and middle school teacher in the Forest Hills Local School District, Buhk has been featured as an expert on the Travel Channel's "Mysteries at the Museum."

Connecting to the Bicknell lectures is simple, but requires advanced registration so instructions may be emailed to participants ahead of time.

The registration page is available at bit.ly/GPHSonline. Registrants will receive an email with a link to the lecture. Skinner suggested viewers try to "arrive" to the lectures 5 to 10 minutes early to ensure the audio is working properly.

"You can now enjoy the society's lecture series from the comfort and safety of your own home," he added.

For more information, call the GPHS at (313) 884-7010.

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'Chamber Bucks' program launches

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently kicked off a new gift certificate program called Chamber Bucks, which is designed to keep money in the community and bring new sales to local businesses.

Through the program, Chamber Bucks gift certificates may only be spent at participating chamber member businesses, which ensures the user is shopping locally.

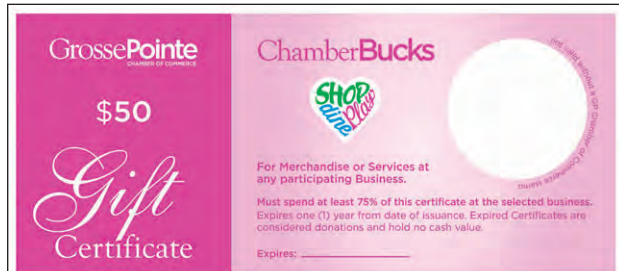
Gift certificates may be purchased from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce or by visiting grossepointechamber.com, and then must be presented to the merchant when a purchase is made. At least 75 percent of the gift certificate must be spent; it is at the merchant's discretion how to

return the balance, such as in cash or store credit. Then the chamber pays the merchant with a check after receipt of redeemed certificates.

Chamber members may sign up to participate in this program at no charge.

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OBITUARIES

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The Hon. Patricia Jean Campbell

Retired Wayne County Probate Judge Patricia Jean Campbell (nee Biskupic), a resident at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, with family at her side. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Alexander Campbell (1933-2000).

Patricia was born in 1932, in Sheboygan, Wis. Her father, Vinko Biskupic, emigrated from Croatia to the U.S. during World War II. Her mother, Mary (nee Malkoc), was a Croatian American who grew up in Youngstown, Ohio. Patricia was proud of her Croatian heritage.

Patricia’s formative years were spent in Chicago; she graduated from Gage Park High School. After two years of study at the University of Illinois on Navy Pier, she completed her undergraduate degree in Champaign. She often visited Chicago where her parents and brother, Vincent (Mary Jane Bauer), maintained their roots.

Her desire to travel, coupled with a degree in German, led her to a position with the U.S. government in Germany where she met her husband, Donald. The couple returned to Don’s hometown of Detroit, married and welcomed into the world eight children, Bruce (Anne Marie Langan), Diane (Scott Salter), Carole (David Rhoadarmer), Paula (the late James Kelly), Donald (Sheri Ann Pawlak), Craig (Sarah Chastain), Leslie (Stephen Barker) and Rosanne (Jon Nadenichek). Patricia lived in the family home, in Detroit, more than 56 years.

With the support of her husband, children and many friends, Patricia embarked on a legal career — a trailblazer for her time. She earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Wayne State University in 1975. Her first full-time legal position was that of Wayne County assistant prosecutor. Her commitment to Detroit youth earned her the position of referee in Wayne County Juvenile Court. Elected to the Wayne County Probate bench in 1990, she gained publicity and admiration for her innovative campaign.

Pat and Don spent the latter part of their 42-year marriage traveling to their favorite European destinations, visiting family scattered across North America and relishing the achievements of their children and grandchildren. Patricia was grandmother to 18, the late Michael, Katherine, Patrick, Jacob, Hazen, Ella, Muriel, John “Jack”, Luke, Campbell, Caroline, Madeline, Ian, Malcolm, Joseph, Edward, Cade and Lydia.

An active parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church and St. Lucy Croatian Church, Pat’s kindness toward others was rooted in her deep faith. She gifted

vestments, beautifully crafted at the Solanus Casey Center, to priests in honor of deceased loved ones. Her sons graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School and her daughters graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School.

Due to current gathering restrictions, Pat’s cremains will be joined with Don’s and interred at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit.

A memorial in Pat’s honor is planned for May 2021. For notification of final plans, please send an email noting your connection to Pat to great88@nadenichek.com.

Pat supported the mission of the Pope Francis Center; donations may be made at popefranciscenter.org.

Rita Elizabeth Flaherty

Rita Elizabeth Flaherty, 84, passed away quietly Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at Sunrise on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rita was born Nov. 19, 1935, in Chester, Pa., to John Edward Flaherty and Mary Irene Flaherty (nee Miller). She moved with her family to Detroit in the early 1960s and settled in Grosse Pointe Farms. She lived in Harper Woods until last year.

Rita was a good student and excelled at every endeavor she undertook. Fulfilling her lifelong dream of teaching children, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from West Chester State Teachers College in 1957. A teacher at Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms more than 30 years, Rita taught students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. She loved her profession and the children she instructed and mentored over the years. Rita later was assistant principal at Kerby.

Rita also was a businesswoman. In addition to her full-time teaching position, she owned and operated her educational supply store on Mack, The School Bell, more than 10 years.

An avid poker player and member of the Services for Older Citizens’ poker club more than a decade, Rita had many interests into which she poured her heart and soul. She was a lifetime member of Grosse Pointe Theatre, where she honed her skills as a playwright, specializing in children’s theater, and had more than 25 plays produced through the decades. An instructional poker skit she wrote for SOC poker players remains in circulation today. Rita also spent endless hours fundraising for the renowned global health and humanitarian relief organization, Project HOPE, and traveled extensively after she retired.

Rita was predeceased by her parents, John and Mary Flaherty, and only sister, Patricia Campeau. She is survived by many

close and loving friends who will miss her bright smile and generous spirit.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 5, at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church in Eastpointe.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, 22851 Lexington Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021; Grosse Pointe Theatre, gpt.org; or Project HOPE, secure.projecthope.org.

Marie Antoinette VandenBoom

Marie Antoinette VandenBoom passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at her home surrounded by her five children.

Beloved wife of 64 years to the late Cornelius “Dutch” VandenBoom, she was born May 5, 1930, to Frances and Joseph DeFoe. Marie was sister to Joanne Leonard and the late John, Marguerite DePuys and Joseph Jr.; loving mother of Daniel (Dorette), Michael (Paula) Sandra Vandenberghe (James), Timothy (Diane) and Patrick (Marlene); grandmother of 10; and great-grandmother of nine.

A Mass celebrating Marie’s life will be held at noon Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation in the gathering space will take place at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul — St. Paul on the Lake Conference, 157 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Julianne M. Roesch

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Julianne M. Roesch (nee Lynch), died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020. Born July 15, 1925, she and her family moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1959.

Julianne was a parishioner at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church for 37 years.

She was the beloved wife of the late Carl J. Roesch for 50 years; dear mother of Carlene, Maryanne Williams (Dan) and Joseph (Gillian); loving grandmother of Niki Frankfort (Ed), Leon Horne, Benjamin Roesch (Katana), Stephen Gott (Cathy), Joseph Gott and Daniel Gott (Nicolas Gaudino); and cherished great-grandmother of Alexandria Delmotte, Robert Gott, Thomas Gott and Lucy Horne. She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Edward S. and Margaret Lynch (nee Scallen); and siblings, Margaret Lynch, John T. Lynch (Marilyn) and Edward J. Lynch (Sue).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 5, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills. Private burial took place at Mt.



Hon. Patricia Campbell



Julianne M. Roesch



Rita Elizabeth Flaherty



Alan Burke Andrews



Marie A. VandenBoom



Joseph E. Bejin Jr.

Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Guest House, 1601 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.

Share a memory at desmondfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

Alan Burke Andrews

Alan Burke Andrews, a resident of Las Vegas, passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at St. Rose Dominican Hospital. He was 77. Born May 4, 1943, in Detroit, to Rhoda and Ed Andrews, he grew up in Grosse Pointe.

Alan, better known as “Stubby,” was a 1961 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, where he excelled in academics and sports. He earned two varsity letters in football and three varsity letters in baseball due to his reputation speed and stature. Alan was named All-Conference Border City League halfback his junior year and was offered a football scholarship to the University of Kentucky. He instead chose to attend the University of Michigan, where he joined the Iota Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Alan earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and an MBA at U of M. He attended law school at the University of San Francisco.

A successful attorney in Las Vegas and a U.S. assistant prosecutor, he later opened his own practice specializing in First Amendment law. If Alan was outside the office, he surely was playing golf with his closest friends.

Stubby had it all figured out and found joy in the simple aspects of life, his family said.

He refused to miss a Michigan football game and was extremely vocal toward unsuspecting fans of Ohio State he encountered in public.

Alan loved animals and enjoyed countless hours at the park with his three dogs, Mickey, Woody and Lily; the rest of the time, he and his dogs ate peanut butter and honey sandwiches, listened to Genghis Khan audio books and watched Alan’s favorite western movies.

Endlessly generous and forgiving, Alan will be deeply missed by

many.

Alan was predeceased by his older sister, Judy Andrews; and dear cousins, Herb “5-Star” Abrash and Joanie “Wonder Woman” Sneyd. He is survived by his wife, Karen Andrews; children, Sarah, Katherine, Rebecca, Teddy and Robert; and brother, Punch Andrews (Colleen).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, funeral services are expected to be held in summer 2021. Per Alan’s wishes, he will be cremated and his ashes spread across Pine Lake, where he enjoyed every summer.

Joseph E. Bejin Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Joseph “Joe” E. Bejin Jr., 84, passed away Friday, Aug. 28, 2020. He was born Jan. 26, 1936, in Detroit, to Joseph and Marian Bejin (nee Hafeli).

A loving husband and father of four children, Joe met and married his wife of 62 years, Marilyn Blondell Krumholz, in Detroit. He attended St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe.

Joe earned a business degree at the General Motors Institute in Flint and began work with his father in Detroit. He later held sales positions at Dodge Truck and Hertz Truck. Joe retired as a district manager for Mercedes Benz Freightliner Truck.

A devoted member of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Noblesville, Ind., and St. Isabel Catholic Church in Sanibel, Fla., Joe loved God, family and social gatherings.

Joe enjoyed golfing, boating, hunting, helping others and fixing things. He also enjoyed attending Detroit Lions football games and Detroit Red Wings hockey games. Some of his most enjoyable moments involved taking family and friends for rides around Sanibel on his boat, Two of Us.

Joe was known for his quick jokes, infectious smile and hearty laugh.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Elaine Zimmerman. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Joseph III (Julie), Tim (Diane), Lisa Easter (Greg) and Dan (Christine); grandchildren, Chanielle, Chelsea, Grant, Austin, Alyssa, Emily and Joseph IV “Joey”; three



Nancy Jane Waugaman

great-grandchildren; and siblings, Tom (Dorothy) and Susan Geary (Michael).

A celebration of life and family gathering will be held at St. Isabel Catholic Church at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, act.alz.org; or St. Isabel Catholic Church, 3559 San-Cap Road, Sanibel, FL 33957, saintisabel.weshareonline.org.

Nancy J. Ferguson Waugaman

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy J. Ferguson Waugaman, 89, passed away peacefully Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The daughter of Rachel and Howard Ferguson, she was born July 25, 1931, in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Nancy graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in restaurant management. Using her food service skills, she worked with Stouffer’s restaurants, Federal Reserve Bank, University of Michigan and First Federal of Michigan. Nancy also taught at Grosse Pointe North High School three years, where she and her students operated the Speedy Gourmet restaurant.

Nancy was the first woman elected to the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council. A council member from 1969 to 1985, she was very interested in the community and its well-being.

Nancy enjoyed her professional career, but more importantly, being a mother to her three surviving sons, Douglas (Kathy), Bill (Melanie) and Rick (Doreen) Waugaman. She also is survived by eight grandchildren and a great-grandson.

A celebration of Nancy’s life will take place at a later date.

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Joseph Patrick Murray

Joseph Patrick Murray, 58, a resident of Denver, Colo., passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020, in Parker, Colo. He was born March 19, 1962, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Henry and Audrienne Murray.

A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Joe earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University.

With an affable, one-of-a-kind, loving personality, he enjoyed the company of countless friends and loved ones. Joe was a natural athlete and a gifted, nationally ranked tennis player.

He began his successful professional career in Colorado, where he was a top sales executive in the Denver metropolitan area.

Joe was an enthusiastic philanthropist for a wide variety of community causes, including the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, The Rise School of Denver and the Joe and Gina Murray Charitable Fund at the Denver Foundation.

Joe married the love of his life, Regina Ryland, Feb. 9, 1990, in Denver. Together they raised four loving daughters. He was first and foremost a family man and sincere friend to all.

Joe is survived by his wife, Gina; daughters, Megan Richards (Connor), Rachel, Ana and Joey, all of Denver; siblings, Renu O'Connell (Michael) of Bath, Me., Stephen (Anne) of Petoskey, Brian (Colleen) of East Lansing and Jim (Trish) of Petoskey; and his father's second wife, Maria Murray of Vero Beach, Fla. Joe's 12 nieces and nephews will dearly miss their favorite uncle.



Joseph Patrick Murray

Joe was predeceased by his parents and brother, John Henry "Hank" Murray.

A celebration of Joe's life was held Sept. 1, in Littleton, Colo. A burial service will be held at Mackinac Island, where he enjoyed his summers as a fifth-generation Islander, at a later date.

Donations in memory of Joe may be made to the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1933, Mackinac Island, MI 49757; or The Rise School of Denver, 4901 E. Eastman Ave., Denver, CO 80222.

James Martin O'Connell

Grosse Pointe Farms resident James Martin O'Connell, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at Ascension St. John Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 18, 1947, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Norbert O'Connell and Jane O'Connell (nee Corbett), both now deceased.

James earned a bachelor's degree from Canisius College in 1969.

An honorably discharged veteran, James selflessly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After his military service, James was a large case agent at the Internal Revenue Service.

An avid walker, he enjoyed reading historical nonfiction and listening to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He will be remembered



James Martin O'Connell

for always completing New York Times crossword puzzles in ink. He and his wife, Susan, loved to travel and he was lucky enough to have traveled the world. James was an American Legion member.

Though he enjoyed many things, he loved being a father.

James was the loving husband of Susan O'Connell (nee Helmer); dear father of James Michael O'Connell; and beloved brother of Jane Granville, Michael O'Connell and the late David O'Connell.

A gathering takes place at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, face coverings are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, tickets.dso.org/support/donate.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

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Julie C. Tobin

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Julie "Jules" Carol Tobin passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020, at home. Born Aug. 6, 1928, in Canton, to Marie Seewald Bailey and Edward Bailey, she was 92.

Jules grew up on the



Julia Carol Tobin

family farm in Canton, where she graduated high school. Her education background included some college courses.

She was a secretary and receptionist at Arthur Andersen & Co., in Detroit and a salesperson at Gallery on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. Jules also worked at a Grosse Pointe real estate firm and the Grosse Pointe News.

She was a parishioner at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and an active supporter of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Jules enjoyed socializing with friends, cooking, gardening, reading, solving crossword puzzles, watching movies and playing bridge. She loved animals. Jules also enjoyed singing with the Grosse Pointe Glee Club at local venues, especially during the holidays.

Jules had a good spirit and saw the best in people, her family said. She loved to laugh and make people smile.

Julie was predeceased by her husband, Robert Joseph Tobin; sisters, Margaret and Meldie; and brother, Joseph. She is survived by her children, Stacy Tobin, Todd Tobin, Sara Perryman (Michael), Peter Tobin and Terri Tobin; grandsons, Brad Tobin; and sisters, Winnie and Wilma.

A celebration of life "party" was held Aug. 30, in Hale. Per Jules' wishes, her ashes were spread beneath an evergreen tree at her son's property in Hale.

ASK THE EXPERTS

By Lisa Khoury, Ed.S.

Building resilience in children

Q: How can I help my child cope with the uncertainty of the upcoming school year?

A: The start of any school year can be both exciting and stressful. This year even more so. For everyone, school will look different than it has in past years and uncertainty can produce a lot of emotions. With some positive input we can help our children develop resiliency, which will help them not only navigate the start of the school year, but provide them with building blocks that will help them make successful transitions throughout their life.

Tips for building resiliency in kids:

- ◆ Spend quality time together. When kids feel loved and supported, they develop emotional strength.

- ◆ Talk about your feelings so your children learn to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

- ◆ Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.

- ◆ Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves. When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their efforts and encourage them to try again. If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them toward it.

Here are some things to say to your child to help build resilience:

- ◆ This feels scary, but it won't last forever.

- ◆ It's OK to feel worried, but we can get through this together.

- ◆ We'll deal with this one day at a time.

- ◆ When people are

worried we really need to show kindness and help others.

Self-care tips for children:

Share your feelings. Practice being kind to yourself. Recognize your stressors. Eat well and get enough sleep. Set aside time for activities you like. Be around people who give you positive vibes. Focus on blessings/positives.

We are all going through a lot right now. Parents need to keep in mind that parenting through this time is hard. Give yourself permission to do the best you can and that will be good enough.

Parents also need to practice self-care so we have the strength to help support our children. Reach out to family and friends and seek counseling, too, if needed. Talk to your child's teacher, counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or school administrator if you need support. They have a lot of great ideas and additional resources. We are all in this together. It will take a virtual village, but we can do this.

Lisa Khoury, Ed.S., is a school psychologist. This column was adapted from an article by Erin Danae.

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League pursues its mission virtually

By Margaret Freundl
Guest Writer

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe has

a long history of encouraging the informed and active participation of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods citizens in

government. Committed to voter and public policy education, the chapter has taken on COVID-19 restrictions to continue

its mission this fall.

After an early spring of event cancellations and

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Scarecrow kits available this weekend; proceeds benefit G.P. Historical Society

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Those who’ve already purchased a scarecrow kit from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society — and those who still plan to buy one or two — are reminded that the kits will be available for pick up from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For a minimum donation of \$25, the kits include a pre-painted burlap head, a wooden armature for the shoulders and spine; and directions, tips and websites to visit for inspiration. It’s up to the purchaser how they’d like to dress and otherwise customize their scarecrows, which will be displayed during the month of October. The project, inspired by a successful fundraiser for the Chester



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The Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s scarecrow prototypes, “Socialites of Grosse Pointe in the mid-’60s.”

Historical Society in New Hampshire, will raise funds for the local historical society and create a fun diversion for bike riders, walkers and other passersby. The project was coordinated by GPHS Treasurer Ann Eatherly, Vice President of Education Kay Burt-

Willson, Trustee Cathy Walker and member Barney Nowicki. “It’s not mainly a fundraiser; it’s a way of showcasing the creativity and imagination of people in Grosse Pointe,” Eatherly said when the project was announced in July. “It’s a real community source

of pride and an invitation for neighboring towns and those more distant to come and visit.” The GPHS is selling 100 of the kits and hopes participants are creative with their customizations. Orders may be made on the society’s website

— gphistorical.org — or by calling (313) 319-7146, which is a dedicated phone line for PayPal orders. “I think we need a fun project at this time,” Eatherly said. “People are housebound, chewing on their tails and bored. ... It’s the perfect time for this.”

Moross Greenway volunteer work day is Sept. 19

The Moross Greenway Project is looking for green-thumbed volunteers who love to play in the dirt. The group’s annual

Volunteer Work Day begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Volunteers will work in the garden beds of the greenway, dividing and trans-

planting perennial flowers. They are asked to bring shovels and a craft lawn bag. Gloves and sturdy shoes and/or boots are highly recommended. Water will be provided. Organizers will meet volunteers at the park bench at the traffic intersection of Chester and Moross roads. Parking is available at Love Rising Lutheran Church, 21230 Moross, Detroit. Volunteers may register by emailing morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com. A rain date is set for Saturday, Sept. 26. The Moross Greenway Project is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, formed as a collaboration of stakeholders on Detroit’s eastside and comprising area civic groups, churches, businesses and garden clubs. Today, hundreds of additional volunteers come together for special projects to maintain and improve the greenspace.



Volunteers are needed to divide and transplant flowers in the greenway.

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postponements, members transitioned to a virtual environment to successfully conduct its committee and annual meetings. In fact, the chapter learned some advantages to this approach for those with travel challenges. This is an election year, with many national, state and locally contested offices. The LWVGP held its first virtually based voter education forum collaboratively with the Detroit chapter for the June state primary, recording the event and providing public access through its webpage — lwvgp.org — YouTube and Facebook sites. This week, virtual voter education forums are being held Wednesday, Sept. 9, for Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates and Thursday, Sept. 10, for 32A District Judge candidates, with recordings accessible to the public through the chapter electronic sites later in the week.

Chapter members are selling informational lawn signs to promote Vote411.org, a go-to electronic website with information on national, state and local candidates and issues sponsored by LWV United States. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, the chapter is collaborating with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in sponsoring a virtual program, “Votes for Women: Suffrage in Michigan,” with speaker and historical author Susan Nenadic. Advance registration is online at lwvgp.org and gphistorical.org. A Tuesday, Oct. 6, educational program, “Making your Mail-in Ballot Count,” is being planned virtually to address absentee voter options. Additional information about LWVGP chapter activities may be accessed online at lwvgrossepointe.org and the chapter’s Facebook page. Margaret Freundl is a member of the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe.

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time period to see the house is 90 minutes. We’re asking people to social distance. And we’ll monitor the number of people in the home. “We want to be safe as volunteers and we want our guests and designers to be safe as well,” she added. “We’re at a time now people are looking for opportunities of things to do. The Show House is an opportunity to do something different, get

out, but not in an environment that’s a super-spreader environment.” As with traditional Show Houses, prizes will be raffled (see sidebar). There also will be an open-sided hospitality tent on the property. “All but one side will be open, so there will be lots of fresh air,” Dabir said, noting all the windows in the house and the front and back doors also will be open to allow for fresh air. A café will be hosted in the tent, but limited to beverages and pre-

wrapped baked goods courtesy of Cornwall Bakery; however, traditional special events like the gala preview party, private events and marketplace have been canceled. This year’s honorary design chairs are Jaime Drake and Caleb Anderson. Design sponsors are Kohler Co., Kohler Signature Store in Birmingham, Benjamin Moore Paint, CIOT Tile, Divine Flooring and KingsHaven, a national retailer and maker of artisan-quality lighting.

Designers’ Show House hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit jldetroit.org.

Raffle prizes

- ◆ First prize — One week in Cancun, valued at \$1,500. The winner will stay at the Royal Islander Resort in Cancun, Mexico, Jan. 2-9, 2021.
- ◆ Second prize — A \$1,500 Ethan Allen shopping spree. The winner may redeem at Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Novi or Sterling Heights location and receive the help of a design professional. Prize courtesy of Detroit Ethan Allen Design Centers.
- ◆ Third prize — A weekend in Detroit, valued at \$1,300. The winner will spend a weekend in a luxury penthouse at the Broderick Towers and enjoy dinner in a downtown restaurant on mutually agreed-upon dates before Dec. 31, 2021. Prize courtesy of Michael Higgins.
- ◆ Fourth prize — Ippolita gold earrings, valued at \$1,195, courtesy of edmund t. AHEE jewelers. This pair of ladies 18k gold hoop earrings is from the Ippolita Glamazon Collection. The drawing takes place at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five.



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Proceeds from the 2020 Designers’ Show House will benefit the work of the JLD. “The Junior League of Detroit is thrilled to offer the community an experience they can look forward to in attending our 2020 Designers’ Show House,” co-chairwoman Liana Dabir said. “From the stunning interior design work to the breathtaking gardens, this Show House offers an enjoyable escape from daily life and a chance to safely experience something truly beautiful while also supporting an amazing local cause. “The funds raised from the 2020 Designers’ Show House will support the JLD’s local philanthropic efforts, including its key community impact initiative Project EAT, which helps create a more food-secure community by providing education, access and tools to those in need,” she added. “We know too well from the past few months that access to food is a vital concern for many in our community and the JLD is proud to be doing its part to combat this issue.”

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Tennis

NORTH, SOUTH & UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights best rival Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team hosted a tri-match last week with city foe University Liggett School and St. Clair in attendance.

Warm, humid weather greeted the players.

“It’s nice to finally play some matches,” North head coach John Van Alst said. “We haven’t played too many, while most of our competition has had several.”

ULS beat North 8-0 as each match was over in straight sets.

At No. 1 singles, William Cooksey beat Simon Stallings 6-0, 6-0, and Sebastien Courtright defeated Alex Muawad 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

George Anusbigian beat Sahith Nannapaneni 6-1, 6-3 at No. 3 singles, and in the No. 4 singles match, Gerry Sherer beat James Moussiaux 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 1 doubles, Vince Maribao and Jacob Tomlinson defeated Ben

Zoia and Mitchell Mills 6-1, 6-1.

Tarun Jarial and Tommy Ugval won 6-1, 6-1 over Kaiden DePascale and Simeon Nelson at No. 2 doubles.

It was Bennett French and Campbell Marchal beating Connor Tubbs and Ethan Michalski 6-1, 6-2, at No. 3 doubles, and at No. 4 doubles Rocco Scarfone and Brendan Connors defeated Ethan Molitor and John Mueller 6-0, 6-1.

Against St. Clair, ULS tied 4-4, while North lost 7-1.

“We played well at times, and struggled at times,” ULS head coach Mark Sobieralski said.

Later in the week, North hosted Fraser and evened its record at 2-2 with an 8-0 victory. ULS is 5-2-1.

In its home victory over Fraser, each flight won in straight sets.

“We were a little more focused today, and it showed in our results,” Van Alst said.

The best match was at

No. 1 singles where Stallings won 6-2, 6-4.

Muawad cruised 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 singles, and Nannapaneni was a 6-2, 6-2 victor at No. 3 singles.

Moussiaux had the easiest time, winning 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles.

Mills and DePascale won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles, while Zoia and Michalski won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

Nelson and Tubbs at No. 3 doubles also cruised, winning 6-1, 6-1, and it was Mueller and Molitor winning 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4 doubles.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team lost its season-opening match last week, falling 5-3 to Novi.

“I was extremely impressed with how the boys competed against one of the top teams in the state,” head coach John Willard said. “The boys have been practicing hard all summer. Although we lost 5-3, all the matches were very



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

North head coach John Van Alst, far right, and most of his players watch the final doubles team compete against Fraser.

close.”

Sophomore Connor Stafford lost 7-5, 7-5 at No. 1 singles.

Sophomore Corbin Ifkovits lost 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles, and junior Luke Holowinski dropped a tough one at No. 3 singles, falling 6-2,

5-7, 10-3.

At No. 4 singles, junior Owen Sanford lost 6-3, 6-4.

The Blue Devils earned their first match win at No. 1 doubles where seniors Jacob Harris and Jackson Marchal won 6-3, 6-3, and juniors Alex

Prather and Blake Discher won 6-1, 7-5 at No. 2 doubles.

Seniors Will White and Will Sine won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles, while seniors Matt Kornmeier and Joe Brennan lost 6-4, 6-2 at No. 4 doubles.

South is 0-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Smith leads ULS XC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School has a new-look in cross-country this season.

Joe Smith is the new head coach for cross country and will also serve as the distance running coach in track and field.

Smith previously was the cross-country head coach and assistant track coach at Madison Heights Lamphere High School for three years. He is a Plymouth resident and has been guiding the distance runners remotely with their training during this pandemic.

“I am very eager to officially begin work as the head coach for the cross-country program, and I’m excited to work with Melvin (Moss) during the track and field season,” Smith said. “I am enthusiastic about the future of the distance running programs at ULS, and I’ve enjoyed working virtually with the athletes this spring.”

Smith graduated from East Pennsboro High School in Enola, Pa., and attended Gwynedd Mercy College near Philadelphia.

He earned his under-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE SMITH

University Liggett School’s cross-country program is under the direction of Joe Smith, a new head coach at the school.

graduate degree in business and theological studies from Liberty University in Virginia.

The three-sport standout ran cross-country, played basketball and ran track and field in high school. He ran cross-country and track and field in college.

“I’ve been coaching xc and track since (age) 24,” Smith said. “I coached at Lamphere High School for 3 years, and I have my own track program in the winter called The Trinity Project.”

He now brings his

expertise and experience to ULS to pass on to his runners.

“I have big goals for Liggett,” he said. “I want to bring passion, and drive to this school for this sport. Whether it’s state titles or kids running their best times. You can do anything if you put your all into it and I’m still learning that as time goes on.”

“My long-term goals for this program are to first help make great people come out of Liggett. Whether it’s doctors, politicians, educators, tradesmen, you

name it. Running is just part of who they will be as people. Second is to bring championships to this school. Catholic league, regionals and eventually states.”

Smith and his cross-country program have one meet under its belt. The schedule isn’t as busy as year’s past due to COVID-19 concerns.

However, Smith still has big plans to get his runners to do their best and try to make the state finals at Michigan International Speedway the first Saturday of November.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Fall sports good to go

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer gave high school athletes and coaches some much-needed good news last week when she gave the OK for high school athletic competitions to begin.

Even football can begin Sept. 17. The football season was halted a few weeks ago and was going to be played in the spring.

Are there still a lot of questions concerning the health of student-athletes, yes. I would think if an athlete wants to opt-out of playing, they have the right.

It looks like football teams will pick up their schedule in week No. 4 and play six games before the playoffs start the final weekend of October. How many wins will teams need to make the playoffs, four? We will soon find out.

The state finals will be played Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27 and 28, at Ford Field.

Now the hard part for athletic departments at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

They have to reschedule all of the postponed games.

It’s going to be some busy weeks, but I’m sure the student-athletes are ready to go.

There will be limited people allowed indoors, and more will be able to watch the games out-

doors. Fans still have to wear masks and social distancing is required.

The players are jubilant they finally get to play after a month of practice. I’m sure they are sick and tired of doing the same drills. Every sport had games canceled or postponed.

The first games might be a little rough with the level of play, but once the athletes get the rust off, look out.

In addition, coaches of spring sport teams can conduct a limited number of practices up until the end of October. Is it really necessary for these coaches to conduct these practices when the seasons don’t start until March?

I guess the reasoning is the state missed out on playing spring sports in 2020, so now is their chance to make up a little time they missed.

The summer schedule was also screwed up thanks to COVID-19.

Student-athletes are making up for lost time. However, safe practice stipulations must be met whether it’s in the gym or on the playing field.

I would think fall sports take precedence since this is the season they are playing, not spring sports.

However, if a student-athlete can do both and it’s OK by the parents and athletic directors, then go for it.

—By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Little League

GROSSE POINTE WOODS-SHORES



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Minors champs

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Minor Division champions this season are, top row from left, Coach Kevin Meyers, Manager Phil Kozlowski and Coach Paul Summers; middle row from left, William Henze, Malcom Jones, Parker Meyers, Luke Bruveris and Max Martin; and bottom row from left, Sam Wakefield, Logan Lefever, Ryan Summers, Ryan Shalla and Owen Kozlowski.



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Florida champions

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Florida Collegiate Division champions are, front row from left, Ben Spence, Macklan Kohler, Christopher Amori, Charles Henze and Luke Caralis; second row from left, Easton Evans, Liam Zvirbulis, Ronan Zvirbulis, Parker Debusman, Anthony Amori and Nolan McEveney; and third row from left, Coach John Zvirbulis, Manager Jeff Evans and Coach Chris McEveney.



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Major Division champs

The Angels won the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Major Division championship this summer. Team members are, front row from left, Charlie Mueller, Eddie Ahee, Landen Maltby and Daniel Storrs; middle row from left, Cole Champine, Luke Thompson, Andrew Kubitz, Peter Rheau, Charlie Thomas and Johnny Cueter; and back row from left, coaches Kurt Rheau, John Mueller, Steve Champine and Kirk Maltby. Not pictured are Aidan Burney and Coach Carey Burney.

GROSSE POINTE PARK



PHOTO BY TONYA DAWKINS

The best

The Grosse Pointe Park Rangers 9U team recently won the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League tournament at Ghesquiere Park, beating the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores LBC Green 9U squad 6-3 in the championship game. There were four teams in the tournament, Lac St. Clair and Grosse Pointe Farms-City, as well as the Park and Woods-Shores, that played Sunday games over the course of late July/early August. The top two teams competed in the championship game. They named the tournament “The Quarantine Classic.” The players and coaches pictured are, front row from left, Connor Sharp, Knox Krieter, Jack Dykstra, Ben Ryan, Nick Andrews, Zach Nyenhuis and Max Coats; middle row from left, Natty Green, Rocco Deschaine, Micah Dawkins, Gordon Williams, Dylan Augspurger and Miles Quinn; and backrow from left, Manager Ben Coats, Coach Josh Nyenhuis, Coach Jeff Sharp, Coach Joe Williams, Coach Chad Krieter and Coach Sean Green. Missing from the picture are players Nate Bejin and Cameron Munson.

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

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦


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

ACROSS
1 Drink heartily
5 Coffee, in
slang
8 Snatch
12 Maze option
13 Possess
14 Elderly
15 Not all one
kind
17 Clinton's
Arkansas
hometown
18 Delivery co.
19 Source
21 Song of praise
24 "East of Eden"
character
25 Charged bits
26 Lit into
30 Explosive let-
ters
31 External
32 Eisenhower
33 Lent a hand
35 Appear
36 Dud
37 Familiar form
of address
38 1954 doo-wop
hit for The

DOWN
1 Hot tub
2 Existed
3 Part of FWIW
4 Grave robbers
5 Writes quickly
6 Have bills
7 Backed
8 Sesame paste
9 Quite eager
10 Military visored
hat
11 Paradise
16 Spinning stat
20 Bellow

21 Pocket bread
22 Half of the off-
spring
23 Picnic invaders
24 — in the right
direction
26 Convert to
computers
27 Told a tale
28 — out (supple-
mented)
29 Showroom
sample
31 Norway's capi-
tal
34 "I wish"
35 Prolonged
attacks
37 Japanese
pond carp
38 Caraway, for
one
39 Loathe
40 Cereal choice
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44 Vast expanse
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