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Signs at the foot of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and the Grosse Pointe Academy near the intersection of Moran and Lakeshore have confused drivers since being installed.

Excessive signage placed along stretch of Lakeshore

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In a development being described as redundant, unnecessary and utterly confusing by Farms city officials and residents alike, more than 180 road signs have been placed on Lakeshore from Warner

to just past Moross.

The signage appeared approximately two weeks ago, on the back of Wayne County's Lakeshore reconstruction project along that route.

"I think aside from the unfortunate flooding of basements we had eight years ago, this is literally one of the most talked

about topics I've experienced," Mayor Louis Theros said at last Monday's council meeting.

While the signage, put up by a subcontractor under the county's contract, is required to adhere to the Michigan Department of Transportation's standards since federal funds were

used on the road reconstruction, city officials believe there is an exception when it creates confusion. An MDOT representative told the city, Theros reported, that some discretion can be used at the county level to alleviate the confusion.

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Halloween sure to be unique amid pandemic

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — With trick-or-treating promising to be trickier than ever, Pointers are getting creative as the spookiest night of the year approaches.

Among the most inventive avenues to a socially distanced Halloween are plans to stake full-sized candy bars to the ground

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF FORD HOUSE

A drone photo of the new buildings at Ford House, the visitor center on the left and administration building on the right.

Coming next spring

Ford House visitor center set to open April 10, 2021

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — When the first green buds burst through the snow next spring, along with them will come another exciting new arrival: the long-anticipated visitors center

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Retirees voice healthcare concerns at ethics committee meeting

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Renamed the Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee through a unanimous vote, which was intended to clear the confusion of community members who already have approached it

seeking resolution of ethical concerns, the Shores committee steadily moved forward with its purpose during the monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13.

With five members present — Chairwoman Janice Pemberton, Secretary Rob Squiers and members John Clark, Brian Geraghty and Joe

Ghanem — the Grosse Pointe Shores Charter Commission Rules and Procedures for charter commission meetings were adopted to govern the committee. Included is a policy in which a member's unexcused absence for three meetings in a row will lead to his or her dismissal. This will become effective as of the

November meeting.

"That's the same rule as council," Geraghty explained.

The majority of the meeting was spent confirming the overarching section topics to be addressed in the ordinance, which then were assigned to each member with the goal of

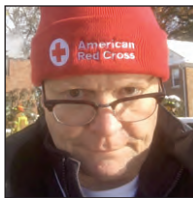
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Big Boy greets patrons after long-awaited reopening

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While the community continues to wonder how many small businesses will survive ongoing economic decline, one local restaurant has literally risen from the ashes.

Big Boy on Mack reopened Monday, Oct. 12, after a two-year closure and renovation, following a 2018 fire that caused \$1 million in damage. Originally scheduled to welcome customers in spring, statewide safety precautions shut down restaurant dining rooms, adding to insurance-related and legal issues, owner Dan Curis said.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Big Boy Restaurant on Mack at Vernier has reopened — refreshed and remodeled — after nearly two years of closing after a fire.

“When COVID hit, we had no direction at all on what was going to happen in our industry,” he said. “I was nervous about putting all this effort into a restaurant

and not knowing if I’d be open for a year. Nobody could have ever predicted what happened.” But customers who’d already longed to return to the neighborhood din-

ing spot grew persistent as businesses slowly reopened and “calls we were getting were crazy,” Curis added. “I had to hire a part-time person to say, ‘We’ll

be open soon.’ ‘We’ll be open soon.’ It was very humbling to a guy like me,” he said.

Even operating at 50-percent capacity and with booths separated by sanitary dividers, the public reception has been positive. While Curis’ other restaurant, Champs Rotisserie & Seafood, primarily operated as a carryout service during the statewide dining-room shutdown, observing safety and social distancing guidelines with customers became “second nature,” he said. Still, he remains vigilant toward the patrons, many of whom are seniors. “I worry about them. We’ve had no issues at all, but there’s a concern

for my customers and staff,” Curis said. “We’re doing everything by the book.”

Sanitizing stations are located throughout the restaurant and masks will be provided for any customer who doesn’t have one, although there’s a requirement to wear them upon entering Big Boy, Curis said.

Seeing the faces of patrons and families who’ve dined at the restaurant the past four decades has been rewarding to him and his team.

“When they came in it was like, ‘We’re home!’” Curis said. “I’ve been serving some of them for 40 years and to see them again, finally, it’s exciting.”



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Open on The Hill

Hope Senior Home Care is now located at 79 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. They provide in-home care. For more information call (313) 881-3132. Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Jenny Boettcher, president, Grosse Pointe Chamber; Terri Murphy, owner; Patty Marantette, community liaison; Regan Stolarski, director of administration, Grosse Pointe Chamber.

Fundraising for service dog is halfway complete

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors is a little more than halfway to its goal of fully sponsoring its fourth Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog, Harper.

Provided at no cost to the recipient, service dogs are trained to be paired with veterans and first responders who have post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, glucose imbalance, mobility issues and more.

Due to the 24/7 care, food, shelter, specialized training and cost to bring the identified recipient to meet the dog and train, approximately \$25,000 is needed to

train a dog qualified to be a Guardian Angels service dog.

“From birth until about 18 months, puppies go through general training,” Guardian Angels CEO Bob Taylor said, when fundraising for Harper was just picking up in May. “Over that time, trainers access the skills of the dog, allowing them to create a ‘best fit’ when it comes to placement. Harper’s training will only be complete after a recipient has been identified and they train together. On average, this whole process takes 24 months.”

The GPBR still needs \$10,187 to fully fund

Harper.

Donations may be made through the GPBR’s website or checks may be made payable to: Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs (GAMSD) and mailed to the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, 710 Notre Dame, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, to be forwarded to the organization to sponsor Harper.

“Only after you start on this journey to support our veterans and first responders do you start to appreciate the unique sacrifice they make on behalf of the rest of us,” Taylor said. “Only after you hear the stories of how what they

do or have done has made living far more difficult than any of us can imagine. Death by suicide, divorce or homelessness are all common outcomes of those impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder.

“... When we — all of us — contribute to a pairing, we give a significant other back a loved one, a father or mother back to children, a son or daughter back to parents and a neighbor back to a community,” he added. “There is little we can do anywhere that accomplishes this and for no more than a few dollars per person. We owe our way of life to these people.”

CEO Gives Back to Hometown

The importance of the concept of giving back to the community has been instilled in many of us throughout our lives. For Dr. Justin Di Rezze, this comes to fruition by expanding his medical group’s operations in Grosse Pointe in order to bring high quality healthcare to his childhood community.

Justin Di Rezze, MD, born and raised in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, is a physician and serial entrepreneur with deep roots in Detroit; Dr. Di Rezze attended University of Detroit Jesuit, U of D Mercy, Wayne State University School of Medicine, and completed residency training at Ascension St. John Hospital. He has spearheaded many successful enterprises such as Vertical 4, a national automotive distribution company, with the most recent of which is Theoria Medical.

Theoria Medical is Michigan’s largest post-acute medical group and technology company that has established a unique model of care. The enterprise prides itself in a consistent standard of high quality care running with an innovative engine to constantly improve.

“We here at Theoria Medical are always innovating and growing” says Chief Operating Officer, Kevin Pezeshkian. Theoria seamlessly launches new programs, products, and services; the group presents a unique agility that allows it to design and implement solutions to challenging problems in the medical space. Dr. Di Rezze asserts the fervent desire



Dr. Justin Di Rezze
Theoria Medical

to improve care for communities with innovative solutions that fuel these efforts and growth.

In recent news, Theoria Medical recently started a partnership with Regency at St. Clair Shores, a 146 bed facility, owned and operated by Ciena Healthcare, the largest post-acute care operator in Michigan. Both Ciena and Theoria have demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence in quality healthcare and are mutually excited to offer services to the community.

Projects in the pipeline include establishing innovative community healthcare centers weaving primary care with dental and speciality care; these medical and dental practices will provide residents of Grosse Pointe with a one-stop-shop for all healthcare needs with a holistic, person-centered approach.

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A look down Lakeland where 1950s cars sit idle amid crew and parked trucks.

Warner Bros. movie films in City

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Residents may have noticed unusual activity at Neff Park and on nearby streets last week, when production for an HBO Max and Warner Bros. Pictures film came to town.

Set in 1955 Detroit, “No Sudden Move” — previously titled “Kill Switch”

and directed by Oscar- and Emmy-winning filmmaker Steven Soderbergh — follows the story of a group of small-time criminals hired to steal a document that turns out to be much more than it seems, leading them on a search for who hired them and for what purpose. The cast includes Don Cheadle, Benicio Del Toro, David Harbour, Amy Seimet, Jon Hamm,

Ray Liotta and Brendan Fraser.

While, as the theme suggests, the majority of filming is taking place in Detroit, two of the characters were scripted to live in upper-middle-class homes.

“It was scripted as a nice neighborhood in the strip, so when Steven came to town the first

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Long-term fix recommended for Lakeshore seawall

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — The Hubble, Roth and Clark engineering study of the three-mile stretch of Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club wrapped up in early September, following a topographical survey of the shoreline and boring samples to test soil conditions and determine how deep piling would need to be driven for a new seawall.

The ultimate solution, recommended by HRC, to the chronically deteriorating infrastructure is driving metal sheet piling in front of the current existing seawall and tying it back, therefore fortifying the existing wall with an adjacent new seawall. Certain



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The deteriorating seawall has long been an issue in the Farms and Shores.

sections would need to be raised as well, in anticipation of rising lake levels, all of which carries a preliminary price tag of approximately \$23 million.

“With the wave action that Lake St. Clair experiences, soft armoring would not be a plausible solution and a new con-

crete wall would take considerably more time to construct and at a much higher cost,” HRC’s executive summary states.

While the Farms and Shores covered half the cost of the engineering study in an effort to get

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HOUSE:

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at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

During an Oct. 19 media tour of the new building, Ford House President and CEO Mark Heppner told guests the addition will be transformational.

“It will forever change who we are, what we do and how we do it,” he said, “not only for us but for the community, too. This will be a resource like we’ve never had before.”

Designed by SmithGroup, the new visitor center sits beside a new administration building, both built as “contemporary expressions of the house,” said project manager Kevin Shultis, with SmithGroup.

Shultis noted in its earliest stages, the project was first discussed in 2013, when SmithGroup was brought in to create a master plan for the entire campus. The idea then, as it is now, was to move the entire staff from the historic house into its own quarters, then restore the house to its former glory.

Heppner said the new visitor center will allow Ford House to focus on its three main pillars: stewardship, visitor experience and sustainability.

From its natural water-cleansing bioswale — and a series of mini-bioswales in the parking lot — to the specialty glass that prevents bird strikes, as well as solar panels on each rooftop and geothermal support to offset heating and cooling, Ford House has taken many steps to promote sustainability.

Other measures include installing hydration stations throughout the building and making tables for the new restaurant out of reclaimed wood from downed or

removed trees on the property.

“We worked with Ford House to assess the requirements to reduce energy consumption,” Shultis said. “There are minor changes in place ... but the impact will be significant.”

The 40,000-square-foot visitor center will include some new amenities as well as reimagined favorites. Each of its spaces has been thoughtfully named:

◆ The Speedster, a grab-and-go area featuring beer, wine, coffee and sandwiches;

◆ The Continental, a restaurant with seating for 80 indoors and 40 outdoors, as well as private dining for 20;

◆ The Shop, retail space featuring an array of products, both historical and locally made;

◆ The Lakeshore Room, main event space located upstairs, with a balcony overlooking Ford Cove;

◆ The Cove, a pre-function cocktail space upstairs;

◆ Gawkler Point Gallery, a rotating exhibition space.

The gallery’s first exhibit is called “Driven by Design,” and will feature three vehicles seen together for the first time: a 1932 Speedster and a 1934 Speedster, both designed by Edsel Ford, and a 1939 Lincoln Continental prototype.

“These cars are works of art,” Heppner said.

The new visitor center also will feature a permanent exhibit, “to consistently tell our message to every visitor,” he added. “We’ve never had the ability to do that until now. If you come here, you’re going to learn more about this family and the estate than you’ve ever known.”

Additionally, classrooms have been added. “Considering our main



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Above, flooring is the latest addition to the construction project. Right, a walkway was constructed under a canopy for tour groups to await bus pickup.

focus as a cultural organization is education, we’ve never had a dedicated educational space,” Heppner said.

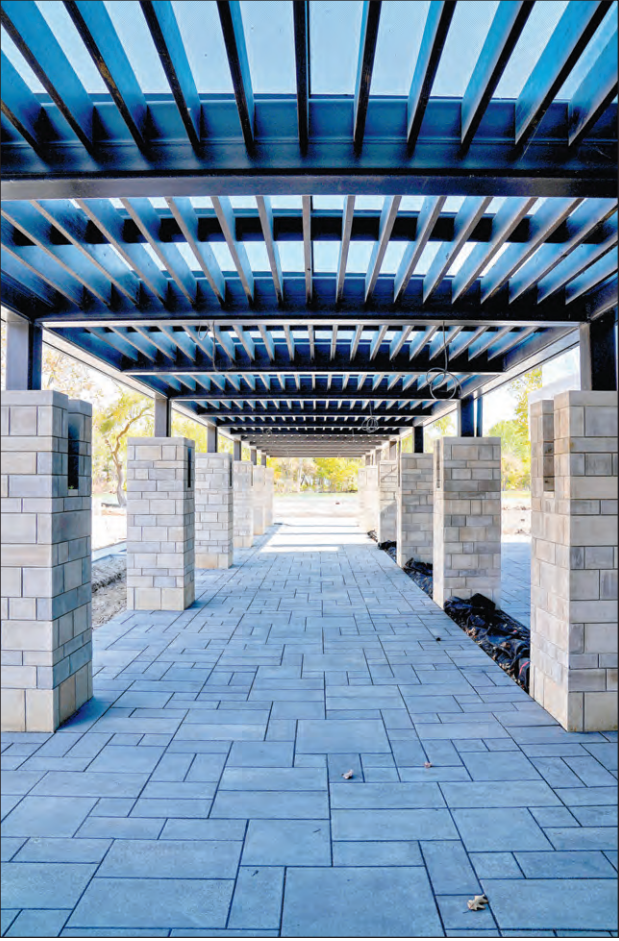
While the media tour did not include the administration building, Heppner said the 17,000-square-foot, two-story space includes offices and open shared space. A patio in back of the building will have Wi-Fi capabilities to encourage staff to work outside.

As for the opening,

which has been delayed several times for several reasons since ground broke in 2017, Heppner said he’s optimistic, but also realistic.

“Our goal is to celebrate the grand opening April 10 of next spring,” he said. “But things can happen. We’re in a pandemic. We’re realists. There’s still a lot of work to do, but that’s what we’re focusing on for the next several months.”

“This is not just a new phase; it’s a new era,” he



concluded. “This is fundamentally changing who we are. We’re being good stewards of the environment and a good

partner to community. It’s been an amazing journey, but it’s truly just the beginning for the new Ford House.”

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City resident appointed to oversee Michigan region of American Red Cross

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As an American Red Cross leadership volunteer, City of Grosse Pointe resident Jeffry Bauer's experience includes responding to

hundreds of disasters and emergencies, ranging from house fires to the Northwest Airlines Flight 255 disaster near Metro Airport. He's responded to three barricaded gunman situations, spent two months

in Florida after Hurricane Andrew and spent 60 days as a disaster service technician manager for the Midland dam collapse.

All of these experiences grew out of a love for giving back.

"In my life I was always raised to give back to my community," Bauer said, "to volunteer, to try to do something kind to other people. There's no better way of doing that, in my humble opinion. There are all sorts of great public charities in the U.S. This is one I've fallen in love with. As a result, I've done and seen things most people don't have the fortune — or misfortune — of doing and seeing."

After 37 years of volunteering with the Red Cross, Bauer recently was appointed chief operating officer for the Michigan region. As COO, he is responsible for the state's fleets used for biomedical and humanitarian services, as well as all facilities and infrastructure.

His current volunteer roles include serving as a national partner in information technology, regional manager of disaster services technology, regional lead in information planning, government operations liaison and ongoing participation on several national and divisional project teams and groups.

"I help the organization deliver services to individuals who suffer from manmade and natural disasters," he said. "It is fun. I'm paid staff, but I'm still volunteering. I still deploy in areas I have expertise in."

"If you ask a Red Cross volunteer why we do what we do, there are two



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFFRY BAUER

Jeffry Bauer worked on a satellite during his time assigned to the Flint water crisis.

answers: We want to advance and assist in our mission to alleviate human suffering and, for the fellowship, being with other people of like mind."

Though Bauer has been volunteering in one form or another since childhood — while attending Grosse Pointe University School, then at Boston College and later at the University of Detroit School of Law — it took a little pressure for him to get involved with the Red Cross.

"I had been in the Navy," he said. "When I came off active duty, I had owned a small duplex on Haverhill, just outside of Grosse Pointe Park. I had a tenant who lived downstairs and I lived upstairs. The tenant was a public affairs specialist with the southeast Michigan chapter of the Red Cross. She started bugging me, saying she knew something I'd be perfect at. So I ignored her. But she was persistent. Finally, I said, 'If I take this class, will you leave me alone?'"

In September 1983, Bauer took the class, an introduction to damage assessment. When it was

over, the instructor told him there'd be another class the following week and invited him back. He declined the offer, but then bowed to the persistence of the teacher.

"So that next week, I took my second class," he recalled. "That was 100-some classes and 37 years ago."

Since then, Bauer has received the Clara Barton National Award for Meritorious Leadership, the 2018 National IT Volunteer of the Year Award and the Exceptional Volunteer Service Award. He's a member of the American National Red Cross Legacy Society and Clara Barton Society. He's also donated more than 16 gallons of blood, as well as 2,700 hours of service in various capacities.

Red Cross aside, Bauer spent his professional career as an attorney; he is "partly retired," though he still sits as an arbitrator and mediator. He also serves on the University Liggett School Board of Governors. The Grosse Pointe Shores native and U.S. Navy veteran recently became a certified communications unit leader for the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security and state of Michigan, is a life member of the American Radio Relay League and member of the General Motors Amateur Radio Club.

"When I take myself out of my body and look at all the things I've done, I've had a pretty cool life," he said.

Bauer has no intention of slowing down anytime soon in any capacity, especially in his new role.

"I'm all about publicizing the great work of one of America's premier public charities," he said. "We do great work and we do this through mobilizing volunteers. There are a wide range of opportunities for volunteers, from what I was doing in high-level national roles to assisting at blood drives asking if donors want apple or orange juice after donating. There are a wide range of potential volunteer opportunities. We need volunteers of all sorts — all shapes and colors, all the time."

"I noticed as I'd gotten older continuing with the organization, it has been trickier finding volunteers," he added. "Every generation is slightly different and the current generation of young people is completely different. Finding, engaging and recruiting young people is difficult. In my generation, it was common to volunteer. ... As time has gone on, mothers and fathers have not volunteered like mothers and fathers in the past have. That has created a big change."

Despite his commitment to the Red Cross, Bauer has plenty of time to indulge in other hobbies. The avid sailor has competed in 18 Port Huron to Mackinac races and 10 Chicago to Mackinac races, among others. He's also a competitive trap shooter and firearm marksman, as well as an "advanced novice guitarist."

"And I'm a people watcher," he added. "I've always been a curious guy. I like understanding people, what they do, how they do it, why they do it. Maybe that's why I've been with Red Cross so long; it's a very people-oriented business."

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Two times too many

A 24-year-old Warren woman, pulled over at 12:53 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, for speeding 60 mph on eastbound Jefferson Road, admitted to recently drinking a few shots and blew a preliminary breath test of .165 percent. She was arrested for operating under the influence and driving while license suspended.

Due to a prior alcohol offense, her vehicle also was towed.

— Laurel Kraus
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A lawn mower, leaf blower and snow blower

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were discovered to be missing and presumed stolen out of a Hillcrest Road garage at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Vehicle info doesn't add up

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for an expired license plate tab at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, a 24-year-old Detroit man provided officers with a Mexican driver's license and no other documents.

The plate was found to belong to a vehicle reported as junked and the VIN was registered to a different person out of Texas.

The man was arrested for not providing a license, title or registration and for operator's license never acquired.

Driving while license suspended

After a vehicle was observed at Mack Avenue and Marseilles Street with high beams activated, illegally tinted front windows and no visible license plate at 9:16 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, the 53-year-old Detroit driver told officers he had just purchased the vehicle and provided them with a

title, but was arrested when a LEIN check showed his license was suspended multiple times.

Unlocked vehicles targeted

An unknown suspect rummaged through unlocked vehicles parked on Touraine Road, stealing only loose change, between 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Thwarted thief

A juvenile was arrested after he was caught on home surveillance stealing a \$600 bicycle from a backyard in the 1200 block of Maryland.

Drug activity disrupted

A 34-year-old Park resident and a 28-year-old Grosse Pointe resident were arrested around 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Lakepointe and Kercheval after officers observed them exchange heroin and

crack cocaine by hand through a car window.

Driving while intoxicated

A 43-year-old California man was arrested around 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Mack and Yorkshire after he was detained for speeding and discovered driving while intoxicated.

A small bag of cocaine was discovered on the man's person.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Unemployment fraud

A 69-year-old Shores woman received notification from the state that she had been approved for unemployment benefits, for which she had not applied, Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Arrested on way to hospital

A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested at Lakeshore Road and Moorland Drive at 2:36 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, for driving while license suspended, not having

insurance and an improper plate.

He told officers he was looking for a hospital because his wife needed medical care, so an ambulance was called and she was transported.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Operating while influenced

A 38-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested around 4:20 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Vernier and Mack after his vehicle failed to move, despite repeated green light cycles.

The driver was instructed by public safety officers to park the vehicle and exit it when they smelled marijuana, which the man admitted having smoked earlier in the evening.

Appearing sleepy and confused, the man told officers he thought he was at an intersection in Warren and he failed sobriety tests. Marijuana was discovered both in

the vehicle and on his person.

Retail theft

A man driving a vehicle identical to one linked to a theft weeks earlier was suspected of stealing an unknown amount of food from a supermarket in the 20400 block of Mack around 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Described as a Black man, 5 feet, 5 inches tall with a heavy build, wearing all black, including winter cap, sunglasses, a PPE mask and jacket, the man filled a reusable bag with meat and lobster tails, which began falling out as he pushed a shopping cart.

Store employees alerted one another to the theft in progress as the suspect, believed to be in his late 40s, moved toward the store's exit. He placed the stolen items in a silver Pontiac Grand Prix and fled south on Mack in the vehicle.

A license plate number was identified and detectives are investigating.

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

MOVIE:

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time, there were a couple specific neighborhoods I showed him and one of them was Grosse Pointe and he really responded," Supervising Location Manager David Rumble explained. "There's two different mansions in the script he really felt strongly that we could find there."

Chosen were a home in

the 300 block of Lakeland, which Rumble had scouted in the past for another movie, and one on Rivard near St. Paul.

Shooting commenced Thursday, Oct. 15, through Friday, Oct. 16, with aid from the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department for intermittent traffic control during exterior shots.

"The movie's set in 1955, so it's key that we don't see any contemporary cars on the street,"

Rumble explained, "so when we get ready to film, they lock it down and then we have our picture cars on the street. Then, once we finish up, people can drive down the streets."

The Neff Park parking lot was used for production trailers and as a staging area, while a commissary was set up in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church parking lot.

Rumble described the experience of filming in the City as going as well as the production could hope for, thanks to the patience and flexibility of city administration through date changes and scheduling issues. The neighbors were great as well, he added.

"I've filmed a couple times in the past in Grosse Pointe, but not very often," he said. "Last time was probably in '08. I remember that being a

good experience, too, but they've just really rolled out the red carpet and made everything easy."

"No Sudden Move" is scheduled for release in 2021.



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One of the houses where a small part of the movie was filmed is located on Lakeland in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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1. From spring 2015 through last year, GPPSS has lost 9% of its enrollment. This decline was almost 3 times the state average! This data doesnt even count the roughly 500 students lost since 2019 to fall 2020!

2. Average SAT scores in GPPSS declined from 1126 to 1119. Average SAT scores are lower than May 2015. Further, among comparable school districts GPPSS was the only district to see average SAT scores decline over this period.

3. Consider a sample of recent controversies:

- ✓ A Huge increase in taxpayer-funded borrowing
- ✓ Divisive reconfiguration plan
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OUR VIEW

Election key for our schools

As more voters get serious about filling in their absentee ballots, the contest that may flummox them most is for the Board of Education.

First of all, although it’s not particularly clear from campaign ads or groupings of yard signs, there are two separate contests.

The main contest consists of two incumbents and a horde of newcomers seeking four-year terms overseeing the Grosse Pointe Public School System; four seats are open. The other contest features an incumbent appointed to fill a vacancy earlier this year; he faces two challengers as he seeks to be elected in his own right to complete the final two years of that term.

Second, one candidate, Sherry Betcher, withdrew — but not in time to remove her name from the ballot. She was running for a four-year term, meaning 12 candidates remain to face the two incumbents in the contest for those seats.

Taken together, the five positions at stake in this election form more than a majority of the seven-member board, which gives voters ample opportunity to change the district’s course if they choose. Also, the superintendent has said he will serve only through the end of the school year, which makes a search to fill that position a top priority.

Choosing candidates may require some studying up. Today, the Grosse Pointe News is reprinting its candidate profiles; they begin on Page 18A. Another tool: the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters’ online candidate forums, which are available on the League’s YouTube channel.

But the school board election is not the end of the decisions sitting at the end of the ballot.

No one should overlook the regional educational proposal, put on the ballot by Wayne RESA, which continues a school enhancement millage that benefits every public school in Wayne County. This is a 2-mill renewal for six years, and approval will not raise tax rates. When distributed across the county, it is expected to give each district or charter school an additional \$300 per student.

Under the state’s current school finance plan, the only way to raise additional money for schools is via an intermediate school district vote like this one.

In Grosse Pointe Farms, voters face another millage question: whether to add 2 mills to their taxes for five years to repair their streets. The average homeowner can expect to pay about \$400 a year more in taxes if the millage passes.

Also on the nonpartisan section of the ballot, besides judicial seats, are two statewide proposals.

Proposal 20-1 is designed to ensure that all oil and gas revenues paid to the state go toward recreational endowments, although the money could be used increasingly for maintenance; a strong emphasis still would remain on land acquisition and capital improvements. Proposal 20-2 would amend the Michigan Constitution to require a search warrant for electronic data or communications.

Proposals and local elections fall at the end of the ballot — and often on the back of the form. Voters who stop at the judicial contests may completely overlook the other nonpartisan sections.

So do your homework. If you’re voting in person, you’ll need to have made up your mind and remember to look for this section. And if you’re using an absentee ballot, do it sooner rather than later — remember, the Nov. 3 election will run more smoothly if everyone gets their absentee ballots in early!

Endorsements: The Grosse Pointe News recommends “yes” votes on both the regional millage renewal proposed by the intermediate school school district and on the Grosse Pointe Farms road improvement millage.

Both statewide proposals received only “yes” votes when the state Legislature put them on the ballot, and both merit the support of voters, as well.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

While waiting for her daughter in The Village parking garage, Sally Bernard spent her time catching up on local news by reading the Grosse Pointe News. Bernard has been a subscriber since 1970.

OUR VIEW

Park pioneering social districts

The apparently successful launch of Grosse Pointe Park’s social district is an experiment worth following — with best wishes for all involved and hopes for the continued good behavior of patrons.

Social districts, inaugurated under a new state law as the COVID-19 epidemic settled in, allow establishments inside them to sell alcoholic drinks for customers to consume outside. It’s meant to counter, in part, the fact that bars and restaurants have had to severely limit their indoor seating, in order to provide proper social distancing among their clientele.

Some customers also may prefer to be outside, even as colder weather sets in, given that the coronavirus is believed to disperse more readily in the open air.

The Park’s district encompasses several blocks of Kercheval Avenue and Charlevoix Street where each is adjacent to the city limits with Detroit. With an area in Belleville, it is one of just two social districts pioneering the concept in Wayne County.

Three establishments already have taken advantage of the new law; another three are working to obtain permits. That, combined with the onset of cold weather, suggests the district will get off to a gradual start — perhaps a good thing given that allowing alcoholic beverages on the street has previously been rare to nonexistent in Michigan. This may take some getting used to.

The city can cancel the initiative at any time if problems arise, so those coming out to the district streets will need to remain on their best behavior. But support for the effort also is strong, as the city works to brand the area with a logo for signs and paraphernalia. A design competition is underway, with a winner due to be announced by month’s end.

The Park deserves kudos for embracing and testing the social district concept. That and other changes, such as the ability to sell carry-out mixed drinks, mark rather brave steps into the future from the state Legislature. If handled well, the initiatives open up new enjoyments for Michiganders that can continue even when the pandemic has passed.

LETTERS

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G.P. historic district

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to an article that recently appeared in another Grosse Pointe tabloid: “Grosse Pointe City authorizes study of historic properties.”

The streets listed were Lincoln Road, Washington Road, University Place, Lakeland Avenue and others from Maumee to the lake, including Rathbone Place, Woodland Place, Donovan, Wellington, Stratford and Elmsleigh.

Hello! Two streets of historic interest were omitted: Rivard Boulevard and Roosevelt Place, nestled between Washington and University. Neither of those avenues are adorned with estates or mansions but are of significant value to the history of Grosse Pointe City.

For example, the city fire station was once located at the corner of Roosevelt Place and Maumee. As a child playing in that plot of ground during the early 1940s, I can recall digging and finding, with friends, three horseshoes which likely verified the presence of horses used for pulling our fire trucks.

Also, that property between Roosevelt Place and Washington Road was used for “Victory Gardens” in the early years of World War II.

My childhood home, on the corner across the street from this field was, according to our neighbors, moved from the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Roosevelt to its present location to make way for the “terraces” between our street and Rivard Boulevard.

And now Rivard’s pres-

ence in history.

Chase Bank was once our local drug emporium, complete with a soda fountain and soda jerk. In the middle of the block between Jefferson and Maumee was Parent’s Grocery Store, founded in 1885. This store was later recognized by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and was featured in their historical publications. The building now houses four apartments, one of which I live in.

On that same street just above Maumee, the home of Charles A. Parcels, who was superintendent of schools, still stands. Charles Place, the short avenue between Rivard and Washington Road, was also named in his honor.

Please, Grosse Pointe City Council, give credit to those two lovely streets by including them in your study.

JEAN SWANBUHLER
Grosse Pointe resident
for 88 years

through the cove north of GPF Pier Park. The water was extremely clear that early sunrise morning. I was the only person on the lake, paddling near the shore.

I looked down admiring the sandy lake bottom in about 2 to 3 feet of water and saw a beer can. Soon I saw another can, and another. I kept a count until I was up to 20 cans. I had only paddled about 15 yards. I was shocked.

Why would anyone throw their beer can overboard into our beautiful lake? How sad to know this small cove has become a litter dump for the numerous boats that anchor here on weekends.

This ... also poses a threat to the children and adults who swim here off their boats, play on floaties and take in the sun. If barefoot, it’s only a matter of time until someone cuts their foot open from a beer can.

...What options are available to us? Would a local boat club take this project on to clean up the lake bottom? I wish I had an answer. Maybe this observation from my commentary will raise awareness.

Our lakes are too precious a resource to be used as a garbage can.

CHRISTI CRACCHIOLO
SMALL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Lake not a dump

To the Editor:

We are fortunate to live in an area with minimal natural disasters. However, we have our own man-made disaster under our noses.

I enjoy paddle boarding in the mornings along the Grosse Pointe shoreline. Last week I was paddling

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

We are repurposing ourselves



This has been a tough time, an interesting time; a time of learning and a time, for some, of repurposing, personally and in business.

Many were shut down temporarily or furloughed and had to change lanes, so to speak, at the last minute and because of that, they were able to step back from their lives and take stock. To think about what they wanted to change and how to go about it. How to reroute their business to stay afloat.

Many people got crafty.
Many prayed; many

sought assistance. This temporarily became the new normal until things move into a world post-pandemic. So many sad and horrible things happened, I want to look at some of the good that has so far come out of this challenging time.

When this pandemic first showed up and rapidly began to spread, it was frightening, but opportunities began to emerge — opportunities to produce items needed to help others through daily tasks at home and at work. There was no time to come up with a business plan, so people had to learn on the fly.

Some people made homemade masks, some started a shop on Etsy. Businesses changed what their product line was to turn out a whole new product. Many companies repurposed their facilities and shifted pro-

duction to help make PPE and hospital gowns and print 3D medical equipment.

Hotels doubled as quarantine centers, event companies provided tents to house medical stations, factories that made cars switched to making ventilators. Breweries and distilleries, though temporarily closed to the public, started to churn out hand sanitizer instead of beer and whiskey.

Restaurants that closed wandered into new territory by offering curbside service for to-go meals. Outdoor dining became the thing of the summer. Parking spaces for vehicles turned into spaces for two- and four-top tables for diners surrounded by fencing or hedges. Nonprofits who still needed to fundraise held virtual events or

Zoom became the go-to way to connect or hold a meeting.

People pitched in and brought lunch, dinner and lots of desserts to healthcare workers. Along with food, people collected supplies and donated N95 and KN95 masks to hospitals and police and fire stations. Notes and thank-you cards were delivered.

Signs went up and are still on people's front lawns, thanking health-care workers and first responders for their exhaustive work. Chalk drawings and positive messages on the sidewalk became art exhibits. Ribbons and children's drawings hung in house windows and people gave concerts on their porches.

We came together to help each other out when we were all experiencing a bit of cabin fever dur-

ing the stay-at-home orders.

People took a horrible situation and, once over the initial shock of what was happening, jumped in to help. Kindness rained down like confetti.

Repurposing helped the greater good and allowed some businesses to keep their employees working during a difficult time. Some businesses were interrupted, but people quickly adapted. They pitched in and came up with new ways to open back up. When medical masks for healthcare workers were in short supply, cotton masks became the thing for non-medical personnel to wear and now cotton and other non-medical material masks are sold at many retailers both in-store and online.

We are adapting for

the time being. We are doing what we can one day at a time. We are repurposing our companies, our jobs and our lives.

What will the holidays look like this year? Who knows, but we are resilient and creative and clever. We will find ways to get together safely while still observing precautions. We will be giving thanks this November and ho-ho-hoping Christmas can have some semblance of normalcy for the kids. And adults too.

I believe in us. We've got this and we will move forward while continuing to wade through this flood of pandemic information and do our best. Well, most of us will. Wear a mask, wash your hands and stay six feet away from people. It's easy to help. You just have to be willing.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945

WAR PLANTS TO CLOSE OR CONVERT: Five plants in the Park village which have been engaged in the making of materials for the war are all due to quit business, as war plants, by March 2, 1946. They were permitted to operate, contrary to the

spirit of the zoning, as a concession by the village to the war needs, with the clear understanding that they must discontinue such work within six months of the end of the war. Some of these properties will doubtless reappear as garages or service stations, but the noise and clatter and fumes and acids so frequently complained of during the height of the war will disappear.

1970

SCHOOL STANDARDS LOWERED BY PA. 100:
 "If Public Act 100 law is not repealed and replaced, it appears that next year the educational program of each child in our public school system will be cut by \$200 to \$300.

RECALL CAMPAIGN POSSIBLE: A five-man committee headed by Ed Pongracz, who served on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education for 11 years as a trustee, president and treasurer, is investigating a recall campaign against trustees.

Obituaries: Charles L. Jacobson, Eva Doty Worcester, Rudolph Harms

SCHOOL CHOICE PLAN AGAINST INTEREST: There are more questions than answers right now concerning the “schools of choice” plan which, if passed into law, would allow students to attend schools outside of their home district.

ULS WINS SECOND STRAIGHT STATE TENNIS TITLE: Last weekend, the Knights won their second straight Class C-D title, finishing with 23 points to 16 for runner-up North Muskegon.

Obituaries: Richard H. Snook, Muriel Paye Dirkes,

Leona D. Scotella, John D. Reindel, Dr. Harold W. Joerin, Herbert James Mainwaring, Ellanore Brown Wiener, Timothy James Vandeweghe

2010

*Obituaries: Virginia "Dee"
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The JoAnn Matouk Romain Mystery

The crazy, but true story of a Grosse Pointe family’s search for answers in a suicide that most likely wasn’t

By Scott M. Burnstein
Special to the Grosse Pointe News

Part two of a three-part series

Cousin the cop

As Christmas approached in 2009, JoAnn Matouk Romain told her children and closest friends that she was in fear of her first cousin, Tim Matouk.

Matouk Romain’s children say that when they were growing up, their mom did her best to keep them away from Tim Matouk, calling him “sick” and “depraved.” In her deposition testimony, Tim Matouk’s ex-wife, Barbara, admitted Tim Matouk had once threatened to kill her, and she believed he could.

According to interviews with a dozen people in Matouk Romain’s life, Matouk Romain informed them in the weeks leading up to her going missing that Tim Matouk had threatened her in a phone call that occurred in the latter part of 2009 where he allegedly told her he would “make her disappear” if she didn’t “stop accusing and asking questions.” What exact questions Matouk Romain was asking remains a mystery to this day.

However, what is certain is the fact that she worried about her personal safety. She expressed concerns to more than 10 different people and vocalized the belief that she was being followed, her mail was being tampered with and her phone calls monitored.

Tim Matouk admitted in deposition testimony to having a phone conversation with Matouk Romain in October 2009, but denies threatening her. He claims he confronted her about a rumor going around town in which he heard she was telling people regarding her brother John Matouk that “all of John’s problems were because of him” (Tim Matouk). In that same deposition, he denied any role in trying to harm Matouk Romain. Matouk Romain’s daughter, Michelle Romain, who was present when the call took place, says the call occurred after Thanksgiving, “in the first part of December.”

Bill Matouk says in his deposition testimony that the phone call and subsequent meeting he had with his sister Matouk Romain on Dec. 30, 2009 — after having not spoken in two years — was related to his sister’s misgivings with their cousin. Matouk Romain told her brother to “stay away from Tim, he’s no good,” according to Bill Matouk’s recounting of the two conversations he had with Matouk Romain on the day before New Year’s Eve.

In the days right after New Year’s 2010, Matouk Romain felt compelled to go see her brother Bill Matouk at the store again. This time she was driven to the store by her daughter,



COURTESY PHOTO

JoAnn Matouk Romain

ter, Michelle Romain, and popped in unannounced. Bill Matouk admitted in his deposition to meeting his sister a second time, saying it was uneventful and merely a rehash of their previous in-person discussion regarding Tim Matouk days earlier.

Michelle says her mom returned to the car from the second meeting in a state of fear.

“She came out of that store looking like she had seen a ghost,” recalls Michelle Romain more than a decade later. “Whatever she saw, whatever she heard, whatever she was told in there, it spooked her to the core and, in her mind, confirmed her belief that she was in danger. When she got back in the car, she wanted me to take her immediately to church. She thought she could pray it away.”

That is one of the many reasons Matouk Romain’s three children and brother John Matouk scoff at the notion she

would ever even contemplate committing suicide, let alone actually kill herself.

“Whenever the subject of suicide came up with her, she’d always say, ‘Nothing’s ever that bad,’” her youngest daughter, Kellie Romain, recalls. “And as a devout Catholic, she believed if you committed suicide, you’d be condemned to hell.”

John Matouk and JoAnn Matouk Romain discussed Matouk Romain’s impromptu meeting with Bill Matouk and her phone call with Tim Matouk.

“My sister was scared to death; she wanted to protect her loved ones, so she didn’t tell anyone exactly what she knew, but she saw or she knew something that made her think her life was in jeopardy,” John Matouk says. “She told me she had to go to the cops, but she couldn’t go to the local cops because of Tim’s connections in law

enforcement. JoAnn wanted to go to the FBI. She thought the federal government was her only refuge.”

A highly placed source inside the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building in Detroit says Matouk Romain met with “federal authorities” at a restaurant in the days prior to her disappearance. That source said he fears that news of that meeting might have leaked.

The FBI will neither confirm nor deny a meeting with JoAnn Matouk Romain took place. Matouk Romain’s phone records show her calling private security firms in the first week of January 2010. Co-workers at the Dawood Boutique on Kercheval where she worked part time described a series of hushed phone calls she took in private at the boutique on Jan. 7 and 8. They said the phone calls seemed to put her “out of sorts.”

Tim Matouk began his law enforcement career in the 1980s with the Detroit Police Department, working as a young beat cop amid the crack epidemic and “Wild West” type violence in the drug world that were tearing apart the city. He was assigned to the Homicide Division from 1986-1990 and eventually went on to join the Harper Woods Police Department as a detective. While working in Harper Woods, he joined the COMET task force, an elite narcotics unit out of Macomb County operated in conjunction with the Michigan State Police with multiple jurisdictions in Metro Detroit under its purview.

At the end of 2009 and in the early months of 2010, Tim Matouk was readying to leave the Harper Woods P.D. and join the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office as a lead investigator. His career in Wayne County has been noteworthy,

playing a big role in breaking several high-profile cases, including the 2012 Jane Bashara slaying in which her husband, Bob, and his hired hit man, Joe Gentz, were found guilty.

A retired member of law enforcement who worked in the same department with Tim Matouk depicts a police officer with a reputation for pushing boundaries.

“You ever see the movie ‘Training Day’? That’s what it’s like sometimes in police departments,” he said. “Tim is slick. He’s a wheeler dealer.”

(“Training Day” is a crime-thriller starring Denzel Washington as a rogue undercover police officer.)

The ‘eyewitness’

One lifelong Grosse Pointer says he saw Tim Matouk at the scene of Matouk Romain’s disappearance on Jan. 12, 2010. His name is Paul Hawk. He is a businessman in Grosse Pointe Woods and was a high school football star in the 1980s who went on to play in the backfield at Central Michigan University.

The 54-year old Hawk grew up in the same social circle as the Matouk boys and played sports with and against John Matouk all through his youth. He hadn’t seen the Matouks in quite some time and admits to originally identifying one of the men at the scene as resembling John Matouk, not Tim. He believes now that it was Tim Matouk he saw that night.

Hawk contends the police in Grosse Pointe, the Michigan State Police and the FBI have never taken him seriously. Both Hawk and Matouk Romain’s children believe the police investigating JoAnn Matouk Romain’s death buried his statement.

The existence of Hawk’s eyewitness account wasn’t discovered by the family until 2012 via a Freedom of Information Act request for investigative documents tied to the case that a Grosse Pointe Farms police report of Hawk’s account finally emerged amid a sea of paper.

Hawk says he was driving southbound on Lakeshore Road at around 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, returning home from the grocery store, when he saw a woman matching Matouk Romain’s description sitting on the breakwall by the water across from St. Paul Catholic Church accompanied by two men. He saw two cars, one was the Lexus Matouk Romain was driving, the other a dark blue or black Crown Victoria that he assumed was an unmarked police vehicle.

One of the men “waved him through” as he pulled

over to the side of the road to ask if he could be of help, he says. The encounter, he estimates, lasted 10 to 15 seconds.

“The two men walk in front of my car; one of them motions his hand like ‘keep on moving, nothing to see here,’ and then gives me a look that says, ‘Just so you know, I’m packing.’ I thought they were cops,” Hawk recalls.

On the morning of Jan. 19, 2010, exactly a week after Matouk Romain vanished, Hawk filed a report at the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. The night before he had seen a television news report on a missing woman by the water and felt compelled to come forward. At the police station, he met with Detective Mike McCarthy and Grosse Pointe Farms police chief Dan Jensen and told them what he witnessed.

“Their jaws dropped to the floor,” Hawk remembers. “They weren’t expecting me to walk in the door. I could tell right off the bat something is not right. And they’re like, ‘Well, this isn’t even our case; she lived in the Woods; we’re the Farms.’ And, ‘If you see these guys again, let us know.’ That kind of stuff. Very dismissive.”

Hawk got visibly angry when recollecting the interaction.

“The last time I checked, she disappeared from the Farms; so it is their case. I don’t care what they say. If I went missing in New York and lived in Grosse Pointe Farms, who’s case is it? Come on, be real here. They just didn’t care and wanted me to go away. So at that point, my antennas are up, my intuition kicks in. I leave the police station that morning, and I don’t hear boo from them ever again. I’m trying to give these people information on a murder case, and they’re treating it like it’s a parking ticket. Everything is upside down here.”

Hawk insists he had seen a Matouk at the scene, those brothers and cousins he knew from back when he was a kid. At first, he believed one of the men he saw resembled John Matouk, the starting wide receiver for the Grosse Pointe North football team at the same time Hawk was playing for Grosse Pointe South in the early 1980s. However, after bumping into John Matouk at a bar in Birmingham in 2012, he realized he was confused.

Hawk’s visit to a sketch artist, at the family’s request, resulted in an image more resembling John Matouk’s cousin, Tim Matouk, as one of the men he saw. He also identified Tim Matouk from a photo lineup presented to him by a private investigator and attorneys for Matouk Romain’s family. (Matouk Romain family attorneys would later be sanctioned in federal court for failing to preserve the lineup in connection with their wrongful death lawsuit for appeal purposes.)

From that point on, Hawk was shuffled between law enforcement agencies while trying to get them to follow up on his tip. The Michigan State Police sent him to the FBI. The FBI interviewed him and then sent him to file a report at the Grosse Pointe Woods police department.

Detectives dismissed

Hawk’s timeline because he said it was light or dusk, not dark, at the time of the identification and deemed him unreliable. The sun set at 5:22 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, as JoAnne Matouk Romain was in transit between the Wayne County courthouse and her lawyer’s office on Griswold and a good two hours prior to her disappearing. Hawk claims harassment from police and others, filing a police report for property damage in June 2012 when his car mirror was tarred in the shape of a hawk.

“Nobody wanted responsibility for the information I was providing; nobody wanted the truth, the truth is too messy,” a clearly exacerbated Hawk says. “I’ve been through the meat grinder for what I know and because I won’t shut up about it. People have told me I should keep my mouth closed, stop making waves. I’ve been harassed by the police. People call me crazy. I know what I saw, and I know what’s right. This is not right. This ambivalence, the apathy of duty, for whatever the reasons, isn’t right. This is a human life. Where’s the outrage?”

On the night of Jan. 12, 2010, at the time Matouk Romain disappeared from St. Paul’s Church, Tim Matouk was on a surveillance assignment for his COMET squad in Warren and assigned to drive a silver-color Dodge Caravan. The assignment ended at 9:30 p.m.

Although his fellow members of the COMET squad that day can verify his presence in the “rolling” surveillance — different members alternating on the subject throughout the surveillance period — none of them can account for Tim Matouk’s precise whereabouts in the timeframe surrounding Matouk Romain going missing, only that they were in radio contact with him. Tim Matouk has refused to take a polygraph.

Retired FBI agent Bill Randall, hired by JoAnn’s family as a private investigator, says he deems Tim Matouk’s denial of wrongdoing credible and that his investigation into the case doesn’t lead him to believe that Tim has any responsibility for JoAnn Matouk Romain’s death.

John Matouk volunteered to take a polygraph exam shortly after his sister vanished and passed. He was in financial debt and in a number of business and personal squabbles at the time of his sister’s death.

The locus in quo

On the day she went missing, JoAnn Matouk Romain attended a civil trial in Wayne County Circuit Court that she was a plaintiff in. She was suing the builders of a home her family once lived in that was discovered to have black mold growing inside.

After court ended for the day and meeting with her attorneys at the offices of Blake Kirchner PC. on Griswold Street in downtown Detroit, she dropped her son, then 20-year old Michael, off at their new home on Morningside Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods and then went to fill up her gas tank at a nearby gas station on Mack Avenue. Once she was done at the gas station, Matouk Romain headed to a quick

prayer service at St. Paul Catholic Church that started at 7 p.m. It was part of her normal routine.

People present at the law firm that night describe Matouk Romain as being in good spirits as the case appeared to be shifting in the plaintiffs’ favor with over a million dollars in damages at stake. She was scheduled to testify the next day.

At around 7:20 p.m., at least three people, including the pastor who conducted the service, saw Matouk Romain leave toward the parking lot and the silver 2008 model Lexus SUV she drove to the Tuesday night mass. Less than two minutes later, one eyewitness heard the panic alarm on the vehicle go off.

JoAnn Matouk Romain was never seen alive again.

Cobbling together the rest of the timeline from police and Coast Guard reports, court records and deposition testimony, it becomes abundantly clear that virtually nothing is clear about the near three-hour timeframe from when Matouk Romain left church to when the U.S. Coast Guard was deployed to the scene to look for a missing woman in the water.

“The timeline is totally out of whack,” says former television investigative reporter Scott Lewis, now a private investigator hired by the Romans, of those three hours.

Per an incident report and his own deposition testimony, Grosse Pointe Farms police officer Keith Colombo came across JoAnn’s Lexus SUV parked in the front space of the St. Paul’s Church at 9:53 p.m. and ran her license plate at 9:58.

Matouk Romain’s daughters Michelle and Kelli Romain testified under oath at their depositions that the police arrived at their home informing them that their mother was missing at 9:25 p.m., five minutes before the Coast Guard received a call to search for a woman in the water and more than a half-hour before Colombo’s plate search was confirmed to be entered into the department’s database.

A Grosse Pointe Farms police department “Follow Up” report put into the case file the following day officially listed the start of the investigation at 9:30 p.m. Colombo testified to the investigation start time being 23 minutes later at 9:53 p.m. when he noticed the Lexus SUV sitting all alone in the St. Paul’s parking lot. The officer who arrived at Matouk Romain’s house and encountered Michelle and Kelli Romain places the time at closer to 10:30 p.m.

The car’s license plate was in Michelle Romain’s name, not JoAnn Matouk Romain’s, so Michelle Romain wondered why the police weren’t there looking for her instead.

“Nothing makes sense about anything that happened that night,” Michelle Romain says. “It would have been impossible to know what person you were looking for or what location you would have been looking for them at and this is according to their own timeline. There was no reason to presume she was missing at that point, and there was no reason to presume she jumped

into the lake. It was like this narrative was created and then people set out to make things fit that narrative.”

Grosse Pointe Woods policeman Darrell Fisher testified he arrived at the Matouk Romain home at 10:29 p.m., more than an hour after Michelle and Kellie Romain say they were visited by police and alerted something was amiss.

John Matouk says his car’s clock read 10:07 p.m. when he and his two nieces showed up at the crime scene.

Colombo testified that he called his dispatcher at 10:49 p.m. to inform the police on the scene that the family was coming over to St. Paul’s despite him telling them to stay put at home.

Giving credence to the Romain sisters’ timeline, cell phone records show 13 calls from Matouk Romain’s childrens’ phones made to their mother’s phone between 9:29 p.m. and 10:32 p.m., making it appear as if they were frantically trying to contact their mom well before Fisher says he arrived to tell them she was missing. Eight of those calls were made before 10 p.m.

Officer Fisher said in his deposition testimony that he came to the Romain residence that night looking only for the owner of the Lexus registered to someone who lived at that particular address, not JoAnn Matouk Romain specifically. Fisher further claimed JoAnn Matouk Romain’s name wasn’t mentioned in the conversation until Michelle Romain said her mom had possession of the vehicle.

Michelle Romain claims Fisher wasn’t the officer who arrived at her family home that evening, saying he doesn’t match the physical description of the officer she interacted with.

“The police officer who testified at the deposition that he came to our house that night wasn’t the officer who came with the news (of her mom’s disappearance) and asked about the car,” Michelle Romain says. “Two totally different people. The officer I spoke to was ‘taller, skinnier and had darker hair. It wasn’t Darrell Fisher.’”

The incident report filed by officer Colombo states he saw high-heeled women’s shoe footprints going from near the abandoned vehicle, across Lakeshore Road and toward the water embankment leading into Lake St. Clair, an estimated distance of 75 to 100 feet. He later changed his account in his deposition testimony, saying the footprints began on the other side of Lakeshore Road, not near the car. The crime scene photos don’t show any woman’s footprints at all, just men’s boot tracks.

Another responding police officer recovered a scarf from the middle of the road, resting near the median. JoAnne Matouk Romain’s children say the scarf didn’t belong to their mother. A female churchgoer that night told private investigators that she saw a man wearing a scarf walking near the water around the time she left the St. Paul’s parking lot.

Grosse Pointe Farms Police never did any DNA testing of the scarf or the Lexus SUV, eventually giving the scarf away to

Goodwill in 2015, per police records.

One churchgoer at St. Paul’s says when she left the parking lot at 7:35 p.m., there were no cars remaining on the property. This account has had the Romain sisters and John Matouk speculate that JoAnn Matouk Romain might have been kidnapped in her own car, and the vehicle was returned to the parking lot after the crime was committed, in time for the police to come across it sometime in the 9 p.m. hour.

Despite the seemingly strong case to be made for foul play in this case, it became the belief of the Grosse Pointe Farms police that night and remains its belief to this day that JoAnn Matouk Romain decided to commit suicide by leaving St. Paul’s, walking across the road and entering Lake St. Clair to drown herself.

Crime-scene experts like Sal Rastrelli and the Romans’ private investigator, Scott Lewis, believe it would have been nearly impossible for her to navigate the slippery, jagged pre-aquatic terrain at the breakwall in order to get herself in the water, not to mention her having to wade or swim some 200 to 400 yards of an ice-chipped lake before she would have reached a watermark of more than three feet deep to be submerged. All this while wearing 4-inch-heeled black leather boots.

Grosse Pointe Farms police officer Andy Rogers had been the first member of law enforcement to notice the Lexus SUV in the St. Paul’s parking lot and ran the plates originally at 9 p.m. before deciding to leave the situation alone. He was the officer that placed a call to the Coast Guard requesting help finding a missing woman in the water.

Like almost everything else in the timeline, when exactly that call was made is in heavy dispute. Rogers says he placed the call around 10:30 p.m. Bruce Czako, the Coast Guard petty officer that received his call that night, backs Rogers’ account and wrote down the time as 10:33 p.m. in his notes.

The official Coast Guard timestamping device tells a different story.

The call to the Coast Guard was logged at 9:30 p.m. in the USCG mainframe (known as “SITREP”: Coast Guard Situation Report). At 9:38 p.m., first responders were dispatched and at 9:51 p.m., a cavalry of Coast Guard helicopters, boats and divers came roaring into the area of water near St. Paul’s, per SITREP timestamps.

While JoAnn Matouk Romain’s three kids and brother John Matouk say they arrived on the scene at St. Paul’s between 10 and 10:10 p.m., the Grosse Pointe Farms police said the family got to the church parking lot closer to 11 p.m. Two handwritten notes, a half-dozen pages of the Coast Guard Search and Rescue file and affidavits signed by a pair of Coast Guard officers taking calls that night support the latter timeline.

Petty officer Czako testified in a deposition that he believed the times were entered incorrectly into the SITREP system manually. David Smith, a former high-ranking member of the Coast

Guard, testified in his deposition that the SITREP system is computer-generated and not manually operated.

Whenever they arrived at St. Paul’s, Matouk Romans’s family members came upon a dramatic scene, something straight out of the Fox television action drama “9.1.1.” or an old episode of “Law & Order.”

Matouk Romain’s children and brother John Matouk theorize that it was all a giant, highly choreographed act.

“The whole thing felt staged,” John Matouk recalls. “You would have thought the Queen of England went missing. Helicopters are criss-crossing over the church like in the movie ‘The Fugitive.’ The Coast Guard boats are blaring. For what? My sister had left her car in that parking lot dozens of times after church and went to go get something to eat; why would you assume she was missing? Why would you assume she jumped in the water? Last time I checked, footprints don’t make indentations in the pavement on Lakeshore Drive. She never went in the water by St. Paul’s; someone or a group of someones wanted to make it look like that though.”

When police opened the Lexus in the St. Paul’s parking lot, they found Matouk Romain’s purse and wallet containing \$1,500 dollars in cash. Her keys, cellphone and rosary beads were missing.

Grosse Pointe Woods police told one of the family’s private investigators, ex G-man, Bill Randall, that the only fingerprints found in the Lexus were of close family members; yet members of her family were never printed, and none of them had a government job which would have required fingerprints on file.

Quizzically, the call officer Andy Rogers placed to the Coast Guard (at either 9:30 or 10:30 p.m., depending on who you ask) was actually the second call regarding a missing woman in the water the Coast Guard logged that evening. Another identical call came in at 6 p.m., reporting a woman going into Lake St. Clair by St. Paul’s an hour earlier and her family in a frantic state looking for her.

This was 80 minutes before Matouk Romain went missing and while she was still in a meeting at the Blake Kirchner law office in downtown Detroit with her family’s attorney regarding the black mold civil suit she was involved in. There were no other reports of a missing woman or anybody else going into the water in that vicinity made to any of the Grosse Pointe police or St. Clair Shores police departments that night.

The Romans feel the first call is another sign of a cover-up.

“Someone jumped the gun; they called the Coast Guard too early, timestamps don’t lie,” Michelle Romain says.

Tips on the Matouk Romain case may be sent to burnsteinscott@gmail.com

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CONCERNS:

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gathering appropriate language through the aid of other cities' ethics ordinances.

Included are solicitation, gifts, personal gain and enrichment; conflicts of interest and disclosures; confidentially such as representing personal opinions to be those of the government and divulging confidential information before it's authorized to be released; abuse of power including abuse of the power of your office to intimidate or threaten other city employees or members of the public and use of your position to obtain financial gain for yourself and family; collective bargaining agreements; and civility, decorum and social media.

"That's a whole new issue and it's causing a lot of problems, so it's a very important one," Pemberton said of the last section.

Once the ordinance is drafted and dependent upon if council accepts it, the committee plans to disband and allow an ethics commission, made up of three people on rotating terms, to be formed. The commission will receive information to consider, rather than being an

investigative body, and is intended to have advisory opinion only, with council making final decisions.

Retiree healthcare concerns

With copies of labor contracts in hand, a group of Shores retirees made their case against the council's controversial vote to make retirees pick up 20 percent of their healthcare premiums during the public comment portion of the meeting.

While one such contract states those who retired before July 1, 2007, "or widows would not be required to participate in any form of premium cost sharing," — other contracts have similar language — the retirees said they understood the drafting committee is newly formed and are simply trying to do everything they can to be heard.

"We just need help here," said Dan Pullen, who served the city as dispatcher, officer and sergeant for 30 years. "We need somebody to help us."

Many of their ethical concerns with the council's decision revolve around the contracts, which were negotiated in good faith and not only contain agreements wherein retirees are assured benefits coverage even if it

ceases to current employees and that the city has the right to change healthcare providers only if similar coverage and comparable cost continues, but also include the requirement that any changes be discussed with the bargaining units prior to a decision.

The retirees were not notified of the decision until receiving a form from the new insurance company, which stated their healthcare benefits would be canceled if they did not sign.

"By filling out this form, myself with one child still underage, I have to pay out close to \$400 a month more in healthcare than I used to," Pullen explained. "Times that by 12, you can understand how this is affecting employees that didn't have this in their contract when they retired. We didn't plan for this at all."

"... Please protect our current and future retirees from unjust action from the village council," he added. "Please take this under advisement and ask yourself, do you really believe the village council is ethical in the way they're treating retirees? I really believe it's not."

The retirees held up their end of the contract for 30 years, they said, but now the city isn't holding up its end.

In response, the committee members requested the retirees submit brief language regarding their ethical concerns to be considered for inclusion within the draft ordinance.

"Your explanation is exactly why this ethics (committee) has been formed," Pemberton said.

The next meeting of the Shores ethics ordinance drafting committee is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13.

Dear Grosse Pointe Shores resident:

We would like to first begin this letter with an apology for finding it necessary to send this to the residents to whom we have dedicated our careers. However, due to recent actions by the City Council, we were left with no alternative.

If you were not aware, your Council recently voted to change what was promised to current and future retirees as it relates to our healthcare coverage. We would like to address the history of our retiree healthcare benefits, the Council's actions, and the future.

Your Public Safety Officers and Public Works employees negotiated in good faith with the City over many years to attain wages and benefits that were acceptable to both parties. There were many years that Public Safety employees on the behest of the City negotiators accepted lower wage increases or, in some years, no increases to maintain their retirement benefits. At the time, it was advantageous to the City to balance its budgets, and the employees accepted those demands in order to keep their healthcare. Also, during those negotiations, the City requested that employees begin contributing a portion of their pay to help offset costs to the City; the employees agreed and have been contributing.

It is also not disputed that having agreed in negotiations many years ago, the employees have been contributing a portion of their pay directly towards their own retiree healthcare costs to help offset costs for the City. Now, when it is time for those same employees to receive the agreed benefits, some members of the City Council have decided to break those promises.

At the May 19th Council meeting, by a 6-1 vote

(Kucyk against) the council passed a motion to institute a 20 percent charge for premiums to employees that have already retired, and they didn't stop there. Members of the Council also decided to change the co-pays and deductibles for Medicare eligible retirees beginning January 1, 2021. It should also be noted that the Council, as the C&G News pointed out, held the meeting by phone. If the Council had thought this was the right thing to do, it would not have taken place in the cover of darkness, with no prior notice to retirees, residents or even all the City Council members.

At the July City Council meeting, Dr. Raymond Rahi, a GPS resident stated to the Council that his children were taught that "keeping their word was always the honorable and right thing to do." That is all the retired employees are asking — "DO THE HONORABLE THING."

The City Council is making these changes based on a recent court ruling in favor of Macomb County. That ruling created a loophole around the contracts that city employees retired under. Macomb County officials were asked is there anything to preclude the county from taking away all health benefits from retirees if it so chooses — they responded by saying no "it's a moral commitment" and continued to say that the "benefits will be provided." Macomb County recognized the moral commitment to its retirees; however, Grosse Pointe Shores is using the same case to directly violate promises made and change coverages and costs to its current retirees.

At the July Council meeting a motion to repeal its earlier decision and to send it to the finance committee for an actuarial review was made. Although two Council members reversed their earlier vote (Barrette and Cavataio), this was rejected by Mayor Ted Kedzierski, Matthew Seely, John Seago and Danielle Gelhert.

Grosse Pointe Shores is now the only City in the area to ignore its commitments to its retirees in order to save approximately \$130,000. This from a community that has a AAA bond rating, and, contrary to what any of the politicians might state, Grosse Pointe Shores "has not been cited by the State of Michigan for underfunded status," according to longtime Financial Officer Rhonda Ricketts.

We think it is also important to speak to the current employee morale and the future of the department. Over the last

eight years, after removing retirement healthcare and a defined pension plan from new employees, the turnover rate of new Public Safety Officers is near 90 percent. At a time when law enforcement officers are under attack, the stresses of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and recruiting and retention difficulties are at all-time highs, is this the time we want to send the message to our employees that we don't honor our commitments? Dr. Raymond Rahi, offered this to City Council saying "when other cities are not standing with their officers, this is a chance for Grosse Pointe Shores to say that we stand with our officers." He urged the Council to rescind its motion and do the right thing.

Here are two examples of the effect this will have on your retired officers. An officer was injured during a trench collapse rescue and was forced to retire due to a debilitating injury. He now receives a pension of \$40,143 per year to support his wife and two children. This change made by City Council now costs him \$4,078 per year, 10 percent of his income — leaving him \$36,065 per year to live on. As you can see, this is a significant penalty handed to an officer who was promised this benefit after being permanently injured while serving the fine residents of Grosse Pointe Shores. The second example is of a retired officer who is also a Vietnam veteran. He and his wife are currently on Medicare and he receives minimal Social Security benefits. He served the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores for 28 years and retired in 2004. His pension is \$43,462 per year and the changes made by City Council now cost him \$3,056 for premium cost sharing and deductibles, which is 7 percent of his income. Many of the retirees do not receive Social Security benefits and there are some that do not and will not receive Medicare.

We are asking for your help. It is our hope to see you at the next City Council meeting to support those who faithfully serve(d) this great community. Reach out to an elected official and ask them to honor their commitments to the dedicated public servants who have now retired.

In closing, we ... want to take this time to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
GPS Retirees

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on front lawns; hook PVC pipes to porches to slide candy through with kids putting their bags at the end; and place a kiddie slide decorated with lights on the front lawn to send candy down.

City administrations across the Pointes are recommending those who choose to partake in the festivities follow a set of trick-or-treat guidelines, which are consistent with those of the state, Wayne County and the CDC. While the typical precautions are included — adults should accompany children, reflective clothing/costumes should be worn and parents should carefully inspect the treats — the recommendations also reflect necessities for a holiday taking place during a pandemic:

Incorporate a face mask into the costume, although masks should not be worn by anyone younger than 2 years old or those with trouble breathing; trick-or-treat in small groups and keep a minimum distance of 6 feet from other participants; pass out candy from outside the home; and use hand sanitizer after coming in contact with strangers or strange objects.

It also is recommended to trick-or-treat between 5 and 8 p.m.

“If people choose to do trick-or-treating, we would urge them to follow federal, state and county health department guidelines for being safe and to consider alternatives that don’t involve close contact or large groups,” City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said.

For the first time in a decade, the annual Trick or Treating in The Village on Halloween day will not take place, he added, since it violates state health department rules on large gatherings.

Instead, The Village merchants are putting on a photo contest called “A Halloween to Remember” of people, particularly children, in costume. The contest runs until 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, and winners will receive treat bags. Photos should be submitted via Facebook Messenger to The Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe.

“Once this once-in-a-hundred-years pandemic is over, we will of course continue this tradition,” Dame said of Trick or Treating in The Village.

Hob Nobbin’ with the Goblins at Lake Front Park, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16, also was canceled.

Other Pointes are carrying on versions of their Halloween festivities, altered for safety precautions, such as It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown Read-Along Halloween Trail at Pier Park and Halloween in the Park at Windmill Pointe Park Saturday, Oct. 24, and the Mini Boo Fest at Osius Park Wednesday, Oct. 21.

“I think it’s going to be a great time,” Shores Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk said prior to the event. “We’re just trying to get through (the pandemic) and still offer our residents top-end services.”

SIGNS:

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Currently, the issue is being reviewed by Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly Watts, with intention to set a meeting with Farms city officials.

Coming out of the meeting, the city is hoping to see a significant reduction in signage along the stretch.

“We’re on it and we’ll continue to be on it,” Theros said.

As it stands, the signs exist at each intersection and turnaround. When driving down Moran to Lakeshore, for example, there is a set of arrows indicating a right turn, but just a bit farther up, arrows indicate a left turn.

“Obviously, the idea is to let people know that it’s a separated roadway and



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Oddly placed signs look like they are telling drivers not to enter the lake.

that you can’t just make an immediate left when you get to the first roadway and you go past the island to the second roadway to make a left,” City Manager Shane Reeside explained. “I think it’s intuitive. People know it. It hasn’t been an issue.”

“Do not enter” signs also are placed to the left at the ends of roads intersecting with Lakeshore.

“We do have on occasion people who do go the wrong way, but on those occasions, it is usually in the middle of the night and they’re OWIs,” Theros said, “so no sign in the world is going to stop someone who unfortunately is drunk driving and going the wrong way.”

SEAWALL:

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the ball rolling, the seawall is Wayne County’s responsibility. A Zoom meeting with the county was held Sept. 30, to discuss the study’s findings.

The next steps, according to Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, are to meet with the state’s congressional delegation following November’s election and begin seeking federal funding.

In the meantime, short-term repairs, such as one to a sinkhole endangering the Shores’ sanitary sewer system in May — a steel sheet was placed directly behind the seawall before the space was filled with stone and cement — likely will remain ongoing.

“In the event that we

see the seawall has undermined the earth to the extent that it’s putting existing infrastructure in jeopardy, there may need to be some short-term repairs,” Reeside said. “For instance, if we saw that it was washing away up to the roadway and it was in jeopardy of undermining the road, the county would make some repairs to those areas where infrastructure was in danger, whether it be road or sewer lines or any existing infrastructure.”

The good news for the seawall is that this month’s projections of Lake St. Clair water levels by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found a greater likelihood of decrease than increase in levels in the next six months, meaning continued deterioration could be a little less.

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to enable us to fix this “Fix It” list:

Our First-Rate Slate “Fix It” List

- ◆ **GET OUR KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL.** The planning needed to get our kids and staff safely back to school was not done. Competing schools made it happen. We need a board who won’t take “no” for an answer to safe in-person instruction!
- ◆ **RE-OPEN POUPARD AND TROMBLY SCHOOLS.** Our claim to fame to attract young families used to be our walkable elementary schools. What did we do? We closed the elementary schools in our most affordable neighborhoods!
- ◆ **BRING BACK THE STUDENTS WE LOST.** Our poor back-to-school planning cost us 300 students. We need to meet with these families and do whatever we have to do to bring them back to our schools. They are part of our community, too!
- ◆ **PHASE 5TH GRADE BACK TO OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.** Fifth grade is just too young for middle school. Our fifth graders deserve playgrounds and the chance to be kids instead of teenagers for fifth grade!
- ◆ **GET OUR ACCOUNTING IN ORDER.** Our 2018-19 audit came with a \$2.2 million surprise. We need tighter controls!
- ◆ **START TREATING OUR TAXPAYERS LIKE NEIGHBORS, NOT STRANGERS.** We need to implement a regular meeting system where residents can ask our school board and administration questions and ACTUALLY GET ANSWERS!
- ◆ **LEARN FROM OUR STAFF, DON’T SCARE THEM.** We need to open our ears to our staff with a direct board-to-staff message system so that we can learn from those who know our schools best without them feeling uncomfortable sharing.
- ◆ **EMBRACE DIVERSITY AND ADVANCE EQUITY.** Every student and staff member has to feel that our schools are the best possible place for them to be every day! Policies and systems need to be put into place to guarantee this to everyone!



Cindy Pangborn

Committed School System Advocate

There is no one who can question Cindy’s commitment to our schools and our children. Despite the disrespect she has received from the other members of the present board, she has continued to fight for what’s right for our children and our taxpayers.

Cindy’s knowledge of what has been going on with our school board will be invaluable in our efforts to get our schools back on track. We need her to roll up her sleeves and fix things NOW!

Why elect the entire First-Rate Slate?

In short, we need all five members of this First-Rate Slate elected to get the “Fix It” list fixed **NOW!**

These items can’t wait for countless meetings, committees and focus groups to be fixed. They are hurting our kids, our staff, our taxpayers, our property values and the reputation of our schools.

While these five candidates will bring different perspectives and expertise to our board, they are all true leaders who have an unwavering commitment to making sure the “Fix It” list items are dealt with as soon as humanly possible.

If you want to see the “Fix It” list fixed NOW, elect the entire First-Rate Slate!



John Steininger

Business Leader Fundraising Expert

With fifty years of local business as well as telecommunications leasing experience under his belt, John’s knowledge will be essential in unraveling the Rocket Fiber bottomless well.

One of the tasks our board will be tasked with is garnering the financial support of our community members. John comes well prepared for this task, having put a fundraising program in place for the GPS Grid Iron Club that has raised over \$700,000 to date!



Ahmed Ismail

School Governance and Operations Expertise

Of the 4,000 sitting school board members in Michigan, only 113 have received a higher level of school governance and operation certification than Ahmed!

As a result of teaching and mentoring other school board members around the state, Ahmed has the connections in place for us to learn from school systems who have done what we need done so that we aren’t reinventing the wheel!

His construction experience makes him a great watchdog for our bond dollars!



Lisa Papas

Full Time Teacher Arts Advocate

Having a full time teacher on our board is a must—having one that is also a high school parent committed to our Arts programs is a real find—that’s Lisa Papas!

Lisa is 110% committed to getting our students and staff back in our buildings safely, especially our special ed students who have been without PT/OT services.

Having raised six children in our school system, Lisa knows what our schools used to be and what work needs to be done to get our schools back on top!



Lauren Nowicki

Stay-at-Home Mom Former Educator

Lauren and her family moved to GP for our walkable elementary schools. Making sure Poupard and Trombly are re-opened is on top of the Fix It list for Lauren!

With children in elementary and middle school, Lauren’s perspective on attracting young families will be a great asset to our school board. Her professional training as an educator will help our board put the right staff communication systems in place so that we truly collaborate with our staff to make our schools great again!

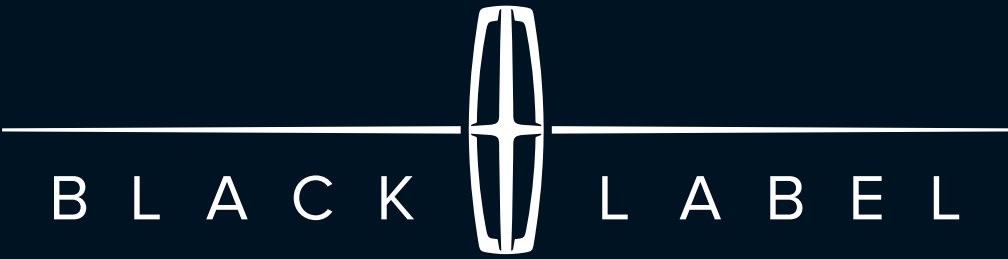
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Back in the buildings District rolls out in-person hybrid learning

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Students in Young 5 to grade 2 began face-to-face learning in their elementary school buildings Monday, Oct. 12, and the principals overseeing their safe return are billing it as a success.

“It’s going incredibly well,” said Ferry Elementary School Principal Jodie Randazzo. “We spent a lot of time planning for a slow and safe return and it shows in the process of kids returning this week. The kids are remarkable. You would think that they had done this before and parents did a wonderful job of preparing them for the return to school.”

Deserving special credit, she added, were the kindergarten and Young 5 students.

“They’ve never even come to school before and they just rolled with it. It just shows you the resiliency of children.”

Protocols

Teachers spent the first few days going over safety procedures such as mask-wearing, hand-washing and entering and departing the building. Partitions were provided to each student to use during snack or lunchtime, small group work with a teacher or when remaining six feet apart wasn’t possible.

Students spend the day with their classroom teacher and cohort while specials such as music, art, gym, library and Spanish take place during their at-home learning days, Randazzo noted, with the special teachers providing lessons students can do at a time that works best for every family’s situation. They also provide live sessions students can attend, with a special schedule set at each grade level.

Cohort A attends Monday and Thursday and cohort B attends Tuesday and Friday, with each cohort attending on



COURTESY PHOTO

Stacey Allemon welcomes her second-grade students into the building at Monteith Elementary School.

alternating Wednesdays.

Home learning days are spent using digital resources or working on curriculum and content to prepare students for their face-to-face learning or as a follow-up to their classroom lessons.

“This week has been amazing,” Randazzo said. “Being in school without kids just didn’t seem right. Just to see them smiling through their eyes and having fun on the playground. They amaze me. It really is remarkable how they have been able to transition with such a positive attitude under such different circumstances.”

“Personally I needed this time back in the classroom and so did the teachers,” she added.

Smooth transition

The return to school also was a success at Monteith Elementary School, according to Principal Shelleyann Keelean.

“We had an awesome start back to school,” Keelean said. “With the way that the hybrid was set up with cohort A and B, it has provided the teachers the opportunity to really get to know the students because it’s smaller groups. With all of the

(personal protective equipment) we’ve put in place within the buildings, it has been such a smooth transition for kids because expectations were set ahead of time for them. We have kids who are cooperating and excited to be back. They feel safe and welcomed. Our parents and Monteith community members have just been wonderful supporting all of the different expectations with the masks, with the partitions. It’s been a wonderful face-to-face start to the school year.”

For new students — those in kindergarten, Young 5 and transitioning from Poupard Elementary School — the virtual start to the year helped, Keelean said.

“The teachers got to have one-on-one conversations with each family,” she noted. “Through those Zoom meetings, they got to know the students. They got to know strengths about them, interests, so when they got into the classrooms face-to-face, they had built that one-on-one relationship with those families. I think that was really helpful for our new families to Monteith. It helped build them into the community and welcomed them here.”

Team effort

Kerby Elementary School Principal Walter Fitzpatrick called the process “a collective effort.”

“We’re not alone in creating this plan,” he said. “We’re not alone trying to think through scenarios. All the elementary principals have been very supportive of each other. You couldn’t ask for more from the central office folks — (deputy superintendents) Jon Dean and Amanda Matheson — and the maintenance crew. It’s been a true collective team effort to make sure everything’s in place, things are safe and we can actually conduct school now. To me, that was one thing I personally have been so appreciative of. There are a lot of hands in this working together. I’ll be honest; we haven’t all agreed on things, but we’ve been able to come to a good understanding and a good place so we can move forward for the kids.”

What has been difficult for Fitzpatrick, who is new to the Kerby community after serving 16 years as principal at Trombly Elementary School, was not being able to build relationships at the beginning of the school year during remote learning.



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Mason Elementary School student Isabelle Hopkins reads at her desk behind a partition in Margarete Scheich’s Young 5 class.

Now that students and teachers are in the buildings, they are wearing masks, making it difficult for him to see their faces.

The teachers and students, on the other hand, spent five weeks getting to know one another on the computer screen, so this isn’t an issue for them, he said.

In fact, Fitzpatrick believes this may account for the smooth transition, in particular for the kindergarten and Young 5 students.

“I think we’ve had less tears at kindergarten drop-off than I’ve seen in a long time,” he said.

In general, “the kids have been amazing,” he said, adding the return to school “has probably gone better than I would have anticipated. All kids are wearing their masks. Parents are following the protocols. Staff is going above and beyond. People are willing to pitch in.”

This didn’t happen by accident, he noted.

“A lot of the foundation for us to come back began way back in June and July. There was a committee — a large group of people who worked to lay the foundation in terms of generalizations about what return to school looks like. That allowed us to build a more specific plan.”

The credit goes to the staff for setting up routines and the parents for recognizing the importance of following the protocols, he said.

Fitzpatrick said he expects similar success during the return for third

and fourth graders beginning Monday, Oct. 19.

“As long as we continue to work together, I look forward to a complete school year at Kerby,” he said.

Worth the effort

Working together also was the key to success at Richard Elementary School, according to Principal John Kernan.

“Our school, staff and community have been through a lot as we have navigated through virtual learning and now our hybrid style,” he said. “We have had to work together in ways we never have, extend understanding and grace in new ways, and support our student’s emotional well-being along with their academic growth.”

All the hard work was worth it Oct. 12, “when the kids entered our doors and filled our classrooms,” he continued. “It was not how it usually is, but the sounds, laughs and learning makes it all worthwhile. Each day has gotten better and better as the kids become more comfortable and the staff gets used to a different way of instruction. It has been incredible to see everyone pull together for our kids. It takes a village to raise a child and this year has shown that more than ever.”

Kernan added he is grateful for “our parents’ understanding, our staff’s dedication and our kids’ resilience. They have all shown why Richard is such a great place to be.”

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Fifth graders rule the middle school

The week is off to a great start in the middle schools as well, with the first cohort of fifth graders getting their bearings beginning Monday, Oct. 19, before they are joined by the older students.

“It was great to have kids in the building, to hear their voices, to see them and just to connect with them,” said Pierce Middle School Principal Sara Dirkse.

The first to learn the new protocols during the gradual roll-out to in-person hybrid learning, the fifth graders were respectful of the new safety protocols, she added, including wearing face masks appropriately.

“They listened to directions and they were honest and said they were a little bit nervous, but they were excited at the same time,” Dirkse said.

Students and staff initially met on the field. While music played, Pierce staff and eighth-grade leaders in the WEB — Where Everyone Belongs — program “clapped them in the building as they walked in for the first time,” Dirkse said.

All the staff joined the fifth-grade teachers for this first-time welcome.

“Our staff really wanted to support our fifth-grade teachers, who are really leading the

charge here in bringing kids back to Pierce,” Dirkse said.

Eighth-grade WEB leaders were on hand at Parcels Middle School too, according to Principal Dan Hartley, giving the fifth graders “the welcome they deserve.”

“So far, everything is going smooth and, after so much planning, we are excited to finally see fifth-grade students at Parcels,” Hartley said. “While this is not the first day that any of us would have expected, our students and staff are thrilled to be back learning in person.”

— Mary Anne Brush



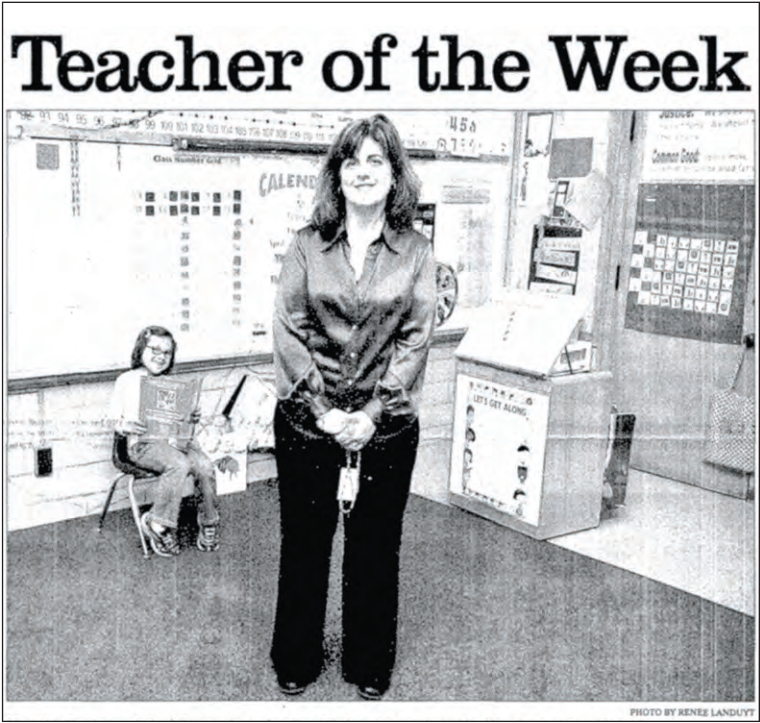
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Fifth grader Brady Bond carries his partition with him to his next class. All the students are given individual partitions to set up on their desks.

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FROM THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS ARCHIVES

Alice Scott, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, has a history of supporting her teachers. She is pictured above right with Cheri Trefney, her first-grade teacher at Monteith Elementary School, whom she nominated for Grosse Pointe News’ Teacher of the Week.

South student pushes for positive posts

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Alice Scott is tired of the negativity. She recently began following GPPSS Community Discussion on Facebook, a forum created for residents to discuss issues with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and decided it was time to push back. Scott has a different perspective than many people posting on this or other community Facebook forums. She isn’t a parent or a taxpayer; she’s a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School. The 17-year-old also has a younger brother and sister, so she sees firsthand the impact the new coronavirus has had on students’ ability to learn.

“There’s always something bad to say,” Scott said. “Then I comment and parents find ways to negate any positivity and I think it’s so sad. Kids more than parents understand that there are more important things right now than rushing back to school. I think kids know that it’s a safety issue. Even the seniors who are missing a lot.” One example she gave was frustration over the difficulty in taking SATs. Parents “berated the district” about this, Scott said. Accommodations were made to host the SATs at South Oct. 14 and 15. “A teacher who doesn’t even work in the district anymore who has constantly horrible things to say about the administration posted pictures announcing the school is

a horrible environment,” Scott said. “I went yesterday and it was a perfect environment for SATs.” In the midst of the constant criticism, “the teachers are doing their best,” she added. “All of my teachers are extremely supportive, extremely accommodating.” And while students complain and say they want to go back, they recognize it’s not safe. “Every time I hear a kid complain about going back, it’s ‘I want to go back, but it’s just not safe. We can’t do this to our teachers,’” Scott said. “Can you imagine having a favorite teacher get sick and then waiting to see if they get better?” In her opinion, the parents who are doing the most complaining are the

ones whose children aren’t taking advantage of the resources being provided. For example, while the school day ends at 1 p.m., “teachers are on Zoom ’til 4 p.m.,” Scott said. “There are opportunities for kids to succeed until we go back. I think parents are focusing on where the district is going wrong rather than focusing on their child.” Scott recognizes the importance of face-to-face learning for younger students like her first-grade sister and third-grade brother. But for “kids my age, we’re almost adults. It’s up to us to make the best of this,” she said. “High schoolers — aside from kids who have learning difficulties — are self-sufficient,” she added. “We can handle it. I think parents are focusing on the wrong thing here and ruining it.” Scott posted a chal-

lenge to parents to “come up with two positive things to say about this district to give me my faith back in the system currently providing my education.” The thread elicited nearly 100 comments in 18 hours — all positive except for one critic who wrote: “What you are witnessing are employees and board members who have failed to perform. It is them whom you should blame if any(one).” While this person continued to point to problems within the school district, Scott responded: “I understand about those issues; that is not my point. My point is that this is not the place to expect them to be solved. Go to board meetings. Push and petition for these issues. Take real action. My point is that flooding a Facebook group full of people who are on the same page isn’t

going to do much other than create negativity instead of motivation.” The majority of responses focused on the quality of education and excellence of the teaching and administrative staff. “Please don’t let the parents that are overly vocal and negative on this site represent how all the parents here feel,” one person cautioned. “GP is such a hidden gem for so many reasons. It’s an amazing place to grow up. I am a proud GPS grad and you should be too. I love having my kids in the beautiful schools we have here and with some of the best teachers in the country.” Scott made her point — and earned a few fans along the way. “Let me know when you run for office,” one person commented. “I’ll donate and put up a lawn sign. You could go all the way, kid.”

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Jake and the double robot

Telepresence robot puts remote learner in the classroom

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A week or so into the school year, students at University Liggett School saw a new classmate in the hallways and classrooms. Freshman Jake Juip, a Liggett Merit Scholar, began his first year at ULS as a remote learner, but joined his peers physically as a self-driving, two-wheeled telepresence robot.

Director of Information Services Karen Villegas, who is Juip's adviser and the remote learning coordinator for the upper school, had the idea when Juip's mother, Maureen, approached her about ways to engage her son more with in-class learning. Villegas remembered a few years ago a kindergarten student used the robot to interact with her classes when she had a medical issue.

The Juip family opted for ULS's remote option

rather than in-person learning because Jake, who has Friedrich's ataxia — a rare genetic disease that causes difficulty walking and can also affect the heart — is considered high risk for contracting COVID-19. The robot allows him mobility in class while he operates it from the safety of his home computer.

With the help of Mike Medvinsky, program dean for pedagogy and innovation, Juip was up and running. Medvinsky set up the double robot in a central location at ULS and met with Juip on Zoom to show him the interface.

Juip logs in from home from his browser and has complete control over the robot. Front-facing and downward-facing cameras help him navigate around and his face appears on the monitor so classmates and teachers can recognize him.

"A really unique feature of this particular robot is it has a gyroscope that keeps it upright," Medvinsky said. "And so there's nobody that needs to make sure that it doesn't fall over. If Jake accidentally bumps into

something or gets bumped in the hallway or something like that, it will auto-correct and become stable once again."

According to Villegas, Juip took to it "like a fish to water." She recalled seeing him in the hallway with the other students greeting him by name.

Medvinsky observed the robot entering and leaving the library and the other students' initial reactions.

"At first the learners who were physically with us were surprised that there was an autonomous rolling robot around," Medvinsky said. "Once they understood what it was, people say, 'Hello.' People say, 'Excuse me.' They know if they're standing in front of the charger or the base station, they'll move out of the way so that Jake doesn't have to navigate around them. So there's some social cues that people get — new social cues we're learning because we have telepresence around."

"All the teachers and my classmates they're super incorporating with the robot and online learning, which is awesome," Juip said. "Everybody's super kind. And I feel like it's a really awesome learning environment for me."

Juip loves the school's academic environment in general, which he observed when he shadowed classes while an eighth grader at St. Paul Catholic School. He particularly enjoys the block scheduling.

"What's really nice about Liggett is we have an hour and 30-minute class periods, so we

really get to dive deep into our topics," he said. "Instead of just briefly touching on something, we can really think about it more and talk about it as a class more."

"We start at 8:45 and ... because I'm an online learner, I don't have to put my backpack in my locker," he continued. "I can just log on to the robot. And I drive to my first class. Today it was biology and we had a really cool lab where we measured how long it would take for Alka-Seltzer to dissolve in water and vinegar. I could move the robot around and interact with my classmates as we did the lab together, which was really nice and incorporating — something I couldn't do on Zoom."

While online learning on Zoom was working well during the first week of school, "this is just taking it to a whole new level," Maureen Juip said. "He comes away from the computer happy and it's fun ... to hear him engaging so much more because he's so much more part of it. And I think for him being able to see the other students talking was an important thing, because sometimes if the Zoom camera is static, he can see the teacher, but he can't always see who's responding from his classmates. But with the robot, he can pivot and see who's talking and get a sense of who these kids are. Because he's new to the school ... he can start to see who his classmates are and get to know them a little bit more, even though he isn't there physically in person."

Maureen Juip is grateful to Villegas not only for coming up with the idea of the robot, but for welcoming her son into her advisory class, even including him during lunchtime.

"She has been just



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Top, Jake Juip, attending biology class from home, checks out a POGIL worksheet his classmate shares with him on screen. POGIL stands for process-oriented guided inquiry learning. Above, this is how Juip appears to his classmates as he works in a small group to learn about prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and the cell structures that can be found in each.

really fantastic in embracing him, embracing his role as an online learner and really integrating him into the freshman experience at Liggett," she said. "We're super grateful for all that she's done to go above and beyond to really make this a positive experience for him."

"He's just so wonderful," Villegas said about Juip, whom she also instructs in her ninth-grade academic research project class. "He's kind and he's polite and the kids love him. His personality is fantastic."

She added he is good at advocating for himself.

"If something isn't working really well for him ... he's really good about saying, 'Hey, is there a way

that this can happen?'"

For example, it was his idea to include a representative for remote learners on the student government — and now he's running for that position.

"His personality is to just really be involved in everything that's going on in the school and this gives him that opportunity," Villegas said.

Medvinsky agreed the opportunities provided by the double robot extend beyond academics.

"If you are strictly Zooming into class, you just close your screen and log into something else and it opens the screen and it's just the next classroom and you're doing the next activity," he said. "But when you are navigating around the school, you bump into friends in the hallway — literally bump into friends — but it's more of a social experience as well. ... We were never charged to replicate a school day on Zoom. That was never a thing. But I think that this was a way to kind of bring that personal connection back to friends who can't join us in the building."

On the academic side, Medvinsky said the double robot allows Juip to "come to class and share his screen, be in smaller collaborative groups, navigate about the room where and when he needs to without relying on the teacher to turn the camera this way, or turn the camera that way and

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An inspiration and a blessing

Joe Smith, head coach of University Liggett School's cross-country team, said he gets excited every time he sees Jake Juip's "bike flag coming around the corner."

Juip was inspired to reach out to the coach to ask if he could practice with the team after seeing runners while he was out for a ride on his recumbent trike.

Smith not only agreed to have Juip practice with the team, but welcomed him to compete in meets as well.

While Juip's mother, Maureen, said students at ULS are encouraged to participate in two extra-curricular activities a year, it never occurred to her athletics would be possible for Jake, who has lost the ability to walk and relies on a variety of mobility devices.

"The cross-country thing has been just tremendous," she said. "... He's been able to be a full member of the team, which has been just a really incredible opportunity."

"The team has been so encouraging," she added. "The coach will go and run right next to him at the end. ... The team members greet them at the end of the race and it's been such a fantastic experience for him."

In spite of the grueling workout, she noted she picks him up "happier than I drop him off."



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Jake Juip rounds the track during a University Liggett School cross-country competition.

"Honestly, he is one of the best people I've ever met in my life," Smith said. "... He's been an incredible person for the team. He's by far the hardest worker on the team and he's so inspiring to everyone else. He always has a great attitude. He's funny. He just always wants to have fun."

He also isn't afraid to jump right into races, Smith added.

"What's crazy is it's harder for him because he's biking on grass. This isn't on the roads or anything. It's uphill, downhill. He's pedaling and it (takes) him probably double the time. Sometimes he's out there on a 3-mile course for 40 minutes. But he doesn't

stop. His chain will come loose. He's hot, he's tired, but he doesn't stop."

His teammates are "great with him," he added. "They're very respectful of who he is. He's the same with them."

For example, the first thing Juip does when he finishes a race, Smith said, is ask "how the other kids did."

"It's crazy because (the Juips) see (Jake's participation) as a blessing, but I see it as a blessing too. Jake came into my life at the perfect time. Quarantine has been insane for me, especially mentally. To hear every time what he's been experiencing, but to still have a smile on his face, is so inspiring to me."

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option, the program remains steady at about 1,100 students from Young 5 through grade 12, with 85 families making the switch to One GP Virtual.

Whether students remained with the program or elected to switch, "I think the district is trying the best they can to be friendly to families right now," Delgado said. "We're all living in this world of ambiguity. The one thing COVID taught (us) is to never say never. We're trying to reassess every day to make sure we're doing what's right for kids."

Enrolled as instructors in One GP Virtual are 17 elementary school, 17 middle school and 33 high school teachers. At the elementary level, the teachers spend 100 percent of their time in the program. In the middle school, eight teachers are 100 percent virtual while the remainder switch between the virtual and traditional programs to offer a range of electives.

At the high schools, only



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Fourth-grader Annaliese Kalus on her first day of school with teacher Kiera Filbin.

six teach 100 percent virtually — two in the English department, two in science, one in social studies and one in math — due to the breadth of courses offered in those subject areas, Delgado said.

"More than anything, I've been so impressed with the students, the teachers, the families — how we have adjusted to this new normal and not only adjusted, but flourished," she said. "It's been very impressive."

While it was natural to feel skeptical at first about something so new, Delgado said she believes parents

have "been pleasantly surprised with the creativity of the teachers to build engagement online and to connect with the children."

One high school teacher, for example, shared how he begins Zoom meetings 10 minutes early so students can check in with him before class begins.

Delgado added she is excited to be a part of something so new.

"I feel invigorated because I feel like we as a virtual team are building something from the ground up that could really be a novel way to instruct students."

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"It was wonderful to have the youngest learners back at Defer this week," Defer Elementary School Principal Lisa Rheame said. "It still seemed quiet in the hallways without all

the students. This week, I noticed many new friendships starting in the classroom and on the playground between students. While I could not see the smiles under the masks, I could hear the laughter and feel the excitement of the students starting back to school. We have had

many changes to keep kids even safer in the building over the past few weeks and we are settling into routines, building strong relationships with learners in small groups and supporting families with the transition to a new school and new school procedures for everyone."

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move it to one group or move it to another group.

And I think that Jake has more of an immersive experience because he has autonomy over his presence in the classroom.

"This was kind of our prototype, our maiden voyage with it," he added. "And now I think, because we've found so much success with it we will try

to expand our fleet into more kids using double robots in school. And then thinking about what it might look like for the future of Liggett how to

expand our program when kids or grownups or teachers or anything like that can join us during the day in a way that we can still continue to

be physically distanced, but also really share some of the unique experiences that we're creating at Liggett with others."

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School board candidates address challenges ahead

Seventeen candidates vying for five seats — 14 for a four-year term and three for a two-year term — on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education shared with the Grosse Pointe News during individual Zoom interviews their views on the main challenges facing the school district, ideas for managing those challenges, their reasons for running and what makes them uniquely qualified to serve.

The hot topics were the new coronavirus pandemic and its impact on face-to-face ver-

sus remote learning, budgetary issues and the controversial reconfiguration resulting in the closure of two elementary schools and fifth grade move from elementary to middle school.

Candidates agreed — for a host of reasons — schools of choice is not the right approach for the school district. Opinions varied on when face-to-face learning should resume. Similarly, while candidates concurred school closures were not desirable, views ranged on which schools, if any, should close, with some candidates supporting closures in the face of

declining enrollment and budget constraints and others advocating for walkable neighborhood schools. Opinions also ranged on the fifth grade move.

— Mary Anne Brush

Editor's note: Recognizing the importance of this election for the future of our schools, we are rerunning the candidate profiles in this our full-run issue of the Grosse Pointe News. We also invited the candidates to provide up to 100 of their own words to supplement their profiles. They are included below in italics.

4-year term



Kathleen M.M. Abke

Incumbent
Age: 53
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: B.A., communications and M.A., counseling, Oakland University
Profession: Licensed professional counselor: Pontiac Public Schools, Turning Point, Lutheran Child & Family Services, Common Ground Crisis Center; counseling supervisor: private and at Oakland University; communications: Campbell Ewald, Aegis Publishing, Performance Resource Press, Allied Film & Video
Volunteer activities: BOE trustee, secretary, vice president, facilities chair, blue ribbon committee member; Mason Elementary PTO president, vice president, BOE observer, Fall Festival chair, Spring Tin Can Auction chair, room parent; Parcels PTO Bazaar volunteer; Grosse Pointe North volunteer; Little League Baseball coach, A, AA, AAA, Junior & Senior leagues for Woods-Shores and Farms-City; Boy Scouts of America — Cake Bake chair and volunteer; Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society

Kathleen Abke is running for a second term on the board because she wants to complete the work started during her tenure.

“I believe in the work we’ve been doing,” she said. “I know some parts of the community are not happy with the changes that have been made, but we’ve built up fund equity, we’ve reconfigured the building situation so that resources can get to more kids in a more efficient and effective way.

“We are working really hard — and the administration is too — on issues of equity, which I think are really important,” she added. “And I want to see that work continue. I want to be a part of that.”

Abke was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy and was elected in 2016. Having previously served as secretary, she currently is vice president and chairs the facilities committee. Her volunteer work with the school district includes

having served as PTO president and vice president at Mason Elementary School.

It was while watching the process as a Mason PTO board observer Abke first became interested in joining the board. While each year there were issues, “This has been a really contentious last four years because so many changes have happened,” she noted.

For example, the decision to close Poupard and Trombly elementary schools and move fifth grade to middle school in response to declining enrollment was a controversial one.

“Nobody on the board favored closing schools, period,” Abke said. “But it was what we had to do when we went from 12,000 to just over 7,000 students. Our resources were spread too thin.”

Abke added she was excited about the fifth grade move to middle school because “fifth grade isn’t changing; it’s moving buildings. But they still have the same fifth-grade experience they had in elementary school. However, they have more (extracurricular) options now.”

Having had the opportunity to work closely with central administration during some turbulent times, Abke praised the administrators’ response, in particular to reconfiguration and the pandemic.

The reconfiguration process, she noted, involved significant input from the community while during the pandemic, teachers and students “had to turn on a dime” to transition to online learning following the governor’s stay-at-home order.

“There was no preparation. It happened immediately,” Abke said. “And we looked at what worked and what didn’t work and the district has spent a tremendous amount of time looking at how can we do this better.”

While she agrees classroom learning is better for students, she supports the district’s decision to begin the school year remotely.

Abke believes she is qualified to continue to serve the school district due to her experience as a board member, her dedication as a long-time parent, passion for the job and expertise as a counselor advocating for children.

“Kids absolutely need to be the focus when we make these big decisions,” she said. “I think it’s important for the community to know that’s what’s important to me and will continue to be important to me.”



George Bailey

Age: 47
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: Master of Architecture, Texas Tech University (5-year continuous program)
Profession: 25+ year career in architecture; owner, Bailey-Built, PLLC
Volunteer activities: GPPSS Bond Oversight Committee member; GPPSS Educational Programs Leadership Council member; Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission vice chair; Woods Historical Commission treasurer (2019), member (2018-2019) and volunteer (current); GPPSS Blue Ribbon Committee member; Parcels Middle School PTO and Grosse Pointe North High School Parents Club volunteer and board observer; North varsity football and Red Barons varsity football volunteer assistant coach; St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church CYO boys basketball coach; Michigan High School Football Coaches Association member.
Memberships: American Institute of Architects, Detroit chapter

Upon arriving in Michigan the summer of 2017, George Bailey wasted no time getting involved in the community, adding to a long list of prior volunteer activities while he and his family lived in Dallas and abroad. This included serving on a school board for an international school in Israel, where he was heavily involved in delivering a 5-year strategic plan.

As an architect, Bailey is used to taking a big-picture view to arrive at creative and sustainable solutions. Serving on the five-member bond oversight advisory committee — a committee formed to oversee the \$111 million in bond projects approved by voters in November 2018 — has given him an insider’s look into the changes underway.

Living abroad also has contributed to a broader perspective he hopes to share as a board member to address the issues facing the school district.

Top among these are declining enrollment which, tied directly to funding, impacts the district’s programming and operational needs, he said.

“And then we have this

pandemic on our hands, which we’ve been told is going to (result in) even further budget cuts,” he added. “And so hard decisions had to be made and I think there’s going to be even harder decisions coming forward the next couple of years.”

Closing schools to address this decline is a “hot button issue with a lot of folks,” Bailey said. The key to moving forward, in his view, is a board that is fiscally responsible and diligent in keeping fund equity — currently at 15 percent — in place, while maintaining and preserving programs and staffing.

Bailey was a member of the blue ribbon committee formed in 2019 to serve as a community sounding board for the reconfiguration process. While he didn’t agree with the decision to close Poupard and Trombly elementary schools specifically, he recognized the need to focus resources on programs and staffing.

“I’m in the building business, but I would rather sacrifice the buildings and provide the (funding) for the quality programming for the kids, the teachers,” he said.

Another top issue — and a difficult, but necessary, conversation, in his view — is about race, equity and inclusion.

“To me, equity and inclusion also means the kids in school that don’t have a voice, kids that are quiet and shy, that are going through struggles — whether it’s LGBTQ+, their identity — and those who have special needs and don’t always express themselves and the things they need,” he said.

His goal is to give voice to members of the community who may not have felt heard and to be part of “the new conversation where we’re moving forward, not backwards,” he said.

“I think if we stop, we listen, we talk to one another — even the folks we disagree with — and have those hard conversations, we will get ourselves in a better place where we can then come together to make these hard decisions,” he said. “... I think that’s going to be a really uphill battle, but I’m ready to help with that.”

“Our district and its teachers, staff and administrators are under attack from a slate of candidates with PAC/dark money backing that do not care about the kids and the schools... they care about control and power.

“Our district is not perfect, and many challenges are ahead due to the ongoing pandemic, declining enrollment, and state budget reductions. We must elect candidates

that will fight for our kids, support our teachers and staff, and find common ground and solutions to move our district FORWARD.

“I want to be in this fight. I want to move our district FORWARD and truly be OneGP!”



David Brumbaugh

Age: 39
City: Grosse Pointe Park
Education: B.A., international relations and political philosophy, James Madison College at Michigan State University; M.A., government, University of Texas at Austin
Professional background: Career data analyst and expert in national security and public safety; worked transnational crime issues for CIA for defense intelligence approximately 10 years, including multiple tours in Afghanistan; moved to the fusion center at Michigan State Police and led team responsible for threats and hazards on the east side of the state, outside of Detroit, including school safety and data-driven technology projects. Currently in an analytic role with the federal government.
Volunteer activities: Chair, Community Early Education Working Group; Lion Den leader and Pack Committee member, Cub Scout Pack 86; chair, Camp Greilick staff alumni committee.

David Brumbaugh started paying close attention to the Board of Education during the reconfiguration process and is one of the architects of the early childhood center plan, presented to the board and administration for consideration as an alternative to closing elementary schools.

The premise was with fifth graders moving to middle school as part of the reconfiguration, additional ground-floor space in the nine elementary schools could be used for for-profit satellite early childhood classrooms. While the board ultimately did not pursue this concept, the idea evolved into repurposing Trombly as a dedicated early childhood center for the 2020-21 school year.

“I thought it was a creative way to solve a lot of problems in the district. And it would be something that would really

help with a lot of community issues,” he said.

In Brumbaugh’s view, these issues include the COVID-19 public health practices and a looming enrollment and budget crisis exacerbated by the pandemic.

“I think it’s important to think outside the box and come up with creative solutions, but one of those creative solutions is just pacing,” he said. “A lot of the problems that I think really upset people during reconfiguration could have been solved by just implementing it over a three- to five-year time horizon, which we were in a budgetary position before COVID to be able to do.”

The proposal he and a group of residents put together was an attempt to “strategically solve a number of problems in a way that grows our school programs and better helps young families move to the district” as an alternative to closing schools, he said.

Having chosen to actively involve himself in the process, Brumbaugh believes more community engagement would be beneficial to the board and administration.

While he “would like to see the board be a lot more proactive” in addressing the issues, he recognizes the need to strike a balance between strategically overseeing the district and “getting into the day-to-day business of picking out door locks or deciding what tables to buy or what particular math curriculum to implement.”

Brumbaugh said he appreciates the time curriculum directors and other members of the administrative team devoted to the ECC plan, even if the outcome was not what he sought. This relationship also gave him an appreciation for the challenges they face.

“They are profoundly overtaxed by the amount of work in front of them and different expectations,” he said.

As a board member, he hopes to leverage these relationships to further the initiatives he started and help the district tackle future challenges.

“There are a lot of big problems that the administration will admit that they just don’t have a good solution for,” Brumbaugh said. “I think that if we’re in a crisis, it’s time for all hands on deck and it’s incumbent upon me, if I have the skills that can help with that, to put up my hand and ask to help. So that’s why I’m here.”

“At least 500 students have left our district. COVID concerns were a key driver of this decline. One-time funds from Lansing will get us through this year, but this

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loss is four times what triggered reconfiguration, and will prove catastrophic next year if we don't act quickly. We need a diverse, proactive board with the skills and expertise to rebuild trust and confront this crisis without slashing teacher pay, gutting programs, or closing schools. We can't stand by and wait to be saved, or return to the past. We can do this together — I am ready to do my part.”



Dr. Christopher D'Angelo

Age: 40
City: Grosse Pointe Park
Education: B.S., biology, University of Michigan; M.H.S.A., health management and policy, University of Michigan School of Public Health; D.O., Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Profession: Emergency physician at Henry Ford Health System
Volunteer activities: PTO member and volunteer; Neighborhood Club youth soccer coach; Grosse Pointe Park Community Garden volunteer; Medical College Admission Test tutor; trail crew volunteer, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
Memberships: American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, American College of Healthcare Executives, Little Pointers for Diversity

Dr. Christopher D'Angelo became invested in working with the school board and administration during the reconfiguration process. Taking an objective, independent approach, he used his training in health administration to conduct a data-driven analysis in his quest for answers.

When Plante Moran CRESA consultants said enrollment numbers would remain low for several years, he surveyed local pediatrician offices to demonstrate numbers were higher than predicted.

When the board proposed an array of reconfiguration scenarios, including closing three or more elementary schools, he presented a capacity analysis study indicating it wasn't possible to close more than two elementary schools and retain ample classroom space for future enrollment.

And when the board voted to close two elementary schools, he created a finance decision analysis showing these savings yielded no savings.

"I understand it's a difficult process," D'Angelo said. "I will give (the board and administration) credit for starting the process. It's a community that traditionally is resistant to change in general. ... They opened the conversation, they

came to a conclusion. I don't agree it's the right conclusion for very specific reasons."

The most significant of these is his belief the district missed the mark on financial viability.

Beyond these fiscal challenges, D'Angelo's focus is on the quality of education and safety of students and staff.

As a physician, he supports the remote start to the school year in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think that there's too much uncertainty surrounding face-to-face learning," he said. "... We're just not ready. We don't know how bad the fall spike will be. ... When we can proceed and say we're protecting staff and families ... then OK. It's time. But right now it's not the time."

At the same time, he faults the administration for lack of creativity in finding solutions and devising a comprehensive plan to keep staff and students safe to expedite face-to-face learning when the time comes.

In general, however, he credits the administration for effort, whether that involves reconfiguration or the response to the pandemic.

"I know they try," he said. "And I do think the resources are spread very thin. I do believe that people are trying to do their best and I try to work with them. But when they receive feedback, I don't think they've been very open. ... I think they've been kind of set on this path they set. I think that the administration leads the board instead of the board supplementing and complementing the administration. And that's what I would hope to do."

"I'm one of the hardest workers out there," he added. "You can criticize me for questioning (the process) ... but I just want to know that we're making decisions for the right reasons. And I've worked very hard to look at the right objective measures, to make decisions for the right reasons. I want people to see past the politics of the board and ... look at which candidates are going to do the work and do it for the right reasons."

"I am proud of the effort and due diligence I have been able to put forth for our district over the last couple years. I can say, in earnest, that our district and community are better because of the coordinated expertise brought forth by myself and other experts in the community. I hope to be a trustee but also look forward to serving with the other candidates regardless of the outcome."



Cynthia Douglas

Age: 61
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: B.A., business, M.A., administra-

tion, Central Michigan University
Profession: Executive assistant to the Commission — Wayne County
Volunteer activities: Advantage Living Center, Metro Detroit Compassionate Action Network, Wayne County Food Distribution, Meals on Wheels
Memberships: Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP Branch

As president of the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP Branch, Cynthia Douglas is used to serving as a voice for those who may feel disenfranchised or left out of the conversation. As a member of the reconfiguration blue ribbon committee, she witnessed issues that came to light which, in her view, were left unaddressed in the process.

Her top priorities for the school district are cultural competency, equitable education for all children and bridging the achievement gaps while supporting teachers and making sure students have the resources they need.

In the midst of COVID-19, the digital divide also is of concern to her.

"Not all of our students have access to the internet," she said. "I was talking to someone and they said they had to drive to a location where they could pick up internet service because they don't have it in their home. ... We should not have people in our community that need to drive to a location outside their home to be able to teach their children."

Douglas is running because she is seeking better representation on the school board.

"I go to school board meetings — and no disrespect against any of the board members, they're doing their job and they're doing the best they can, and they're in that position because they were voted to be in that position. But I don't see me and it's not a representation of the community. I want to be inclusive of everyone."

"Everyone has a right to an education and everyone has a right to be represented," she added.

She also wants to make sure teachers are protected during tight financial times and not "sacrificed in order to pass a budget." While she commends the quality of the teaching staff, she said she would like to increase diversity and attract "qualified teachers of color" to the school district.

Douglas added she is passionate about everything she does, "especially when it comes to the community and with children. Children are everything. We need them; they're going to be our leaders in a minute. ... They're the ones who are going to be leading us and making decisions and the only way that they are going to be prepared for that is to be able to have an environment that is safe and welcoming and equitable to all children."

She believes she offers a wealth of knowledge and a fresh perspective to the board.

"We can always do better," she said. "... I'm just excited to be considered to be a part of this school board. I'm excited and willing to put in the hard work that needs to make

this community even better than what it is. It's a matter of being progressive. It's a matter of moving things forward. And for 2021, and the future of our children, that's what I'm here for — to make sure that everything is equitable, that everybody gets the education that they deserve and to provide for teachers and support them, however we can."

"Grosse Pointe Public Schools have lost approximately 500 students during COVID 19. Some say it is due to the lack of a comprehensive plan from the Administration to return students to F2F, sooner than later, and provide needed resources to marginalized and special needs students. It is understandable the difficulties involved in developing a plan during a pandemic for which we have conflicting information. However, we must encourage those families to return while paying attention to and supporting those with difficulties with learning in this environment and provide the services that they are entitled to receive."



Jennifer Goossen

Age: 39
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: B.A. degrees in philosophy and marketing, Wayne State University; graduate research at WSU
Profession: Constituent Services coordinator for Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence; serves as the office's district education specialist and liaison to the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods
Volunteer activities: Southeast Michigan Jobs with Justice; Ruth Ellis Center; Jews for Justice; Detroit Action; ACLU of Michigan; Council of Bishops; Council of Baptist Pastors; American Muslim Human Rights Council; Michigan Liberation; Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods branch of the NAACP; NAACP Detroit; LGBT Detroit; The Poor People's Campaign; We the People of Michigan; MOSES; Metro-Detroit A. Philip Randolph Institute; We GP; Eastside Community Network; Detroit Justice Project; reading and literacy tutor for under-resourced adults and children for more than 20 years; victims' advocate for survivors of domestic violence.
Memberships: League of Women Voters, Detroit board; Wayne County outreach coordinator for Voters Not Politicians campaign; Grosse Pointe Democratic Club; Michigan's Mighty 14th District Democrats

Jennifer Goossen specializes in listening to constituents. As a long-time public servant, her career is focused on listening to people and translating what they say "into something that a person who has some power can use, can incorporate or at least think

about as they make their decisions," she said. "... I've got skills in being able to hear people who aren't exactly like me."

This includes consensus building.

"I'm used to people yelling at me," Goossen said. "I'm able to sift through all that and find an actionable item. ... You need to be able to respond to that in a compassionate way without taking it personally. I've been doing that for a living."

While Goossen views the response to the pandemic as one of the biggest issues facing the school district, she hopes to use it as "an opportunity to reevaluate our priorities and our methods as educators, and even as parents and the community. We can ask: What is our theory of change? I think it's a great idea to make plans that begin by considering the people who will be most impacted by whatever you decide to do."

The next top issue, in her view, is creating an environment of inclusiveness.

"That's not to say that I think everybody in Grosse Pointe is racist or homophobic," she said. "I think that most people are kind and don't want to be bigoted, but it's not necessarily the overt offenses that create the environment. That's toxic sometimes for people who aren't in the majority groups."

Goossen said her focus will be on maintaining what works in the school district — and why families move to Grosse Pointe — while considering where change may be beneficial.

"If we plan these changes, they don't have to be traumatic or jarring as long as there's good planning that goes into it."

As a single mother with three school-age children, Goossen is running to be the voice of change, as well as a voice for those who may feel disenfranchised. Had the reconfiguration process, for example, "started first with the most vulnerable or the most impacted people ... it would have made things a lot clearer and we would have done better," she said.

"I'm not trying to vilainize (people)," she added. "I don't think anyone (on the board) made any of these decisions callously, but I do think ... there's a lack of representation of working single parents like me."

What the school board needs above all, she said, is "a trustee who listens to parents and families and can translate their input into action. And when I look at the current school board, I see professionals who truly care about our kids, but I don't see myself and that's a problem. ... I know what it's like to feel powerless and at the mercy of people up on a stage who have absolute influence over one of the most important aspects of my kid's life. And I would want someone like me up on that stage."

"The makeup of the student body in GPPSS has changed dramatically in the past 20 years, and that needs to figure into our strategy as a district. Let's recognize the diverse backgrounds of GPPSS families so we can amplify our tradition of excellence. Currently, we aren't effectively serving kids that don't fit the

white, upper-middle class, typically-abled, 'generational Grosse Pointer' profile. As a result, our academic rankings have slipped and worse, we learned that some kids have been harmed. By Investing in programs that are responsive to the needs of a diverse student body, we'll resolve several urgent issues simultaneously."



Ahmed Ismail

Age: 67
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Profession: Business person
Volunteer activities: Special Kids (photographer), Grosse Pointe South choir (photographer), school board member mentor for board members around the state
Memberships: Michigan Association of School Boards

Two years ago, Ahmed Ismail decided not to run for re-election to the Board of Education. Since then he has experienced a change of heart.

Ismail was first elected to a four-year term in 2004, and re-elected in 2008. In 2009, he resigned due to health issues. He ran again in 2014, and won the four-year seat.

He hopes to bring institutional history to the board.

"As far as what's been done in the past and frankly with the decisions that are going to have to happen in the next year, you need to have somebody with some expertise, that's gone to some kind of training (and has) some involvement with other school boards to know what they're doing," he said. "And you can't do this in a vacuum. ... You've got to be looking outside the box and searching for any possible solution."

Ismail wasn't on the board during the reconfiguration process, but he doesn't approve of the results.

"I don't think closing any of the elementary (schools) is a smart move," he said. "That's our feeder program."

Similarly, he views the fifth-grade move to middle schools as a "snowball effect" that doesn't solve the problem.

While Ismail said he doesn't know all the people running, there are four or five he has confidence in. A few others strike him as "one agenda" candidates.

"When you join the board, what your personal opinion is goes right in a trash can," he said. "If you're going to do your job right, it has to be what's best for the community, not what's best for your family. ... And that's hard for people to do."

Ismail believes he is the right person for the job because he grew up

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in Grosse Pointe, knows “what the schools used to be” and has experience and training as a board member.

“I’m probably the most accessible person in the school system,” he said. “... And the biggest thing I have to offer is my statewide connections and my training and the formal education I’ve had in school board governance.

“Every board has to be balanced,” he added. “... What makes a great board is you have different varying skill sets that represent your community. ... I’m hoping when this is all done, whether I’m elected or not, we end up with a balanced board. That’s going to be huge this time around. ... I hope that voters research the candidates and that they look for candidates that will treat each other with respect. Not only (each other) as board members, but also the public. It’s very easy to forget that you work for the community. They don’t work for you. ... You have to have people who are down in the trenches and are willing to talk to people and be open and accessible. And I hope people will see that I care about the community I’m deeply committed to. Everything I have is from this community. I hope I can pitch in and help make things better.”

“Our voters need to make two decisions when using their school board votes. First, they have to decide if they are happy with the status quo. If they are happy with where our schools are at, I am not their candidate. If they aren’t happy with the way our schools are being managed, they will have to decide which candidate(s) have put forth a clear ‘fix it’ list for our schools that they embrace AND which candidate(s) have the expertise to make completing the list a reality.”



James Joseph

Age: 32
City: City of Grosse Pointe
Education: B.S., Hillsdale College; J.D., University of Michigan
Profession: Commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves (no endorsement implied by the Department of the Navy or the Department of Defense); attorney (practice focused on commercial litigation and investigations). Prior to law school, served as an analyst in the non-profit space where work included evaluation of grant applications and measuring the effectiveness of grants after the fact
Volunteer activities: Pro bono representations focusing on issues that block economic advancement such as record expungements and eviction proceedings; hundreds of hours spent in

immigration court advocating for refugees and asylum seekers from communist, totalitarian states on behalf of men and women who had to flee their home countries because of their religion or sexuality.

Memberships: Detroit Bar Association, Federalist Society

James Joseph knows what it’s like to be different. He grew up in an immigrant household with a single working mother for whom English wasn’t her first language. He is keenly aware of how a school district can be set up with a certain family structure in mind while making it harder for others to succeed.

Joseph and his wife moved to Grosse Pointe because they were seeking an environment offering opportunities for both their neurotypical son and son who is on the autism spectrum. Joseph’s goal is a school system where no one is left behind and there are solutions that work for everybody.

A year ago, he would have said the biggest challenge facing the school district was reconfiguration. Today, it’s the pandemic.

“It’s good to remember that you don’t know what your biggest challenge will be next year,” he said. “And obviously right now, the biggest challenge is how to get children back in school safely and effectively given a pandemic. So those challenges are the ones that are right in front of our faces, but even if both of those go away in a year, I think our district is still trying to come up with how to have an equitable district and diverse district moving forward.”

Joseph said he didn’t oppose the school closures.

In his view, “If we woke up tomorrow and all our buildings were gone, we would still have the same great school district because we still have the same parents. We still have the same students. And we still have the people that care about our kids who can give (them) the services that they need. (But) if we woke up tomorrow and the buildings were here, but all those people were gone, we would be lost.

“As much as I would love the solution that preserves the integrity of all these buildings and their traditions and lets every kid walk to school, what’s most important?” he continued. “We’re dealing with shrinking budgets. I don’t want to lose services for kids that need them, whether it’s AP calculus or it’s speech therapy or whether it’s just helping somebody learn how to eat their own food without difficulty. Our schools do so much. And I think that on the list of priorities, the buildings are underneath those. I wish there was a limitless pie to pull the budget from, but it doesn’t look like there is.”

Joseph also believes the move of fifth graders to middle school was “a reasonable approach.”

“I think that the fifth grade combining with the sixth grade in the middle school provides some good opportunities to help with that transition and make that a longer transition period,” he said.

Joseph believes his

day-to-day job solving problems for clients and helping organizations manage challenges uniquely qualifies him to serve as a trustee. His goal is to guide future decisions built around an equitable, inclusive school district with a focus on finding solutions that include all students.

“We need a working board, with Trustees who perform their own diligence rather than relying on whatever the administration says. After losing over 500 students, we need to win back families and raise revenue or we will be left cutting teachers, programs, and buildings. We can turn this around with creative funding (like marketing our virtual program to districts without our offerings), but we can’t rely on yesterday’s solutions anymore. Let’s not take the easy way of cuts to art, music, teacher pay, or closures. We get to choose if we accept a diminished district. Let’s fight for it.”



Keersten Colleen Kassab

Age: 48
City: City of Grosse Pointe
Education: B.A., international relations, and M.A., international policy studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies; J.D., University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Profession: Attorney

Keersten Kassab has been a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe more than 25 years and is passionate about neighborhood schools. She believes strong schools equal a strong community and wants to restore trust and transparency to the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

She is running because five open seats on the school board have left a void and she hopes to fill that void with the honest and responsible leadership she believes she can provide.

Kassab’s first priority is the safety and welfare of students. She wants to make the best use of facilities to offer students as many opportunities as possible.

In her view, the Grosse Pointe Public School System “is not maximizing its potential and is losing its position as one of the best school systems in the state. The Pointes’ neighborhood schools and unique traditional character are a strong building block for a strong community.”

Kassab hopes to prioritize the needs of the community and is committed to making the school system “stronger and better than ever.”

The largest challenges facing the school district, in her view, are the pandemic, budgetary issues and the reconfiguration.

Regarding face-to-face versus remote learning during the pandemic, Kassab sees it as “a very personal decision for all

families, but I do believe we should have the choice to have person-to-person classes this fall.”

Kassab also was not in favor of the reconfiguration. Had she been forced to choose two schools to close, it would have been Poupard and Trombly, but she thinks there was another way to handle the budget issue without closing schools.

She also was opposed to moving fifth graders from elementary to middle school.

“It’s not good for the emotional development of children,” she said. “It’s not a good separation. We have a lot of issues even with sixth grade and middle school. It’s a better division emotionally and developmentally for children to have the younger kids separated from the older kids. And it also helps families as far as the local walkable neighborhood schools, which I think is the cornerstone of the growth of the Grosse Pointes.”

Kassab recognizes serving on the school board is “a thankless job.”

“I think they did the best that they could, but they left a big mess, to be honest. And I think the community feeling — that I feel — (is) that they went through the motions of trying to let everyone be heard and participate, but they really had their own agenda going because I don’t think that the community was heard at all.”

Kassab decided to step up to fill “the void that was being left by all of the members leaving. ... I felt that no one was stepping up to take responsibility and I decided to offer my services. I’m an attorney. I have a strong background in finance and economics. I’m a parent. I’ve been a Grosse Pointe resident for many years. I feel the school system isn’t what it was.”

“I will bring back the focus on providing an optimal learning environment for our children. I will prioritize the values of the community and truly listen and respond to the needs of parents and families. My critical thinking as an attorney with a strong background in finance and economics will be an asset to the school board and the community. We are at a critical time where we can choose to change direction with a new board and superintendent that will once again make GPPSS a leader in the state.”



Lauren Nowicki

Age: 38
City: Grosse Pointe Park
Education: Bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wayne State University
Profession: Currently a stay-at-home mom; seven years of experience as an educator includes working as a teacher, Title 1 coach and curriculum director
Volunteer activities:

Variety of volunteer activities for schools of three elementary-aged children

Memberships: Trombly PTO, founder of Save Our Schools campaign

Lauren Nowicki and her husband moved their family from St. Clair Shores to Grosse Pointe Park two years ago for the schools. Class sizes were increasing in their children’s school and the choice was either private school or relocating.

Having heard about the bond referendum at Trombly’s back-to-school night, Nowicki and her husband voted in favor of it because they believed the building updates were necessary.

It was during the reconfiguration process, in particular school closure discussions, when Nowicki realized she needed to pay attention and started attending board meetings.

“I think the biggest issue with the reconfiguration that I had all along ... was at the end of the day, the plan didn’t satisfy the budget needs,” she said. “So we were supposed to trim \$2.4 million, if I remember correctly. And we only trimmed half of that. So this process has been awful for everybody who’s affected. And to think that we are going to possibly have to go through this a second time is bad.”

Nowicki attributes this to poor planning.

“I think there were opportunities lost,” she said. “We could have tried the (early childhood center) program (putting preschool satellite classrooms into elementary schools). We could have tried to add some more young 5’s. ... I think there were other things we could have done to mitigate some of the problems before we came up with a half solution.”

Nowicki also opposes moving fifth graders into middle school.

“I have not found one article that says that that would be beneficial educationally in any way,” she said. “At the start they talked about how it was going to increase educational opportunities. They can say it until they’re blue in the face, but it did not. Instead, my son got an extra gym class or band. To me, I don’t see that as an added (opportunity). They’re already getting gym class and they already had band in fifth grade at the elementary. So to me, that’s filling a schedule.”

Nowicki started a Save our Schools Facebook page in October 2019. She began meeting regularly with parents and organized several protests at board meetings to put the brakes on reconfiguration.

“As a former educator, I’m watching how this is unfolding and it’s just not what’s best for kids,” she said. “It’s not what’s best for staff and it’s not what’s best for the community.”

Nowicki’s other major concern is making sure teachers’ voices are heard.

“I think they are kind of pushed to the side and I don’t think they have a very positive work environment,” she

said. “And that’s one of the things I would like to try to change for them. I would like to change that fear into motivation into innovation into collaborative thinking.

“They’re already great,” she added. “I’m not saying that they need to get better, but ... people are willing to put in extra work when they feel valued and that’s where we need to get.”
Incumbent

“This election is pivotal for our school district. Five seats are open which could allow for a swift change in trajectory. I have aligned myself with four others (Pangborn, Ismail, Papas and Steininger) because we understand the challenges ahead and have a shared vision on how to move our district forward for the betterment of our community. If a too little too late Covid plan, the loss of 500 students, a poorly planned reconfiguration plan and the exclusion of teacher and expert input into decision making concern you, then please vote for me and our group to effect real change!”



Cindy Pangborn

Incumbent
Age: 73
City: City of Grosse Pointe
Education: A.A., Northwood University, Central Michigan
Profession: Retired Grosse Pointe Realtor; past work experience included K-12 general music and instrumental music teacher, Grosse Pointe adult education instructor in design, remodeling, dealing with contractors; varied responsibilities in family-owned business
Volunteer activities: Served in a variety of volunteer capacities in GPPSS, from PTO officer to 26 years as a room mother

Cindy Pangborn is a lifelong Grosse Pointer and has been part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System for a long time as a student, parent, grandparent and trustee.

She first joined the board in 1995, and served until 1999. She was re-elected in 2009, and has served consecutive terms since then.

Pangborn believes she is qualified to continue to serve because of her long history with the school district and business background.

Top on Pangborn’s list of concerns is the coronavirus and the administration’s handling of this crisis.

“Frankly, I don’t think we’ve done enough soon enough. And so some of my other concerns have been lowered on the list of things because of the immediacy of what we have to do about getting kids back in school,” she said.

Among her other dis-

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appointments is not having “any in-depth talks among board members at a work meeting or special meeting where we got into not only the facts, but all the minutiae that it takes to get a child educated in this time. ... We have received what is happening from our administration and then we just sort of vote yes or no. But we have not been in the planning stage on this and in many other things for the last two years and this is my concern.

“I would say in general, we are acting reactive,” she added. “We are not acting proactive every time there’s a problem. We solve it for the week, not for the duration of what the system needs ... and that’s across the board on many, many topics.”

Pangborn also is disappointed in what she views as a “mediocre curriculum,” the school district’s decline in state rankings, the lack of efforts to attract families to Grosse Pointe and increase enrollment, and her sense students are leaving the school district.

“We do not advertise how good we are,” she said. “We do not advertise things like forensic sciences, medical sciences. ... No attempt was made to bring new people into our school.”

While Pangborn has witnessed division in the community during her tenure on the board, the last year during the reconfiguration process has been particularly difficult, she said.

“I have never seen our school system so split and so much pressure put on parents,” she said.

She attributes this to the administration’s “divide and conquer philosophy” and a diminished role of the board over the past few years.

“We have a board that has given carte blanche to our administration so that many of our decisions are made at the administrative level,” she said. “When it comes to the board, we are just rubber stamping. And that’s one of the reasons why we had not developed a very large and detailed game plan.

“Having lived here my whole life, gone to school here, my kids in school here, my grandkids in school here, I am not only frustrated, but very worried about the state of affairs of our (school) system,” she added.

“I have been censored for violating Board policy. The board accused me without evidence regarding a political ad.

“The advertisement which expresses the opinions of Taxpayers for Grosse Pointe Schools was placed by a nonprofit 501(c)4.

“Censuring me has nothing to do with facts and everything to do with the current board not wanting the return of 5th grade to elementary and the reopening of Poupard and Trombly.

“Censure carries no penalties or restrictions. It was used for embarrassment and isn’t valid since I had no involvement in the creation, placement or contents of the advertisement.”



Lisa Papas

Age: 53

City: City of Grosse Pointe

Education: B.A., music education with minor in political science, Wayne State University

Profession: High school and middle school music teacher, Hamtramck Public Schools; K-12 certification; decade of experience in Title I districts, including charter and public schools

Volunteer activities: Parents of six children who are graduates or current students in GPPSS; parent volunteer for various events, activities and field trips; served on principal interview committee for Brownell Middle School; directed Grosse Pointe South choir for Assumption Greek Festival; founding director of Greek Language and Culture School at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral (partnered with Wayne State University to provide instruction in Modern Greek language and culture for tuition-based program); choir member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral; Eastside FC and formerly GPSA travel soccer team manager; classroom volunteer; Boy Scout den mother; Girl Scout leader; Neighborhood Club girls’ soccer coach; backstage coordinator for Turning Point Dance Studio recital; La Leche League leader

Memberships: Previous member of Michigan School Vocal Music Association

Top on Lisa Papa’s list of priorities for the school district is to turn around declining enrollment. Second is to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a parent and teacher, she sees both points of view on online versus in-person learning.

“There are parents that absolutely want virtual and teachers that are afraid or have concerns about going back into the classroom,” she said. “And I understand there are also people that have jobs that need to have a place for their children and childcare. We’ve kind of built our American system around schools serving that (role). So I think making a plan to go back into our buildings has to be really thought out.”

Also on her list is fiscal responsibility, bond spending and the reconfiguration.

Papas’s views on school closings changed through the course of the reconfiguration. While she agreed schools may need to be closed to address declining enrollment, she’s not in favor of the plan the district came up with, in particular moving fifth graders to middle school.

“I don’t think it’s a developmentally appropriate situation for our fifth graders,” she said, adding she has taught sixth grade at the middle school level.

“They are very young. And so to put fifth graders into a schedule with multiple moving parts — I think there will undoubtedly be some kids that will handle it well, but I think there will be a lot of children that are going to struggle with that.”

She also is concerned about closing schools during a pandemic and the possibility of disenfranchising students at the two schools selected for closure.

Papas believes in maintaining a walking district, which is one of the reasons she and her husband moved to Grosse Pointe to raise their family.

She is running for school board because she generally has been displeased with some of the board’s actions.

“I don’t think they’ve been as accessible to the community as they could be and to the parents,” she said. “At the same time, I have total respect for everybody who gives their time. Because it’s a thankless job. It takes hours and hours of their time. ... I just disagree with some of the decision-making that’s gone on.”

Papas believes she offers a different perspective as a teacher and longtime parent in the district. She also would like to see greater communication, which is something she would offer as a board member.

“I would like to see the board pose more questions for administration,” she said. “One of my biggest concerns is that I feel our Board of Education has been basically rubber stamping everything the administration has brought out. And I think one of the functions of a school board is, not to be combative — that doesn’t accomplish anything — but I think challenging and asking questions and reviewing decisions (is important). That’s what a Board of Education does. You have to be the voice of the community.

“We need a voice,” she added. “And so here I am.”

“My choice to run for a seat on the Board of Education is to ensure that all of our Grosse Pointe students have the best education that can be provided. I am the only BOE candidate that is currently teaching in a classroom. That expertise helps me to understand the challenges faced by our teachers and students. My experience as a parent of six children over 20 years, gives me a unique perspective on how to serve our families. I am invested in solutions that will make our district stronger for the long term.”



Shareef Simaika

Age: 44

City: Grosse Pointe Park

Education: B.A., finance, Michigan State University

Profession: Director of the turnaround and

restructuring practice at a Michigan-based corporate advisory firm; previously vice president, commercial lending at Comerica Bank, including 10 years of restructuring experience

Memberships: Certified Turnaround Professional since 2008 and an active member of Turnaround Management Association, Association for Corporate Growth and the American Bankruptcy Institute

The biggest issue facing the district, in Shareef Simaika’s view, isn’t among those most commonly cited, like budgetary issues, the reconfiguration or even questions on how to best deliver education in the face of a pandemic.

For Simaika, the biggest issue is the lack of diverse skills and leadership necessary to ensure a strong school system for years to come.

With respect to the other concerns, “once we get collectively past COVID-19, the most important thing in my mind is to ensure that the long-term financial condition of the district remains healthy and sustainable. Without that, everything else becomes moot,” he said.

Simaika decided to run for a seat on the board because he believes he has the necessary skill set other candidates lack.

As a turnaround management and financial restructuring consultant, Simaika has 20 years of experience working with companies — \$10 million to more than \$1 billion in revenue — “who get themselves into some sort of financial distress. And my job is to help them figure out why and then what to do about it and then help them execute.”

While a school district is not a business, it is an enterprise, he added.

“Just like any other enterprise, you’ve got scarce resources you’ve got to figure out how to manage and do so in such a way that you can maximize the desired output. In business, that’s profits. In school, that’s education, which is obviously harder to measure, but the concept is the same.

“My concern is the board and administration don’t always know what they don’t know. From my perspective, watching the last few years, the process they went through was flawed,” he continued. “... I firmly believe everybody’s trying to do what they think is right for the district; I’m just really concerned that folks don’t necessarily realize what has been missed (and) what wasn’t taken into account.”

Had the district hired him to conduct the study, “where they stopped is where I would have started,” Simaika said. “And that’s why I firmly believe that the process was flawed and there are so many things not taken into account. Again, it doesn’t mean they came up with the wrong conclusion. It’s just that there’s no way I can support what was done with what’s been presented.”

This applies to the fifth-grade move to middle school as well.

“I think the data is highly mixed. I’ve done the research myself and I will admit there really isn’t anything definitive one way or the other,” he

said. “... I feel that (fifth grade) is a better fit for elementary, but that’s just me personally. ... I respect those who disagree.”

Simaika believes his financial and process-oriented background would add to “a highly functional, highly efficient board that can really be in the best position to review issues, engage in debate, recognize alternative solutions, get feedback from the community and put all that together to make the best decisions possible. And make sure we have really good, sustainable schools.

“The District has lost over 500 students in 2020 and will be on an unsustainable path once current COVID-related accommodations end. We can’t forge ahead and hope things improve, and we can’t continue treating the symptoms by closing schools, cutting pay, and eliminating programs. We need to act quickly to fix the problem.”

“GPPSS is a \$100M/year organization responsible for nothing less than educating our children and it needs well-qualified leadership. We need an open-minded, diverse Board with the right combination of skills – including appropriate financial expertise — to be successful in maintaining our excellent neighborhood schools.”



Colleen Worden

Age: 52

City: Grosse Pointe Woods

Education: B.A., Miami University; J.D., University of Detroit—Mercy School of Law

Profession: Assistant prosecutor, Macomb County Prosecutor’s Office — Special Victims Unit; 23 years experience as an attorney

Volunteer activities: Grosse Pointe Public School System: Monteith PTO executive board for four years (planned and coordinated events for kids, parents and teachers; PTO communication coordinator; created student directory; planned teacher luncheons); Monteith fourth-grade promotion video committee co-chair; Monteith promotion parade chair; room mom for four years; Monteith Kindergarten Centers volunteer; Neighborhood Club girls’ basketball coach

Memberships: State Bar of Michigan; Prosecutors’ Association of Michigan; Police Officers Association of Michigan labor union

As a 25-year Grosse Pointe resident, Colleen Worden has lived in the Park, the City and, for the past 13 years, the Woods.

She became involved in the district as a volunteer when her daughter, now a fifth grader, was in kindergarten at Monteith Elementary

School.

Worden started paying attention to board business during the reconfiguration, attending town halls and blue ribbon committee meetings.

During this process, she recognized difficult decisions needed to be made to reduce the footprint in response to more than a decade of declining enrollment from 12,000 to approximately 7,200 students.

“What I believe is that the quality of schools is what makes our school district so amazing,” Worden said. “It’s not the quantity of the buildings and it’s not the building that your child is placed in. What makes the Grosse Pointe Public School System so outstanding is the quality of the programs, the quality of our teachers and the quality of our resources.

“I don’t think that keeping buildings open if we can’t afford them is the best way to be financially responsible for the district,” she added. “So the decision has been made by this board to close schools. And at this point, I think we need to move forward with this decision.”

If elected, one way Worden would seek to improve the board is through increased communication.

“I think that parents like to know information in this district and they like to know details,” she said. “And I think if I were a school board member, I might work a little harder ... to open the lines of communication.”

In Worden’s view, there are three challenges facing the district. The first is “getting our kids back to school safely and effectively.”

The second is prioritizing the financial stability of the district, primarily because of COVID and its impact on the economy.

“I think it’s really important to keep our fund balance up to 10 percent,” Worden said. “You have to be responsible to our taxpayers ... so when we are faced with cuts from the state and federal government, we have this savings account to preserve the programs, resources and teachers that make our district so fantastic.”

The third is attracting and retaining high quality staff.

“I think that our teachers are the jewel of our district and we want to make sure that we always are looking out to protect them because that’s really what makes our schools so excellent,” she said.

Worden believes she brings a unique perspective through her volunteer work, experience as a parent and professional background. She also is conscientious and fiscally responsible, she said.

As a lawyer, she is trained to listen to all sides and come to a resolution. She believes she gets along well with people and is a consensus builder.

Finally, Worden said she is accustomed to facing difficult decisions as an assistant prosecutor in the special victims’ unit of the Macomb County

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GROSSE POINTE NEWS/EPIC-MRA SURVEY OF GPPSS RESIDENTS

SURVEY RESPONSES — 400 SAMPLE — ERROR ±4.9%

Polling Dates: Aug. 19-24, 2020

Conducted by live interviewers — included 40% cell phones

___01. In what local public school district do you currently reside?

100% Grosse Pointe Public School System

___02. Over the past few years, would you say that the quality of a kindergarten through 12th grade education provided by the Grosse Pointe Public School System has improved, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

16% Improved
19% Gotten worse
46% Stayed about the same
19% Undecided/Refused

___03. Overall, including all state and local funds, do you think the Grosse Pointe Public School System has too much, too little, or about the right amount of funding it needs to provide a quality education for its students?

5% Much too much funding
5% Somewhat too much funding
10% TOTAL TOO MUCH
45% About the right amount of funding
36% TOTAL TOO LITTLE
26% Somewhat too little funding
10% Much too little funding
9% Undecided/Refused

___04. Overall, how would you rate the job that the Grosse Pointe Public School System has done managing district finances? Would you give the district a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

16% Excellent
42% Pretty good
58% TOTAL POSITIVE
35% TOTAL NEGATIVE
19% Just fair
16% Poor
7% Undecided/Refused

___05. Students are usually given grades of A, B, C, D, or F for the quality of their work -- with “A” standing for excellent, “B” for good, “C” for average, “D” for below average, and “F” for failure. Overall, what grade would you give the Grosse Pointe Public School System for the quality of education it provides students - an A, B, C, D, or F?

44% A
33% B
77% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE
12% C
8% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE
4% D
4% F
3% Undecided/Refused

Now I would like to read a list groups and individuals associated with the Grosse Pointe Public School System. For each, please tell me if you would give that group or individual a grade of A, B, C, D, or F? The first one is ...

___06. Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

Without Undecided N=299
18% A 24%
25% B 4%
43% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE 58%
12% C 15%
20% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE 15%
8% D 11%
12% F 16%
25% Undecided/Refused

___07. The Grosse Pointe Education Association – the local teacher’s union.

Without Undecided N=285
25% A 35%
23% B 32%
48% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE 67%
13% C 18%
10% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE 15%
5% D 8%
5% F 7%
29% Undecided/Refused

___08. School principals.

Without Undecided N=319
34% A 43%
26% B 32%
60% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE 75%
12% C 15%
8% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE 10%
4% D 5%
4% F 5%
20% Undecided/Refused

___09. Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean.

Without Undecided N=234
15% A 27%
17% B 29%
32% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE 56%
12% C 20%
14% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE 25%
4% D 7%
10% F 18%
42% Undecided/Refused

___10. Classroom teachers.

Without Undecided N=340
53% A 62%
26% B 30%
79% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE 92%
4% C 4%
2% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE 4%
1% D 2%
1% F 2%
15% Undecided/Refused

___11. The Grosse Pointe Public School’s School Board.

Without Undecided N=337
16% A 19%
31% B 36%
47% TOTAL ABOVE AVERAGE 55%
16% C 20%
21% TOTAL BELOW AVERAGE 25%
11% D 13%
10% F 12%
16% Undecided/Refused

___12. Over the past year or so, efforts have been made to recall members of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools school board. Based on what you may know, or what you have read or heard, do you Approve or Disapprove of these about these efforts to recall members of the school board?

21% Strongly approve
17% Somewhat approve
38% TOTAL APPROVE
40% TOTAL DISAPPROVE
10% Somewhat disapprove
30% Strongly disapprove
22% Undecided/Refused

___13. Based on what you know, would you say that student enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System has increased, decreased or remained about the same over the past few years?

0% Increased a lot
4% Increased some
4% TOTAL INCREASED
21% Remained about the same
69% TOTAL DECREASED
48% Decreased some
21% Decreased a lot
6% Undecided/Refused

___14. As you may know, under Michigan’s schools of choice program, parents are free to send their child to another local public school district if that school district participates in the schools of choice program and has room to accept more students. School districts that participate in the program must also accept non-resident students from other public school districts. Currently, the Grosse Pointe Public School System does not participate in the schools of choice program. Based on what you know or have heard or read about Michigan’s schools of choice program, do you approve or disapprove of the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s decision not to participate in that program?

56% Strongly approve
14% Somewhat approve
70% TOTAL APPROVE
23% TOTAL DISAPPROVE
11% Somewhat disapprove
12% Strongly disapprove
7% Undecided/Refused

___15. In November 2018, the Grosse Pointe Public School System placed an \$111 million bond proposal on the general election ballot. Thinking back to that election, did you vote YES in favor of the bond proposal, or NO to oppose it?

56% Voted YES
32% Voted NO
7% Cannot recall
2% Did not vote
3% Undecided/Refused

___16. In November 2019, the Grosse Pointe Public School System [also] placed a proposal on the general election ballot to renew their existing non-homestead operating and hold harmless millages for a period of 5 years. Thinking back to that election, did you vote YES in favor of the proposal, or NO to oppose it?

63% Voted YES
18% Voted NO
15% Cannot recall how I voted
1% Did not vote
3% Refused

___17. In November 2019, the Grosse Pointe Public School System [also] placed a proposal on the general election ballot to renew their existing sinking fund for a period of 5 years. Thinking back to that election, did you vote YES in favor of the proposal, or NO to oppose it?

61% Voted YES
19% Voted NO
15% Cannot recall how I voted
2% Did not vote
3% Refused

Over the past eight years, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has experienced a decline in student enrollment at an average rate of about 100 students per year. Based on the per pupil allowance from the state, this decline in enrollment has meant the district has lost just under \$8 million in state school aid funding over that time. In June of 2019, to address both declining enrollment and declining state funding, the Grosse Pointe Public Schools School Board voted to close two elementary schools. One of these is ...

___18. Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park. Based on what you know or have heard or read about it, do you favor or oppose the School Board’s decision to close this school?

30% Strongly favor
21% Somewhat favor
51% TOTAL FAVOR
42% TOTAL OPPOSE
11% Somewhat oppose
31% Strongly oppose
7% Undecided/Refused

The other elementary school selected for closure was ...

___19. Poupard Elementary School in Harper Woods. Based on what you know or have heard or read about it, do you favor or oppose the School Board’s decision to close this school?

29% Strongly favor
20% Somewhat favor
49% TOTAL FAVOR
42% TOTAL OPPOSE
8% Somewhat oppose
34% Strongly oppose
9% Undecided/Refused

___20. As part of the same action, in addition to closing two of the district’s elementary schools, the Grosse Pointe Public School System School Board voted to reconfigure the district’s grade distribution so that Kindergarten through 4th grade students would remain in the elementary school buildings, but 5th grade students would be moved to the middle school buildings along with 6th through 8th grade students. Based on what you know, do you favor or oppose the School Board’s decision to reconfigure the district’s grade distribution in this way?

18% Strongly favor
19% Somewhat favor
37% TOTAL FAVOR
54% TOTAL OPPOSE
9% Somewhat oppose
45% Strongly oppose
9% Undecided/Refused

___21. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose closing schools in order to address declining enrollment in local school districts?

29% Strongly favor
25% Somewhat favor
54% TOTAL FAVOR
35% TOTAL OPPOSE
17% Somewhat oppose
18% Strongly oppose
11% Undecided/Refused

___22. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose closing schools in order to help save money and balance a school district’s budget?

26% Strongly favor
25% Somewhat favor
51% TOTAL FAVOR
38% TOTAL OPPOSE
20% Somewhat oppose
18% Strongly oppose
11% Undecided/Refused

Thinking again about the Grosse Pointe Public School System School Board’s decision to close two elementary schools, if the decision was made to ...

___23. ... close one of the district’s *middle* schools instead, would you have favored or opposed that decision?

15% Strongly favored
15% Somewhat favored
30% TOTAL FAVORED
50% TOTAL OPPOSED
14% Somewhat opposed
36% Strongly opposed
20% Undecided/Refused

What if the decision was made to ...

___24. ... close one of the district’s *high* schools instead, would you have favored or opposed that decision?

5% Strongly favored
5% Somewhat favored
10% TOTAL FAVORED
79% TOTAL OPPOSED
13% Somewhat opposed
66% Strongly opposed
11% Undecided/Refused

___25. Over the past several years, some school districts have converted an existing school building into a specialized International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement School. Under this proposal, with enrollment space permitting, such a school would allow students from other school districts to “test in” to the school and, if accepted based on those test scores, those students from other school districts could pay tuition in order to attend the specialized International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement School offered by the local district. Based on this brief description, would you favor or oppose the conversion of an existing middle school into a specialized International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement School which would be offered through the Grosse Pointe School System?

27% Strongly favor
24% Somewhat favor
51% TOTAL FAVOR
41% TOTAL OPPOSE
10% Somewhat oppose
31% Strongly oppose
8% Undecided/Refused

Moving to the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s reaction to the COVID 19 pandemic ...

___26. Based on what you know, how would you rate the job done by the district for their response to the coronavirus? Overall, would you give the Grosse Pointe Public School System a “positive” rating of excellent or pretty good, or a “negative” rating of just fair or poor, for their response to the coronavirus outbreak, including the decision to close down in-person attendance for children in March of this year?

29% Excellent
33% Pretty good
62% TOTAL POSITIVE
32% TOTAL NEGATIVE
12% Just fair
20% Poor
6% Undecided/Refused

___27. After the decision was made to close down the schools, based on your personal experience with your children or what you have heard or read about the experience of other parents, how would you rate the job done by the district in providing remote learning and education opportunities over the Internet? Would you give the Grosse Pointe Public School System a “positive” rating of excellent or pretty good, or a “negative” rating of just fair or poor, for the job done by teachers and staff providing online virtual learning to students in the district?

17% Excellent
32% Pretty good
49% TOTAL POSITIVE
32% TOTAL NEGATIVE
16% Just fair
16% Poor
19% Undecided/Refused

Peters makes his case for return to Senate

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer



Sen. Gary Peters

He describes himself as a “new guy,” acknowledging the hurdles of his freshman status and membership in the U.S. Senate’s minority, but Democrat Gary Peters says he’s ready for another term.

Facing contention for his Senate seat from Republican John James, who was defeated in his last campaign against Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Peters wants to continue serving his home state.

“I want to continue the work that I’ve done over the last few years, bringing people together, passing legislation in a bipartisan way, addressing issues that are important to Michigan,” he said.

Having served as a congressman, Peters became the only non-incumbent Democrat to win a Senate seat in 2014.

Quality health care, skilled trades training and environmental quality are among areas of Peters’ focus that he recently discussed during a “motorcycle tour” across the state. Among issues of interest to voters, particularly in the Grosse Pointes, Peters spoke of his efforts to keep Lake St. Clair clean, including having secured “a record amount of money” to address con-

tamination. Peters has his eye on more than 200 toxic sites, he added.

While James’ campaign commercials have attacked him for a lack of attendance at Senate sessions and a pattern of disengagement, the incumbent points to bills he helped bring to fruition, ranging from veteran apprenticeship, access to food and agriculture protection and small business advocacy. Peters cites his record of having enacted four standalone bills, more than any other Democratic senator during the Trump administration, and having passed nine bills through the Senate since 2019, more than any single senator in either party.

He calls James’ ads “clearly false” and “reprehensible,” pointing out

that independent fact-checking analysts dispute the James campaign’s statements.

In the nation’s current racially charged climate, Peters said he plans to continue pursuing criminal justice coalition legislation he helped develop with around 50 percent Democratic and 50 percent Republican support.

“The way to address those challenges is really to bring people together,” he said. “Ultimately, the way we handle those challenges is to find common ground.”

A Navy Reserve veteran and Second Amendment supporter, Peters has been a firearm owner, but said he advocates “common sense regulations,” such as comprehensive background checks that close loopholes permitting sales at gun shows. Other initiatives Peters supports include affordable housing, which he called “incredibly important” to Michigan.

“I don’t think it’s a federal role to require it, but I think we should incentivize it and make it possible,” he said.

Come Nov. 3, Peters said he’s ready to return to work with the support of Michigan residents.

“Ultimately, that’s what people want,” he said, “a senator who rolls up their sleeves and gets things done.”

James challenges for U.S. Senate seat

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer



John James

As a Ranger-qualified aviation officer who served with distinction in Operation Iraqi Freedom leading two Apache platoons, as well as president of James Group International, John James believes Michiganders need a representative with family business experience — and someone who understands the automotive industry intimately in a state where 80 percent of businesses are family-owned or small businesses and where the largest industry is automotive — rather than another career politician.

A Republican in the U.S. Senate, paired with Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow, James said, also would give Michigan a seat at the table regardless of who is in the majority or White House.

In response to the financial hardships facing Michiganders as a result of the pandemic, James says he would have supported a second round of relief for COVID-19 matters, but believes the long-term solution is expanding educational opportunities at all levels, including adult education programs that allow people to advance their careers.

“It’s not just about

creating more jobs,” he said. “It’s about creating more job creators.”

He plans to focus on resources from the federal level to provide greater access to opportunities, such as how, in Detroit, the population is largely separated from job opportunities due to a lack of transportation options, he said.

With protecting the environment, including climate change and Michigan’s lakes, as another of his campaign’s focuses, James considers the current level of funding for the Great Lakes to be the floor, not the ceiling.

From dumping in Lake St. Clair to algae blooms in Lake Erie, he looks forward to working with Stabenow from both sides of the aisle to secure adequate funding for the issues.

He also supports non-

partisan solutions to address climate change, including working with companies to integrate more sustainable solutions, as well as holding egregious polluters in the world accountable to make more environmentally friendly solutions.

“The burden should not be 100 percent borne by the American taxpayer, but we should be included as partners in the long-term process,” he said.

While his opponent, Sen. Gary Peters, has claimed otherwise, James says he wants to keep the parts of the Affordable Care Act that are working — particularly the protections for people with pre-existing conditions — while continuing to pursue reform that will lower costs and raise quality of care.

In supporting a market-based, patient-centered approach to healthcare, he believes improvements can be made through increasing competition in the field rather than “increasing government authority to make healthcare decisions for Americans.

“Taking care of people and their benefits is something that’s very important to me,” James added. “I’m not here to take anything away. I’m actually here to protect it and come up with sustainable solutions to do just that.”

___28.	As you may know, the Grosse Pointe Public School System recently announced that district will begin the 2020-2021 school year with remote learning only, and plans to gradually reintroduce students to in-person learning over time as public health and safety conditions permit. Based on what you know about this plan, do you favor or oppose the district’s decision to begin the school year with remote learning only?
52%	Strongly favor
13%	Somewhat favor
65%	TOTAL FAVOR
31%	TOTAL OPPOSE
6%	Somewhat oppose
25%	Strongly oppose
4%	Undecided/Refused
___29.	Putting aside the district’s recent decision to begin the 2020-2021 school year with remote learning only, which of the following statements best describes when you think it makes the most sense for schools to reopen with in-person classroom learning?
25%	In August or September this year when schools would usually start the school year
24%	Later this fall in October or November
14%	Not until early next year
29%	Or, not until there are medicines to effectively treat COVID-19 or there is an effective vaccine to prevent the virus
8%	Undecided/Refused
___30.	Which of the following statements best describes how you believe <i>elementary</i> schools should have been allowed to reopen for the school year?
N=101	
38%	Students should have been allowed to participate in the same kind of in-person classroom settings that were used before the coronavirus crisis hit Michigan.
56%	In-person classroom settings could have been used, but with social distancing practices in place, and the use of masks required for students, teachers and staff.
6%	Undecided/Refused
___31.	Which of the following statements best describes how you believe <i>middle</i> schools should have been allowed to reopen for the school year?
N=101	
38%	Students should have been allowed to participate in the same kind of in-person classroom settings that were used before the coronavirus crisis hit Michigan.
58%	In-person classroom settings could have been used, but with social distancing practices in place, and the use of masks required for students, teachers and staff.
4%	Undecided/Refused
___32.	Which of the following statements best describes how you believe <i>high</i> schools should have been allowed to reopen for the school year?
N=101	
34%	Students should have been allowed to participate in the same kind of in-person classroom settings that were used before the coronavirus crisis hit Michigan.
64%	In-person classroom settings could have been used, but with social distancing practices in place, and the use of masks required for students, teachers and staff.
4%	Undecided/Refused
___33.	In light of the decision by the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s decision to begin the school year with remote learning only, which of the following statements comes closest to your view regarding middle and high school extracurricular activities; such as band, music, and sports?
24%	All extracurricular activities should be allowed to take place just as they did before the coronavirus crisis hit Michigan.
63%	All extracurricular activities should be indefinitely postponed until in-person learning can safely resume in the schools.
13%	Undecided/Refused

___34	Where do you get most of your information about the Grosse Pointe Public School System?
25%	The Grosse Pointe News
17%	General word-of-mouth
7%	Television
7%	The Grosse Pointe Public School System web site
6%	Other parents with children in the district
5%	Own children/other students
5%	School district or building newsletters/notes/flyers/print correspondence from the district
4%	Facebook
4%	The Detroit Free Press
4%	The Grosse Pointe Times
3%	Board of education members/meetings
2%	“Robocall or Robotext” (the e-mail and auto call system used by the district)
2%	Teachers/Parent-teacher conferences
2%	The Detroit News
1%	PTA, PTO, parent organizations
1%	Radio
1%	School district administrators
1%	Support staff members (bus drivers, secretaries, food service, custodians, etc.)
1%	Twitter
1%	Other
1%	Undecided/Refused
___35.	Including yourself, how many people currently reside in your household?
14%	One
31%	Two
17%	Three
21%	Four
17%	Five or More
0%	Undecided/Refused
___36.	Are you, or is anyone else in the household, the parent, guardian, or grandparent of one or more students that currently attend the Grosse Pointe Public School System?
23%	Yes, parent
1%	Yes, guardian
8%	Yes, grandparent
9%	Yes, more than one
41%	TOTAL HAS GPPPS STUDENTS
59%	No, have no children in GPPSS
0%	Undecided/Refused
___37	What grade or grades in school will your children (or grand children) attend during the 2020-2021 school year?
N=163	
5%	Pre-kindergarten
29%	K through 4th grade
31%	5th through 8th grade
34%	9th through 12th grade
0%	Not yet in school
1%	Undecided/Refused
___38	Which schools will your children (or grand children) attend during the 2020-2021 school year?
N=163	
16%	North High School
21%	South High School
11%	Brownell Middle School
14%	Parcells Middle School
4%	Pierce Middle School
5%	Defer Elementary
7%	Ferry Elementary
2%	Kerby Elementary
2%	Maire Elementary
3%	Mason Elementary
5%	Monteith Elementary
0%	Poupard Elementary
5%	Richard Elementary
0%	Trombly Elementary
1%	Barnes
1%	St. Paul Catholic
0%	Other (less than 1% each)
3%	Undecided/Refused
___39.	Which of the following categories your age would fall?
19%	18 to 34
24%	35 to 49
29%	50 to 64
27%	65 and over
1%	Undecided/Refused
___40.	Do you currently own or rent your primary residence in Grosse Pointe?
89%	Own/Buying
6%	Rent/Lease
5%	Undecided/Refused
___41.	What is the last grade or level of schooling you completed?
1%	1st to 11th Grade
6%	High School Graduate
1%	Non-college post high school (technical training)
12%	Some college
46%	College graduate
33%	Post graduate school
1%	Undecided/Refused

2-year term



Joseph Herd

Incumbent
Age: 58
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: B.A., Michigan State University; M.S.W., University of Michigan
Profession: Retired deputy chief, United States Probation, Eastern District of Michigan
Volunteer activities: Former associate pastor, Hope Community Church, Detroit

Joseph Herd wants to complete the term on the Board of Education he was unanimously appointed to in January. Moreover, having retired at the end of June, he will have more time to devote to this role, he said.

Herd believes his professional experience as second in command of approximately 90 staff members covering half the state of Michigan has prepared him for dealing with different situations with people from a variety of backgrounds.

When making decisions and recommendations as deputy chief, U.S. probation to the judge, “I don’t always get my way,” he said. “And that’s not a prerequisite to me being a part of a group. In fact, I think that’s great that I don’t always get my way. I’m not always right.”

His 26 years of marriage and 15 years as a parent within the Grosse Pointe public schools — two sons graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and a daughter currently attends Brownell Middle School — has further shaped his perspective.

“I’ve seen a lot of things in Grosse Pointe and it’s not perfect, but it’s the best that I’ve seen in terms of the academic atmosphere,” he said. “I want to be in a position where I can support our great teachers and support our administrators as well. And make sure that we maintain the excellence that we’ve had in the past.

“I also want — to the extent that I can — to influence the tone of the conversation,” he added. “If you turn on any news-

cast, you could have the same information and based upon who’s reporting it, you’re going to get two different results. I’d like to have it where we talk again to one another. And maybe I can influence that from the school board so that we can make the best decisions for our children. Because one thing I think we can all agree upon is that education is paramount to success. And (not just) academic education; social education is equally important.”

Herd wasn’t on the board during the reconfiguration process, but he supports closing Poupard and Trombly elementary schools and moving fifth graders to middle school, because, “Grosse Pointe could not continue operating as though we had as many students as we had in the past. We were going to be continually operating at a deficit. One of the things that the board is faced with — one of the responsibilities that we have — is to maintain fiscal responsibility.”

At the same time, he recognizes the emotional attachment people have to their schools.

“People have memories of those schools and they look at them as not only buildings, but places where they had events in their lives and their children advanced,” he said. “There’s going to be a transition period.

“There are a lot of challenges here with Grosse Pointe,” Herd added. “There’s a lot of variety here in Grosse Pointe. And if we don’t utilize all of the people, we won’t come up with as good a result as we would if we utilize people from all areas of Grosse Pointe, from all different backgrounds, which I think is important.”

“I believe professional and life experiences have prepared me to contribute to the school board. As deputy chief, my office was charged with crafting sentencing and supervision suggestions to 20 federal district court judges serving lifetime appointments. I credit opportunities afforded within the school system to preparing my sons for success after high school. The first is currently enrolled in a master degree program at the University of Pennsylvania; the second is doing well academically and socially at Michigan State University. I am looking forward to helping all Grosse Pointe students perform to the best of their ability.



John Steininger

Age: 70
City: Grosse Pointe Farms
Education: B.S., education, Wayne State University
Profession: Retired, former business owner (Grosse Pointe Moving & Storage)
Volunteer activities: Grosse Pointe South Gridiron Club, coupon book chairman (14 years)
Memberships: Detroit Athletic Club, Hundred Club of Detroit

John Steininger applied for the open seat on the Board of Education in January after former President Brian Summerfield resigned.

“I feel now as I felt then that for continuity’s sake, there should be someone with extensive experience chosen for the vacant seat,” he said. “The board felt otherwise and filled the vacancy with someone without experience.”

By running to fill that two-year term now, Steininger is offering voters the opportunity to elect him to apply that experience to future board governance.

Steininger served on the board from 2008 to 2011, the last two years as president.

“My term of office coincided with the great recession and we were really up against it during that time period,” he said. “We had a great, cohesive board. It didn’t start out that way, but we worked together, found the common ground and worked through the funding shortfalls that we had. It was really fairly incredible that we made it through and we didn’t miss a beat.”

In the intervening years, Steininger has kept a close eye on the school district. He has been particularly displeased with the performance of the current board and administration to date, giving both “abysmal” ratings for lack of responsiveness.

He believes the board has “gotten so obsessed about the closures and moving forward with reconfiguration, they’re

failing to consider the pandemic and other things that are related that are ongoing.”

As for Superintendent Gary Niehaus, “he gets his marching orders from the school board, but lately it’s almost like the tail wagging the dog,” Steininger said. “Some of these things that are pushed right through essentially on his recommendations I don’t think are given adequate consideration or adequate inspection.”

Steininger was the only one of the 17 candidates who did not vote in favor of the bond referendum passed in November 2018, under Niehaus’s watch. “I don’t think today people grasp how much \$110 million is,” he said. “It’s a tremendous amount of money that’s going to have to be repaid over 30 years. How many of the people that are actually voting for it are going to be here in 30 years? Are they going to pay it off or are we saving it for the next two generations to pay off?”

Correcting the current course is not Steininger’s sole motivation to run. He also strives to give back to the community that has given so much to him as a GPPSS student, 65-year resident and 40-year business owner, now retired.

“If my parents hadn’t struggled to live here, I would never have received the education that has taken me this far in life,” he said. “I want to continue that for all the kids that are growing up now. If they get an education from here, even if it’s tough sledding for them — and it was tough sledding for me — if you just show up, you’re going to learn something and hopefully you’ll learn enough to propel you through the hard times ahead.”

“With only 10 days left before the election I urge each voter to reflect on whether they’ve been adequately represented by the current BOE and consider if they’re pleased with the direction the BOE has taken. The failure to have a plan in place by Labor Day for the community’s children to return to in-person learning and the subsequent loss of 300 additional students to other educational venues as a result is inexcusable. Trial and error situations are difficult but a failure to try something speaks directly to the character of those who are currently serving. Please vote for effective change.”



Theresa Vogler

Age: 55
City: Grosse Pointe Park
Education: Defer Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools and a few classes at Macomb Community College
Profession: Currently home care assistant with Home Care One; started working at age 19 for Eastland Security Police Department as an emergency dispatcher with stints at Builders Square, Grosse Pointe Park and Michigan State Police; office assistant for Sheldon Investment Co.
Volunteer activities: Second grade catechism teacher at St. Clare of Montefalco; recording secretary for the PIC Committee at St. Clare of Montefalco; co-op parent and recording secretary at St. Clare preschool; elementary school room parent and field trip chaperone; Parcels Middle School life skills classroom and clinic volunteer and field trip chaperone; sewed costumes for Parcels choir and Grosse Pointe South choir and school musicals; chaperone for South choir competitions; costume chair for Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Youth on Stage program.
Memberships: Grosse Pointe South Mothers’ Club, Grosse Pointe South choir boosters, Grosse Pointe Theatre

According to Theresa Vogler, she is not political. She’s “a parent who has felt that things have taken a turn for the worse and are not up front.”

She believes “kids have been dismissed” and teachers “will not speak because they are afraid of repercussions from administration.”

Vogler decided to run for the board after witnessing what she views as injustices.

“I often hear that if you don’t like it, change it,” she said. “Hopefully, I’m here to change it. This is all new to me, so I’m learning every day.”

Vogler filed for the two-year rather than four-year term because her daughter is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School and

by her senior year, Vogler hopes to “concentrate on her and my family would be the main reason for that.”

She may seek to serve longer because she doesn’t believe “two years is going to be long enough to make changes.”

Vogler is unhappy about the school closures and move of fifth graders from elementary to middle school as part of the reconfiguration.

“Who is going to want to move into the south end of Grosse Pointe Park when they don’t have a school for their family to go to? They have to walk across Jefferson and walk across Kercheval to go to the closest elementary school,” she said. “And we’re supposed to be a walking district.”

Moreover, “fifth graders do not belong with eighth graders,” she added. “There is a mental maturity there and they should not be in the same building. There are things said in the hallway that fifth graders do not need to hear. I’ve been in elementary and middle school and high school hallways and the language changes drastically when you get into middle school.”

Included in her platform is marketing to Detroit “to build our cities and the school district up so families want to move here.”

Vogler counts her ability to listen to opposing points of view among her main strengths.

“I don’t throw my opinion into somebody’s face and say that’s the only opinion,” she said. “And I will change my mind if you give me the facts. ... I’ll listen to everybody. I may not agree, but I will listen.”

Moreover, as a former emergency dispatcher, “the roof (may be) falling in” and she handles it “calmly and productively,” she said.

“I’ve always just taken care of people and done what’s right,” she added.

Vogler said she is “just a mom that wants what’s right for her community and her family. And when I say ‘my family,’ that’s all the kids I’ve come in contact with through the years.”

Through her work as a preschool teacher and with the Grosse Pointe Theatre Youth on Stage program and Grosse Pointe South’s choir, she has been “involved with children since mine were young and I’ve always just wanted to take care of them. So I think that’s where my main thing is — I’m coming from the heart.”

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Prosecutor’s Office, where her main role is “to fight for kids every day.”

“In securing the financial stability of the district, it is imperative that we address declining enrollment and bring back families who left GPPSS. I will make that a priority. As a municipal attorney for 16 years, I have extensive experience in working with cities and townships to ensure that their budgets were

balanced. My government financial experience will be important in addressing budgetary concerns.

“I will bring civility and respectfulness to the board. As a working mom with a middle school child, I see the challenges our district faces and will work hard to get kids back to school.”

While Sherry Betcher appears on the ballot as a candidate, she has suspended her campaign this election cycle.

Before you vote — what you need to know

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An important reminder: Thanks to the passage of Promote the Vote in 2018, Michigan now has “no-reason Absentee Voting.” If you prefer to vote in the comfort of your own home, you may request an absentee ballot without needing a reason. Then either mail it in or drop it off with your local clerk.

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Singing al fresco Grosse Pointe Theatre talent takes to the streets

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's only natural for the members of Grosse Pointe Theatre to want to entertain. They've been doing as much more than 72 years and have no intention to stop. Having to cancel its spring productions due to COVID-19 was heart-breaking, but also led to some creative brainstorming. Members Patricia Ellis and Christine Kaiser each had an idea to keep the music playing and combined them to create Singin' in the Streets. "I had the idea back when COVID first started," Ellis said. "It's taken a while to pull it together." Since March, Ellis and her family have only been able to visit loved ones at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods by standing outside, wearing masks and seeing each other through closed windows while talking on cell phones. During one visit, Ellis wondered how residents whose

families couldn't visit were coping with the disconnect. That's when she thought maybe some Grosse Pointe Theatre members could stop by and entertain — to bring joy to people and let them know they're not forgotten. Around the same time, Kaiser saw a clip on YouTube of a group in Grand Rapids going house to house and entertaining.



Singin' in the Streets' first performance in September was a gift to residents and staff at Sunrise Grosse Pointe. Performers repeated their musical program on each side of the building, wearing masks and distancing, so all residents could watch and hear the performance from their slightly opened windows.

"We have plenty of singers and dancers who are dying to get out there with an audience," she said. "My angle was I think we can make money this way. All the nonprofits are in dire straits." Singin' in the Streets showcases the talents of a small group of GPT members singing Broadway medleys during outdoor performances in backyards,



Doug Clark sings, "The Impossible Dream" for a Neff Park audience.

parks, driveways and other venues. The 30-minute shows include snippets from "Anything Goes," "The Sound of Music," "Hello Dolly,"

"Chicago" and others. "Most everybody will know a majority of these songs," Ellis said. "It's something everyone can enjoy." Music was selected by vocal director Ellen Skinner Bowen. The medleys were arranged by accompanist Dennis Penney. Choreography was created by Christine Campbell-Cormier. Singers include Stephanie Butler, Christine Campbell-Cormier, F. Scott Davis, Doug Clark, Peter DiSante, Ann McReynolds, Jacqueline Pfaff and Ellen Taber. "Everybody donated their time and talent to make it a success," Ellis said. "We want to bring joy and inspire other people who are feeling disconnected. It's powerful

when you have a product you can deliver out of goodness and kindness and hope." Virtual rehearsals have been taking place twice a week since July, which has been challenging as only one person can sing or speak at a time on Zoom. The blending of voices in four-part harmony was not possible until the group could meet for outdoor in-person rehearsals while distancing and wearing face masks. Choreography, for the most part, also had to be learned via Zoom. Its first trio of performances took place Sept. 19, followed by another three Oct. 10. Next up, the group has performances planned Sunday, See TALENT, page 12B

Record breaker! Woods artist creates world's largest hand-drawn maze

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Michelle Boggess-Nunley feels liberated. After three months and 10 days, the Grosse Pointe Woods woman has finally set down her Sharpie. And what does she have to show for it? Only the world's largest hand-drawn maze, measuring a whopping 1,126 square feet. Boggess-Nunley expedited her Guinness World Records paperwork and should hear the title is officially hers, but she has little doubt. "I was really careful,"

she said. "I'm fairly certain I made the record." The guidelines were extremely strict. She could only work on it four hours a day; she needed two witnesses to the entire process; it had to be videotaped; the maze path couldn't exceed 1 centimeter. Following those rules and others, Boggess-Nunley tallied 260 hours of draw time in front of an audience. "I did it all at Posterity Gallery," she said. "They were kind enough to let me use their window space." The completed maze was unrolled and mea-

sured at Roseville Rec Center. "I grew up there; I was so pleased they said yes." Participants in the measuring process included witnesses, Sherry McInerney and Sherry Allor; surveyors, Ayman and Rami Tamimi; Roseville Rec Center Director Sara Frederick; Living Arts Detroit representative Tara Toumaala; and Boggess-Nunley and her family. After marking off 100 feet on the gymnasium floor, the 2,000-square-foot roll of paper on which the maze was



Michelle Boggess-Nunley and her family at the end of the maze, when the paper was completely unrolled and she found out she had indeed broken the old record. Pictured with the artist are her children, Mia Doucet and Zeke Nunley, and her husband, Royce Nunley.

drawn was unrolled five and a half times. Only toward the end did Boggess-Nunley start to worry. "I thought it wasn't going to make it," she said. "I thought they must have put less than 2,000 square feet on that roll. We rolled it out five times and I had my feet planted by the current world record," at the 1,072-square-foot mark. The room was filled with a collective sigh of

relief — and a few cheers — when the roll passed her up by 12 feet. "We measured 1,097 square feet," she said, adding that the paper was slightly wider than originally thought, so official calculations brought the total to 1,126 square feet. While holding a world record is an exciting accomplishment for Boggess-Nunley, it's not the reason she set out on this adventure. The

attempt had a more personal meaning to her. "Before COVID, I had my On the Gogh Studio classes in the area," she said. "After COVID, there was nothing. They canceled all art classes. I was worried about the organizations I work with, especially Living Arts Detroit, which teaches art education to young kids. They missed their biggest fundraiser



A close-up of the hand-drawn maze, which took Boggess-Nunley 260 hours to complete.

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Santa Claus is coming to town after all

Chamber of Commerce puts new twist on annual parade

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce has been as busy as a team of elves, preparing for this year's Santa Parade. The long-standing holiday tradition was in jeopardy of cancellation once the coronavirus Grinch came to town. "After watching the fun and joy families had during Grosse Pointe Farms' Easter Bunny drive-by, I knew the chamber had to do something special for Santa, too, and to keep the tradition of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus alive," said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president. As such, the chamber welcomes the community to its first drive-through Santa Parade at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27.



Rather than having spectators line the streets, the parade route will be lined with stationary Christmas displays and performances; those dropping in for the holiday spectacular will stay in their vehicles and drive the route to check things out. "The parade participants, groups, floats, props, etc., will each have their own designated section along the parade route," Boettcher said. "The spectators will be in their vehicles driving very slowly, single file,

using one lane as they view the parade in action. Children can bring their letters to Santa and place them in the North Pole mailbox as they pass by Santa." Though the process has changed, the parade route has not. The fun runs along Kercheval, from Lewiston to Cadieux. The roads will be closed, Boettcher said, and members of the public safety and public works departments will be on hand to assist with traffic flow and safety. This year's theme is "A Gingerbread House Christmas." The fun extends beyond the parade to include community businesses in a gingerbread house con-

test. "We wanted to incorporate a fun activity for the businesses to increase foot traffic and to add some festive fun for the community, so we chose the gingerbread house theme, which allows the businesses to sponsor a gingerbread house, which will be displayed in the front window of their businesses," Boettcher said. "The sponsorship includes the house and frosting. It's up to the business to get creative and decorate it however they wish." The winner of the contest will receive \$500. Second place wins \$350 and third place wins \$200. Additionally, the cham-

ber will design a map listing all participating businesses so the public can pass by at their leisure. Those who want to be part of the action — by either having a stationary float in the parade or putting a gingerbread house in their window — should call the chamber at (313)

881-4722, email info@grossepointechamber.com or visit grossepointechamber.com. Anyone interested in volunteering as a street guard also should call the chamber. "We have parade sponsorships available and are accepting donations, which make the parade possible year after year," Boettcher said. "For the past 75 years, the parade has brought joy to the community while kicking off the holiday season and we didn't want to let the community down during this time," she added. "We didn't want to let Santa down either."

Kevin's Song hosts virtual auction, fundraiser Oct. 22

Kevin's Song, a Grosse Pointe Farms-based non-profit organization whose mission is to empower communities to prevent suicide and offer hope and healing to survivors, will host its 2020 "Starry, Starry Night" gala as a virtual fundraiser and auction from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. The announcement was made by Kevin's Song co-founder and Vice President Gail Urso. During the live virtual event, participants will view a short film highlighting suicide loss survivors who will share their story about what Kevin's Song has meant to them. They also will hear a brief update from Kevin's Song leadership about plans for the 2021 Kevin's Song Virtual Conference on Suicide and School Summit. Participants also will share a toast and find out who won online auction items. The online auction,

which opened for bidding Thursday, Oct. 15, features a variety of exciting items such as vacation homes, jewelry, artwork, special event tickets and more. This year's fundraising goal is \$100,000 and will be used to support the conference. "Although the coronavirus pandemic has prevented us from holding our annual 'Starry, Starry Night' gala in person, it hasn't dampened our determination to continue to raise money and awareness in support of our fight against the scourge of suicide," Urso said. "We remain hopeful our friends, donors and allies will continue to lend their support and join us for a wonderful evening of informative updates, moving stories and a chance to win some exciting prizes." For more information, register for the gala or make an online bid, visit kevinssong.org.

PAATS offers rides to drop off election ballots


As of Monday, Oct. 12, Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services-eligible passengers may schedule a free ride to their municipal building to drop off their election ballot. Rides for the purpose of dropping off ballots must be scheduled for Monday through Friday. The last day for a ride is Monday, Nov. 2. PAATS riders must be a resident of Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes and at least 60

years of age or disabled. "We understand that many of our regular riders may be reluctant to vote in-person or mail in their ballot," said Lynda Altovilla, The Helm director of finance and PAATS representative. "We are pleased to offer this service free of charge." Reservations must be made at least two days ahead of time. To make a reservation or for more information, call (313) 343-2580.

Shred party planned

Hill Mortgage hosts a shred party in the municipal parking lot behind Kercheval on The Hill, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. An on-site shredding truck will be present.


Participants are limited to a 50-pound maximum. Social distancing guidelines will be observed. For information, call (313) 636-3700 or email jkaleta@hillhomeloans.com.



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City man makes 160th blood donation

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

How much is 20 gallons?

A 20-gallon fish tank makes a suitable home for two goldfish.

Twenty gallons could fill 320 cups with water to quench a crowd's thirst.

A road-tripper should make it around 460 miles on 20 gallons of gasoline.

But for City of Grosse Pointe resident Richard Strowger, 20 gallons is something much greater.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, Strowger made his 160th donation to the American Red Cross. His 20 gallons of blood has potentially saved 480 lives.

"Some people say, 'I don't like needles,' or

'It's not my thing,'" Strowger said. "For me, it was my thing. ... I don't think I focused on the 20-gallon target until maybe when I got past 16, 17, 18 gallons a few years ago."

His first donation happened July 18, 1958.

"I was a junior in college," he said. "It was during my summer employment. The company I worked for, a public utility, sponsored a blood drive in the building. I thought, 'I'm 19 years old. Why not?' ... It felt good to do something like that. It was a way of helping other people with a minimum commitment of time."

That's how Strowger felt for the first 80 or so of his donations. Then he discovered apheresis.

"Halfway through my donation history, I learned about apheresis," he said. "Whole blood donation takes 10 to 15 minutes. It's simple, quick, easy."

"Apheresis is a two-arm procedure that takes two to three hours. They withdraw blood from one arm, it goes through a machine that separates the blood into component parts ... so people who need those products can get those products. The remainder of the blood is transferred back into the other arm. The blood products derived are much more efficacious to the eventual donor."

As explained by American Red Cross Donor Resource Development Account Manager Elizabeth Frahm: "We collect whole blood and power red cells on mobile drives. At our fixed sites we also collect platelets and plasma. These procedures are done on an apheresis machine. The donations take longer and you can donate platelets and plasma frequently."

These days, especially since his retirement,



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Richard Strowger holds his Red Cross certificate and pin recognizing his accomplishment of donating 20 gallons of blood. In the background hangs a vintage Red Cross poster Strowger had framed with his earlier 19 pins. Each pin represents a gallon in blood donations.

apheresis is Strowger's preferred donation method of choice.

"For a lot of years I had a young family, I was on the road a lot for my CPA firm, so I left it by the wayside," he said. "As I became more senior in the hierarchy of my firm, I could get back into it, so I did and discovered apheresis."

"They set you up on a couch where you sit for a couple hours ... and watch a movie while doing it," he added. "It's better in the long run, but it takes a commitment from the donor. After I retired, I had more time to do it."

Strowger's 62-year history with the Red Cross runs deeper than blood donations. In the 1990s, he was board chairman of blood services and on its chapter board.

"It was a gratifying experience," he said. "Our job was working with professionals and clinicians to help strategize how to maximize

blood draws in southeast Michigan communities."

The Red Cross has changed considerably over the years, including a national restructuring in 2014. One of the newer processes it has implemented, sending postcards to donors following their donation, gives the contribution a personal touch.

"They can't give you the name of the recipient, but they thank you for your recent donation and tell you where your blood went — it could be Cleveland Clinic or U of M Hospital or Flint — which gives the donor a sense of connection," he said. "I really like that. It gives you a connection in the process that's personal or as close to personal as you can get."

As someone driven by knowing he's helping someone with his O-positive blood type, Strowger said that connection propels him forward.

The onset of COVID-

19 forced many blood donation events to cancel, among them the summer event at which Strowger had planned to give his 160th donation. Instead, he rolled up his sleeve at Christ Church Grosse Pointe just last week to make the donation.

"As always, the need never goes away," Frahm said. "The generosity of blood donors and sponsors has been amazing during the past eight months. We are struggling to find places to hold drives as we are not able to have drives at many schools and universities. Our corporate sponsors have staff working from home so they are not hosting drives. The need is to find places for all the donors."

To learn more about blood donation or schedule a drive, email Frahm at beth.frahm@redcross.org.

Strowger said he's proud of his milestone donation and the number of lives he's impacted. While a single whole blood donation helps one person, an apheresis donation can potentially help four or five people, he noted.

"Blood is you, part of your being, what keeps you alive and functioning," he said. "To give up, over a long period of time, 20 gallons of the stuff is gratifying. I feel good about it. People seldom ask about my life highlights, but when they do, this is one of the



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Quite a comeback

Runner takes to the streets for first marathon

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are a few reasons why Oct. 10 is a significant date to John Bornoty. For starters, it's his late father's birthday. But there are other reasons he won't soon forget that date.

"Last Oct. 10, I was doing a warmup for the Detroit half marathon, just a four-mile warmup," Bornoty said. "I had a massive injury; I fell to my knees. ... I was told I'd never run again."

"Being told you can't do something anymore that you absolutely love is dev-

astating," he added, noting he's an avid half-marathoner.

With the help of talented doctors and physical therapists, Bornoty fully recovered from his injuries — cracked vertebrae, dislocated hip and muscle damage to his back. In early January, he signed up to run the Chicago Marathon — his first marathon ever.

Bornoty started training — running five days a week, covering 30 to 40 miles each week — and raising funds to support Salute, Inc. He followed a strict training guide and stayed on track, even

after the event was canceled due to COVID-19.

"When it was canceled, John wasn't sure if he'd run this year," his wife, Beth, said. "But he was two of thousands of runners who didn't defer to next year. He wanted the funds he raised to go to Salute this year."

This Oct. 10, Bornoty made his own marathon route — through the streets of Grosse Pointe. While the weather was perfect for the run, he said, no amount of training could have prepared him for those last three miles.

"Finishing was brutal,"



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John Bornoty, post-marathon, with his wife Beth, son John and in-laws, Grosse Pointe residents Doug and Liz Abood.

he said. "But just to finish — I wasn't going for time or a personal record — just to finish with my body holding together was worth it. Having my wife and my neighbors there made it so special."

In fact, while her husband was running, Beth Bornoty went the extra mile to help make the

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Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe seeks qualified candidates for two financial awards that support women in their educational or vocational programs.

The Live Your Dream Award is for \$3,000, which can be used in whatever way the recipient needs to support her educational goal. Applicants must be the primary financial support for herself and her dependents, have financial need and be enrolled in a vocational skills training program or undergraduate degree program. This application is due Sunday, Nov. 15.

The Virginia Wagner Educational Award also is for \$3,000, and can be

used in whatever way the recipient needs to support her educational goal. Applicants must be enrolled in a bachelor, master or doctorate program and have financial need. This application is due Friday, Jan. 15, 2021.

Both of these applications are available online at the Soroptimist Grosse Pointe website: grossepointesoroptimist.org. Click on the “Programs” tab to be directed to the applications, which are submitted online.

For further Live Your Dream Award information, call Bette at (586) 557-3287; for Virginia Wagner Educational Award information, email Maddy at mcclavito48@gmail.com.



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Red Cross Team Manager Porsches W. preps Richard Strowger for his blood donation Oct. 14, during a blood drive at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.



Beth Frahm, donor resource development account manager for the American Red Cross Blood Services, presents Richard Strowger with a framed certificate of appreciation recognizing the completion of his 20-gallon blood donation.

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first things I mention.”

Of Strowger’s “tremendous milestone,” Frahm added, “His 160 donations could potentially save 480 lives. He has been a champion of the ARC for many years. I am sure he is not stopping at 20 gallons. I would not be surprised if

he has another target set for himself.”

Apheresis blood donation is determined by the donor’s blood type. The Red Cross currently is testing all donors for COVID antibodies and, if they are positive, asking them to donate convalescent plasma to aid in the treatment of the virus. For more information, email beth.frahm@redcross.org.

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event even more special. She alerted neighbors to her husband’s plan and many came out to cheer him to the finish line. Several family members and friends representing branches of the military also came out to support him. A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety vehicle escorted him the final stretch as well.

“He’s raising money for Salute, which is an organization that helps families of military who are wounded and veter-

ans,” Beth Bornoty said. “In honor of that, in honor of the military ... I’m trying to get every branch of the military represented at the finish line.”

Other plans she made to motivate her husband included borrowing an inflatable arch finish line from Grosse Pointe South High School, where she teaches, as well as setting up replenishing stations every three miles. She also special ordered a racing bib — personalized with the date, 1010 — and a race medal.

“He doesn’t have the

other runners or spectators,” she said, “the things that motivate you during a marathon.”

But motivated is exactly the word Bornoty used to describe how he felt post-race.

“This goes for anything anybody does,” he said. “Running a distance like this is a personal accomplishment, especially coming back from an injury. ... Just keep pressing forward and you will always accomplish your goal.”

Bornoty is still pulling in donations to reach his \$2,000 fundraising goal, he said, noting he was

selective when choosing a charity to support.

“I’m very attached to the military,” he said. “Anything to do with supporting them means a lot to me.”

“With Salute, it’s a smaller charity. Eighty percent of the funds go to families and very little goes to administration. Most of it is run by volunteers. I’ve worked with them since January. They never made me feel pressured to meet my fundraising goals. And I plan to continue to fundraise for them through our restaurant, The Big Salad.”

“John’s incredibly disci-

plined,” Beth Bornoty said. “I give him so much credit for doing what he’s doing. The most important thing, though, is he’s honoring Salute and what they do.”

“This isn’t about John; it’s about something bigger,” she added. “We’re trying to help something bigger than who we are.”

Bornoty said he likely won’t run another marathon, but will continue running half marathons and wouldn’t mind seeing an annual half marathon in the Pointes. During his training, he realized how popular running is within the

community.

“On those long Saturday runs, I’d get up early thinking I’m the only crazy one running at 6:30 in the morning,” he said. “But there are a lot of Grosse Pointe runners.”

“Grosse Pointe in general does 5K runs,” he continued. “Having run so much and done so much training, I’d love to see the Pointes do a half marathon. Running through all the Pointes is such a beautiful run. What a great way to celebrate our communities.”

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A: Self-awareness is the most important and first step of the college planning process. While grade-point average, test scores and activities are important, these factors should not be considered first when making this big decision. Here are three tips to help:

- ◆ **Know yourself:** High schools provide students with assessments that help them understand their learning style and personality. Many times, the results are glanced at quickly and dismissed. Make sure you ask to see the results of these assessments. You can also set up an appointment to ask for interpretation.
- ◆ **Choose your activities wisely:** Making sure your activities are meaningful and in alignment with your interests can be much more powerful than doing activities en masse. Colleges are trying to form a clear picture of who you are as a person and how you can contribute to the community. If your activities reflect who you are, it will make your application stand out.
- ◆ **Get the vibe:** There are many great resources for online college tours (One of my favorite places to look is youniversitytv.com). College representatives who visit your school also can be a great resource and have a lot of knowledge. If at all possible, it is ideal to have the ability to get on campus for a visit. While online information is helpful, it can't provide the same information as stopping by the local coffee shop and getting a copy of the campus newspaper. This will give you a true taste of the culture.

Anne Moigis is a licensed professional counselor who specializes in holistic student planning. She helps teens discover their unique talents and gifts using a systematic approach to better envision how they would like to contribute to their community and what they need to do to make that contribution possible. Email center4studentscounseling@gmail.com.

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MAZE:

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of the year, so I did this to raise money for them.”

Funds were raised through sponsorships; more than 200 names are hidden throughout the maze in doodles that were part of square-foot spaces sponsored by 70 individuals or businesses.

The project raised more than \$4,000 for Living Arts Detroit; donations still are accepted online at boggessart.com/breakingtheworldrecord.

Bogges-Nunley has no immediate plans for the physical maze; it’s a bit big to display, but she’d like to find space



Sherry McInerney and Sherry Allor, the two official witnesses, walk along the maze checking out the doodles.

for it eventually. She also plans to make a digital copy of the whole

thing — removing the yellow highlighted path she drew as she went, because the maze had to be solvable — so people can access it online.

In the meantime, the artist has a lot on her plate. She’s putting together a book of short stories about Detroit folklore, publishing three maze books and working

with Posterity Gallery on offering art classes in the space next door.

Now that she has some breathing room — “playing catch-up and spending more time with the kiddos,” she said — she reflected on her Guinness endeavor as a teachable moment. “If anyone has a dream or wants to do something, do it,” she said. “That’s what I’d tell the kids who stopped in at Posterity.

“And support local arts and art programs,” she added. “It’s so important to keep kids’ minds sharp. Art complements all other academics.”



Royce Nunley, the artist’s husband, unrolls the paper while Bogges-Nunley and her children, Zeke Nunley and Mia Doucet, walk alongside with the surveyor, Aymen Tamini, and Dale Wilson records the unrolling.

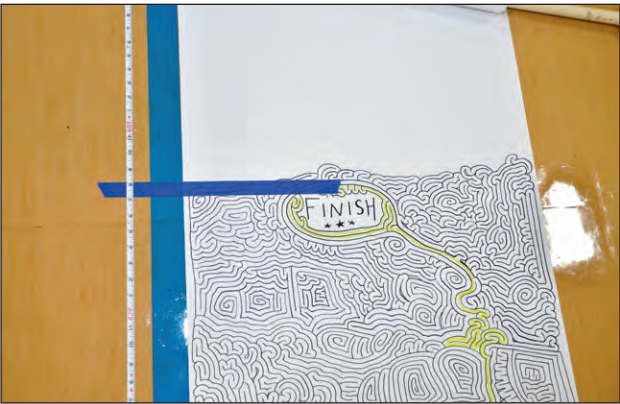


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Michelle Bogges-Nunley carefully rolls up the paper so it can be measured and a new section can be rolled out to get to the end to make sure it will beat the old record.



All the doodles were sponsored by people or businesses.



The end of the maze drawing and the tape where it was measured. Bogges-Nunley broke the old record of 1,072 square feet.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 the Special City Council meeting held on August 3, 2020 and the Special City Council meeting held on August 25, 2020 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on June 18, 2020 and Ordinance Committee meeting held on August 17, 2020.
- 2) to receive and file the information packet provided by the attorney of the Parkcrest Inn and allow an additional 30 days, beginning September 10, 2020, to determine if the corrective actions that have been put into place by the Operations Manager of the Parkcrest Inn will have a positive impact on the safety of our community and further that security officers be more visible and to place additional signage to prohibit parking on any sidestreet for patrons or guests of the Inn.
- 3) To approve the 2021 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular and special meetings on September 21, September 28, October 5 and October 12, if necessary and further to hold a public hearing on the 2021 Budget on October 19, 2020.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 119921 through 120158 in the amount of \$813,649.21 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$26,711.20 for professional services during the month of July 2020 for the following projects: 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239; 2020 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-226; 2019 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-229; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; Kelly Road Ped. Crossing, #180-208; AT&T Tower, #180-235; Lead Water Svc. Repl. #180-238 and Everstream, #180-237. (3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$37,520.20 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of July 2020. (4) approve payment to Weatherseal Home Improvements Inc. in the amount of \$8,894.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19380 Washtenaw as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (5) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of September 2020. (6) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$26,686.73 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the months of June, July and August, IT support services, upgrades for the court required by the State of Michigan LEIN audit, the renewal of our firewall, and the purchase of a new Port Switch that was damaged in a recent storm (7) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$15,439.02 for the purchase of new 5/8” Orion automatic read water meters, with the cost being reimbursed by Grant funds (8) approve payment in the amount of \$14,000.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several watermain breaks and replacement of stop boxes at various residential locations. (9) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,301.98 for software support on the district court’s computer system and SOS/Lein fees. (10) approve payment in the amount of \$38,134.37 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 20, 2019 and January 1 through June 30, 2020. (11) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,783.60 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes. (12) approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$11,128.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2020 through August 2021.
- 2) approve payment to L. Anthony Construction in the amount of \$41,073.34 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair project, #180-239.
- 3) to approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$41,089.50 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation, #180-233.
- 4) to approve the renewal of a five-year agreement for professional services between the City of Harper Woods and SAFEbuilt Michigan, LLC and further, to authorize the Acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 5) to approve the one-year extension of the Cross Connection Control Program with HydroCorp, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000 to be paid in 12 equal monthly payments of \$500, and further that the acting City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement.
- 6) accept the lowest qualified bid submitted by Royal Roofing in the amount of \$248,690.00 for the removal and replacement of both upper and lower elevations of City Hall with 20 year, 60 mil EDM rubber roofing, and further that the surplus bond proceeds be utilized for this project.
- 7) to accept the lowest, qualified bid submitted by Supreme Heating and Cooling, LLC in the amount of \$84,680.00 for the removal and replacement of the steam boiler at City Hall.
- 8) approve the additional purchase of doors and access points in conjunction with the City Hall security system upgrade from Pointe Alarm in the amount of \$16,968.00.
- 9) accept the proposal provided by Drive Creative Services to provide the City with the 2021 City Calendar and the quarterly newsletter, including the distribution of both pieces as one single mailing in the amount of \$6,650.00 and further to waive competitive bidding in accordance with City Charter policy.
- 10) to authorize those Councilmembers interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Convention on September 30 through October 2 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Published: GPN, October 22, 2020

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY AND HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, AND HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, Wayne County & Macomb County, Michigan and the City of Harper Woods that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your City Clerk’s Office on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

POSTED: October 22, 2020
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED
VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on October 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

2007 Dodge Dakota	1D7HE22KX7S118804
2010 Ford Focus	1FAHP3HN0AW234269
1998 Lexus Es300	JT8BF2867W0110412
2002 Toyota Sequoia	5TDBT48A02S088469
2005 Chevy Cobalt	1G1AK55F667648038
2005 Chrysler 300	2C3JA53G25H538083
2011 Dodge Journey	3D4PG1FGXBT515875
2010 Chevy Malibu	1G1ZC5EB5A4129036

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

POSTED: October 16, 2020
PUBLISHED: October 22, 2020

A copy of this notice can be viewed on www.harperwoodscity.org under Public Notices.

First English hosts Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Families looking for an innovative alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating are invited to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church on Halloween.

From 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, church

volunteers decked out in their Halloween best will dole out candy to costumed cuties during a Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru.

“We had been talking about it on a congregational level — how to bring people together safely,” said the Rev. Sean Motley, pastor at

First English. “A lot of activities, especially for children, are gone right now. ... So how do we help kids and families have a little normalcy to their lives? How can we be of service to the community to support kids and families and bring them a little fun, a little joy, something with a lack of stress? Something people can look at and say, that’s safe.”

Children are invited to put on their Halloween costumes, jump into the family car and come to the church, where they’ll drive past 25 to 50 trunk stations. Those comfortable holding their treat bags out of the window may receive their goodies that way; volunteers also will place candy into

open trunks, if that’s a more comfortable option.

All volunteers, who are all church members, will wear masks and gloves.

“People stay in their cars, so there are no crowds,” Motley said.

Drivers will be asked to enter and exit the church’s Wedgewood driveway; the Vernier Road driveway will be closed.

“Ideally, they’ll go into the lot, loop around and go back out,” Motley said. “We don’t want to cause any issues on Vernier. There will be 50 to 60 feet before the cars are set up, so we can get as much traffic off of the street as we can.”

Motley said Grosse Pointe Woods Public

Safety will assist with traffic control, if needed.

A recent sermon Motley preached based on a passage in Philippians reflected the importance of having fun.

“Rejoice in the Lord. Again, I say rejoice,” Motley quoted. “Trunk or Treat is a fun activity. God wants us to be able to enjoy ourselves and the gifts he’s given us. ... During the pandemic, a lot of people have been stressed, depressed, overwhelmed, lonely. We hope to help people smile, to remember there’s joy here. Maybe on that Saturday, they can forget about it for a while.”

Registration is not required; all children are

welcome.

“We could have anywhere from 20 to 500 show up,” Motley said, “so we’re preparing for 500.”

Any leftover treats will be donated to a charity that will ship them overseas to U.S. troops.

“This is not traditional outreach for a church,” he added. “Hopefully, we’ll have decent weather, but we’re doing it rain or shine. There’s no charge. It will be a fun event.”

Motley said he and his wife will be in on the fun, too, dressed as the “of Arks.”

“I’m Noah, she’s Joan,” he said.

For more information, email tonyapirker@yahoo.com.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Scarecrow sighting

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society introduced a new fundraiser this year: The Scarecrow Project. Scarecrow kits were sold for people to customize and display throughout the community for the month of October. In the City of Grosse Pointe along Maumee, passersby will see this scarecrow display featuring a suffragist and a likeness of Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Ford House welcomes ‘Little Goblins’ Oct. 24

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, welcomes costumed youngsters to its Little Goblins Drive-Thru, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

This year, Ford House is putting a safe twist on this annual Halloween trick-or-treat event. Parents may bring their dressed-up young ones on a drive through the estate, braking for trick-or-treat stations.

The event will feature not-so-spooky decorations and characters for Halloween fun, plus lots of stops for treats along the drive. It is recommended for children ages 3 and older.

Admission is \$20 per car. Space is limited to comply with COVID-19 precautions.

The program takes place rain or shine. Groups are asked to arrive at their scheduled times and be prepared to show their tickets at the gate. All visitors must remain in their vehicles. There is no parking on the estate during the event.

Also, guests are asked to wear a mask when interacting with staff.

Little Goblins is sponsored by Trader Joe’s of Grosse Pointe, Roy O’Brien Ford, Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Ford Motor Co.

Michigan Renaissance Festival launches lighted Halloween walk through

Though this year’s Michigan Renaissance Festival was canceled due to the coronavirus, festival grounds in Holly have been altered for the Halloween season.

Patrons are invited to walk through more than three-quarters of a mile of lights and sounds as they make their way through the twists and turns of the festival village, which has been transformed into “A Haunting in Hollygrove — Phantasm of Lights.”

Through a partnership between the festival and national lighting company, Fantasee Lighting, the grounds will be filled with lights, animated scenes, jump scares and more — something new at every turn, with more than

eight haunting scenes and unique and unnerving characters filling the lanes.

There also will be an area featuring 10 to 15 festival artisans for unique finds and exclusive Halloween merchandise.

Tours take place rain or shine. Event dates are Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 15 to 31.

Tickets for this family-friendly haunted village are limited to only 40 people per time slot. Adult tickets are \$25 and tickets for ages 5 to 12 are \$17.95; ages 5 and younger are admitted free.

Masks and social distancing will be observed. Tickets and more information are available at halloweeninholly.com.

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OBITUARIES

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

Laurene W. Buechler

Laurene W. Buechler, 82, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at her home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Laurene was the loving wife and partner of Dr. Ernest P. Buechler for 60 years; devoted mother of sons, Kurt, Craig and Peter; grandmother of Connor, Killian, Noah, Katelyn and Carson; and sister of Diane Jaco.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Laurene earned an undergraduate degree in special needs education. She earned a Master of Education degree in reading from the University of Detroit and a Master of Education degree in learning disabled education from Wayne State University.

Laurene had a 35-year career as a special education administrator and teacher at South Lake High School, where she used her schooling in her passionate pursuit of high-quality educational and vocational opportunities and advocacy for all, regardless of special needs. A staunch advocate of the inclusion of special education students in traditional classroom settings, Laurene continued her pursuit of this goal as an educational consultant after she retired.

Together with her loving husband and family,

Laurene traveled the world and cultivated new experiences the past 25 years.

Laurene's remains were donated to the WSU Medical School.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Laurene's honor may be made to the WSU College of Education to help endow the new Dr. Ernest and Laurene Buechler Endowed Scholarship for education of future teachers in perpetuity. Tribute gifts in the name of Mrs. Laurene Buechler may be made online at giving.wayne.edu/donate/education; or by mail, with checks payable to Wayne State University and "in memory of Mrs. Laurene Buechler" written on the memo line, to Wayne State University, P.O. Box 674602, Detroit, MI 48267.

Lucille Robinson Grenzke

Lucille "Lucy" Robinson Grenzke of Harbor Springs and Grosse Pointe Shores passed away Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, surrounded by family. She was 101.

Lucille was born Aug. 27, 1919, in Detroit, in the midst of the influenza pandemic, to Inez and Fred Robinson.

She and George R. Grenzke were married May 22, 1941; together

they made their home in Detroit. The couple moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in the mid-1950s and became very involved in the community and their church.

A woman of great talent and many accomplishments, Lucille was president of the Michigan State Hospital Auxiliary for which she traveled throughout the state and delivered speeches and met with hospital auxiliaries in the upper and lower peninsulas. As president of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, she shared her love of flowers and gardening with the Grosse Pointe community and was recognized as a "Pointer of Interest" in the Grosse Pointe News. Lucille was an accomplished speaker, seamstress, gardener and artist. One of her many paintings hangs in the Fred Harms Fireside Room at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. A member of St. Paul many years, she served as president of WELCA and the annual rummage sale.

Lucille moved to Harbor Springs in 2013, and became "Lucy" to all who knew her. She embraced being an "Up North Girl" and started a new life at age 93. An incredible woman with a sparkle in her eye and a quiet strength about her, Lucy was always ready for a new adventure.



Laurene W. Buechler



Lucille Grenzke



Ann Joan Rabaut



Christopher P. Tennyson



Steven Jay Parcels

She is survived by her children, Gary Grenzke (Deb) of Loveland, Colo., Richard Grenzke (Bea) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Beverly Osetek (Jim) of Harbor Springs; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Jack Robinson; and many nieces and nephews. Lucy was predeceased by her husband, George; brother, Robert; and parents, Inez and Fred Robinson.

Her family said that above all else, Lucy's greatest love was her family; they will remember her always and always with a smile. They further said her departure from this world was a reflection of her life — peaceful and full of dignity and grace.

Ann Joan Rabaut

Ann Joan Rabaut, 92, passed away peacefully Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020.

She was born Jan. 28, 1928, in Grosse Pointe, to Joseph and Hazel Leinweber.

Ann attended St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms. A 1948 graduate of the University of Michigan and Kappa Delta sorority member, she earned a degree in dental hygiene and

worked full time as a dental hygienist while raising her three daughters.

Ann was an avid athlete and bridge player. She loved spending time with family and friends at her cottage in Lewiston on West Twin Lake.

An original parishioner at St. Peter Catholic Church until its closure, she transferred to the St. Joan of Arc parish in St. Clair Shores.

Ann was blessed with wonderful daughters, Elizabeth Gauthier (Gerard), Jo Elliott (Mark) and Mary McRae (Tony). She was cherished grandmother to Kathleen, Joseph (Claire), Peter (Lauren), Matthew (Elisa), Elizabeth, Sara and Annie; and loving great-grandmother to Victoria and Henry. Ann was dear sister to her late brothers, Capt. Thomas Leinweber (the late Iris) and Roy Leinweber (Beverly).

A memorial Celebration of Life Mass will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

Ann will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions in Ann's honor may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.

Christopher Patrick Tennyson

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Christopher "Kit" Patrick Tennyson, 73, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, after a brief illness. He was born Aug. 29, 1947, to Patsy and Harry Tennyson.

A 1965 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Kit studied economics at Oakland University. Upon graduation from OU in 1969, he began his career at Tennyson Chevrolet, where he succeeded his father as president in 1983. Kit's distinguished career in the automotive business spanned nearly 50 years, until he retired in 2017. During this time, Kit was a respected leader in the Livonia business community, where he served on numerous charitable boards and spearheaded local economic initiatives.

In Kit's brief retirement years, he continued his passions — sailing on Lake St. Clair, bowling at the Detroit Athletic Club, jazz music education and leadership in many civic organizations, including the Detroit Rotary Club. He also loved travel and

particularly cherished his time in Muskoka, Ontario and France.

An active member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe to the end, Kit twice served on the Vestry, including as senior warden.

A devoted husband and father, his greatest love remained his family.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Barrett Tennyson; daughters, Sara Orr (Topher), Chloe Houston (Peter) and Cecily Tennyson; and grandson, Barrett Orr.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kit's memory may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, christchurchgp.org; or Oakland University, oakland.edu.

Steven Jay Parcels

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Steven Jay Parcels, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020. Born Nov. 13, 1950, in Detroit, he was 69.

Steven attended the Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Science degree from the University of Michigan.

Steven was a science teacher at Churchill High School in the Montgomery County (Md.) School District. He worked many years with various conservation and wildlife organizations. He also served as president of the Huron City Company in Huron City.

An extensive world-wide traveler, Steven was interested in conservation issues and enjoyed birdwatching, kayaking and hiking.

Steven is survived by his children, Bertrand (Alexis) and Nathaniel; grandchildren, Genevieve and Rosalie; and siblings, Gretchen Madison (Norbert), Jeffrey (Christine) and Matthew (Cynthia). He was predeceased by his parents, Frank Hubbard Parcels and Jacqueline Rohn Parcels; step-mother, Anne Leete Parcels; and sister, Deborah.

A private family service will be held in Huron City. Interment will take place at the Huron City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Nature Conservancy, support.nature.org.

HAMPDEN MEADE MAXWELL

"NICE MATTERS"

These are the words Hampden Meade Maxwell lived by and how he would want to be remembered by.

Meade was born May 9th, 1995, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, MI, to Christy Swift Maxwell and the late Peter T. Maxwell Sr. He passed away September 26th, 2020, with his mother by his side. He was the youngest of three boys.

Although Meade's life was short, he did have an impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Meade was an "old soul" and was wise beyond his years. His kindness, thoughtful ways, and genuine compassion for his fellow human beings was inspirational. He took pride in doing the "right" thing and leading by example. Like his father, he had the gift of being an ambassador, an incredible listener, and a problem solver. They also shared a passion for Detroit sports. Mostly the frustration of the Detroit Lions.

Meade began his lifelong friendships at the Grosse Pointe Academy in early school when he was three years old. He spent his early, elementary, and middle school years developing a solid foundation of friends, academic excellence, and mentors he considered his extended family. Meade graduated from the Academy as a member of the National Junior Honor Society and Class President in 2008.

Grosse Pointe South was his high school choice, where his social circle continued to grow, and his academics excelled. Meade played JV and Varsity Basketball and was also a member of the JV and Varsity lacrosse teams. His laugh became notoriously contagious, as well as his colorful wardrobe, and his smile was one you could never forget. He was a member of the class of 2013.

After too many cold Michigan winters, Meade was accepted to and chose the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. He wasn't too sure how welcomed a "Yankee" would be in the south. But to his delight, he was welcomed with open arms. Meade became a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and quite the connoisseur of fine southern dining, where he honed his love of being a



1995 -2020

a "foodie." He loved Charleston and its history along with the architecture, charm, vibrance, and people. He would often remark how he found a new wonderful historical park or a beautiful home, even an arbor of jasmine that he couldn't wait to share with his friends and family. Meade graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 2018.

Meade then headed back to his hometown of Grosse Pointe Farms, where he spent time with his parents and charting out a course for his future and all the success he looked forward to having in life. He always focused on the day-to-day but looked forward to all of the "tomorrows."

Harbor Springs, Michigan, played a vital role in Meade's life, where he made many incredible loyal friends from all over the country. He had spent every summer of his life there and many winter weekends sailing, skiing, and being with family and friends. Meade started sailing at Little Traverse Sailors at 8-years-old and never left. When he "graduated" from sail school, he became a sailing instructor. In 2015, it was quite the honor for Meade to be promoted to Director and Head Sailing Instructor of the LTS program. He loved all of his students and his staff. He took pride in teaching and mentoring his students, reinforcing their sailing skills, and sharing his love and respect for the water as well for each other.

Meade also had an affinity for cars and boats. Cruising the harbor to watch a beautiful sunset or putting around the bay, he felt at home on the water. When the waters were too cold or rough, his attention would

turn to his cars. He loved to cruise Lakeshore or the Germanic roads of northern of northern Michigan, listening to songs from the '60s and '70s.

Meade loved winter, too, when the boats were "worked on." He loved to ski, and Nubs Nob was where he learned and returned to every season. He was fortunate to have the opportunity to ski in many states, but since Nubs had the best honey mustard, it was a foodie destination for him.

Meade had an incredible fashion sense. He was the only one who could put together a turquoise blazer with purple pants, a green tie, and a yellow shirt and have it look like it belonged together. Not to mention the colorful Nike's that would finish off the look. At 6'4," he was a walking rainbow and would take such delight at people's reactions, mostly their smiles.

Meade was a natural-born leader who led by example and encouraged others to be their personal best at whatever they chose. His attention to detail and passion for the little things in life made him an amazing gentleman. He was a renaissance man who was generous and thoughtful. He was a man's man and a ladies' man. He was incredibly kind and knew what it meant to be a friend. He was so much more than just a bunch of words on a piece of paper.

*God Speed,
sweet Meade.
Fair skies too.*

*I hope they are all your
favorite color, blue.*

Meade is survived by his mother, Christy Swift Maxwell, and his two older brothers Peter T. Maxwell Jr, Gordon Swift Maxwell, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and so many friends who loved him.

His father predeceased him, Peter T. Maxwell Sr, Grandparents Hampden M. Swift, Margaret M. Swift, Phillip H. Maxwell, and Harriet W. Maxwell.

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A memorial service will be held in the late spring of 2021.

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Kent Joseph Muer

Kent Muer, 44, passed away Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. The youngest of seven children, he was born Sept. 7, 1976, in St. Clair, to Chuck and Betty Muer.

Kent traveled to Aspen from a young age and discovered his love for the mountains. An avid skier and fly fisherman as an adult, he lived in many mountain towns. He had an appreciation for good food and a witty sense of humor.

Kent's family noted that he was taken from them too soon due to a devastating and ongoing struggle with addiction. They said friends and family will always remember Kent's endless determination to live life to the fullest, his free spirit and giving nature. Kent was charming, charismatic and the life of the party, they said.

Kent is survived by his siblings, Mari Frankel, Karen Rudzinski (Joseph), Susan Muer, Julie Muer and Matthew Muer. He will be remembered dearly by his lov-



Kent Joseph Muer

ing nieces and nephews. Kent was predeceased by his parents, Chuck and Betty Muer, and older brother, Chuck Muer Jr. A service in Kent's memory will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Aspen Chapel in Aspen, Colo.

Donations in Kent's memory may be made to A Way Out, P.O. Box 10825, Aspen, CO 81612; or awayout.org.

Melissa B. Maghielse

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Melissa B. Maghielse, 83, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, at home surrounded by family.

Born April 6, 1937, in Illinois, she was the



Melissa B. Maghielse

daughter of Helen and Paul Benbow, both now deceased.

Melissa earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from Wayne State University. She also attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

She was active in the community throughout her 60 years in Grosse Pointe. Melissa served on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. She also was a teacher and director of the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Cooperative Nursery School and the Neighborhood Club nursery school. A volunteer at the Cottage Hospital gift shop, she also ran the kitchen tour

several years. In addition, Melissa was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, twice served as president of the local chapter of Delta Gamma sorority and was on the board of her condominium association.

She grew up playing with her cousins and remained in contact with them throughout her life; she and her cousins gathered and cared for each other with laughter and love every year in Florida. Melissa enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, especially Up

North on the porch at the lake.

Melissa was predeceased by her husband, George T. Maghielse; and son, Paul D. Maghielse (Susan). She is survived by her sister, Carolyn Benbow-Ross (the late Ken); children, George D. Maghielse (Robin), Gretchen Maghielse-Brown (James) and MegCarolyn M. Remesz (Robert); grandchildren, Nicholas Maghielse (Veronica), Luc Maghielse, Zachary Brown, Tori Brown, Bobby Maghielse, Trent Maghielse, Joshua

Brown and Kevin Remesz (Michelle); and great-grandchildren, Audrey, Paul, Nicholas, Katie, Samantha and Alex.

A memorial service to celebrate Melissa's life will be held next year.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart to Heart Hospice, 30600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 1131, Bingham Farms, MI 48025; or toward a scholarship in Melissa's name to the Delta Gamma Foundation, 3250 Riverside Dr., Columbus, OH 43221; or dgfoundation@deltagamma.org.

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Free Bikes 4 Kidz another success

For the third straight year, more bicycles have been donated at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage than at any other collection site for the charity Free Bikes 4 Kidz Detroit.

The Oct. 3 event saw 87 bikes dropped off at Cottage — double the amount collected at Henry Ford Medical Center locations in Royal Oak, Troy and Dearborn. That brings Cottage's three-year donation tally up to nearly 500 bikes.

Between the four Henry Ford donation sites, 222 bikes were collected during this year's event. Adding bikes that were donated at area Home Depots — first-year participants in the drive — the event rounded up more than 600 bikes in total.

"Despite a global pandemic, people took the time to help, to give away their possessions and time so that kids



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers were on hand to take in the 87 bike donations at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage.

from across the region will know the joy of having a bike," said Bob Barnes, executive director and co-founder of the Detroit chapter of Free Bikes 4 Kidz, which has chapters around the U.S.

Now the focus turns to volunteers, he said. People of all abilities are needed, from those who know their way around bikes enough to fix them to someone willing to clean and sort them. Volunteers are needed

for a variety of jobs to get the bikes repaired and made safe in time for a holiday giveaway.

The warehouse at 411 Piquette, in Midtown, where the bikes are worked on and prepared to be given away in December, has undergone major changes to meet safety guidelines to protect against COVID-19.

To volunteer or learn more, visit fb4kdetroit.org/volunteer/.

Dr. William J. Rice

Dr. William J. Rice, 91, passed away in his Grosse Pointe Shores home Monday, October 12th . Born in 1929, he was the son of Thomas and Christina Rice of Detroit. Bill graduated from River Rouge High School, Michigan State University (where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha), and the Wayne State University College of Medicine.

Following an internship at Queen's Hospital in Hawaii, he joined the U.S. Air Force as a Flight Surgeon and was stationed in the South Pacific. After his military service, he met his wife, Ginnie,



a nurse, in San Francisco. Returning to Michigan for his residency, he was Board certified by the American College of Surgeons and went on to co-develop Lakeshore ENT—one of the largest ear, nose, and throat practices in the state. Upon his retirement, Bill co-founded

The Holley Institute with its services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and was its vice president and medical director.

An avid tennis player, skier, runner, scuba diver, and photographer, he is survived by Ginnie, his wife of 58 years, sons Grantland and Garrett, grandchildren Taylor and Jackson, and more than two dozen nieces and nephews.

Donations (in lieu of flowers) can be made to The Holley Institute, Boll Professional Building (Suite 223), 22151 Moross Road, Detroit, Michigan 48236.

An outdoor service will be held on the Trinity Terrace at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Tuesday, October 27th at 12 Noon.

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TALENT:

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Oct. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 8. While some performances are private, two of the shows can accommodate larger public audiences: at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, on the front lawn of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, in The Village on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. Guests should arrive at least 15 minutes before start time and should bring a lawn chair. Face masks and social distancing are required.

“We’re juggling all our



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Doug Clark, foreground, and other singers perform, “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat.”

schedules,” Ellis said. “There were four dates where everyone could be together, so we scheduled so many performances on each day, with

time for travel in between.”

While performances are free to attend, there is a host fee for scheduling a show. With no revenue coming to the theater since March, donations are greatly appreciated.

“As a co-producer, one of the main goals for me was to raise some funds from Singin’ in the Streets to keep our organization afloat while we have no revenue,” Kaiser said. “Grosse Pointe Theatre still has financial obligations like telephone, lights and now heat. Patricia and I developed a process that includes philanthropic commitments from our event hosts and opportu-

nities for our audience members to make a donation on our website, through Facebook or in person at the concerts.

“At our first show, at my house, we passed the hat,” she added. “A week later, I was outside and my neighbor (approached me and) said he couldn’t come to the show, but he could hear it and he gave me a substantial donation. It’s cool to know others in the neighborhood could hear it.”

Ellis said she hopes Singin’ in the Streets continues until GPT is able to step onstage for live shows again.

“I’m not sure how that will work out,” she said. “This is a huge commitment, but also a great outlet. We’re exploring options.

“Everybody is creatively thinking about ways to reach our patrons and the community and provide the wonderful entertainment we’re known for,” she added. “The reaction has been heartwarming. That alone has made it worth everything.”

Heartwarming perfectly describes the group’s September performance at Sunrise, during which they repeated

the program on each side of the building so all residents had a chance to see and hear them.

“This was our gift to the residents and staff at Sunrise,” Ellis said. “It was wonderful to see the residents’ reaction and just as rewarding to see the joy our performers felt knowing they were brightening up someone’s day.”

Added Kaiser, “Our singers were looking up at the windows and had tears forming in their eyes. The residents waved and clapped. I thought, ‘We really performed a service here.’ It was very moving.”

Making those connections is one goal, raising

funds for Grosse Pointe Theatre another, the co-producers said, but the shows also have significance among those born for the stage.

“This gives us purpose, to be able, after so many months of not being able, to perform,” Ellis said. “This is something we can do to use our talents and be part of the solution and everybody can have a gift from Grosse Pointe Theatre.”

Donations may be made at gpt.org or through the Grosse Pointe Theatre Facebook page, or mailed to 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. All donations are tax-deductible.



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Accompanist Dennis Penney plays at one of the few outdoor rehearsals for Singin’ in the Streets.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Christine Campbell-Cormier and Stephanie Butler sing, “Who Will Love Me as I Am?”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The national anthem, directed by Ellen Skinner Bowen during a performance at Neff Park.

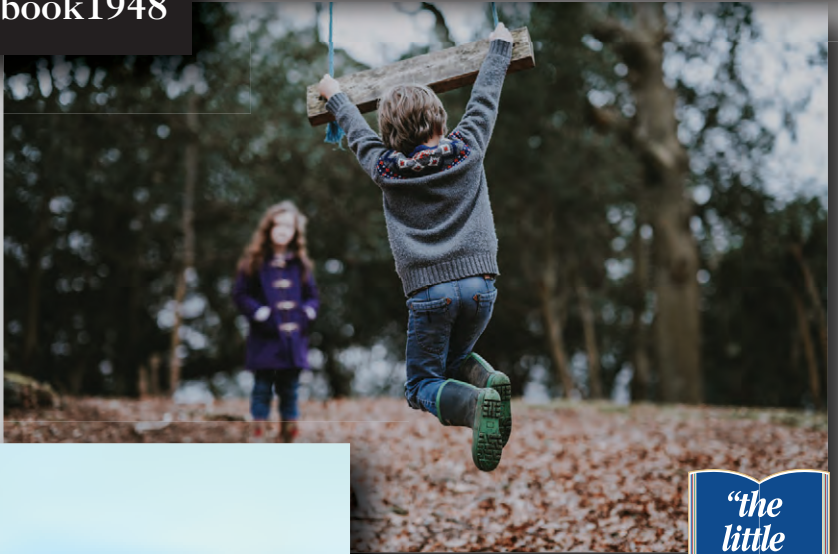


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Ellen Skinner Bowen, the music/vocal director for Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Singin’ in the Streets, conducts the singers at one of only a few outdoor rehearsals.

Photo Contest

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Tennis

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights crowned kings in D4

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team claimed its third state title in the past five years last weekend, blitzing the No. 4 seed Hudsonville Unity Christian 8-0 in the championship match.

“The kids played out of their minds this weekend,” head coach Mark Sobieralski said. “They were vocal when it came to cheering on their teammates, which was great to see.”

“The passion they showed was great to see, and now the hard work throughout the season paid off with a state title. The boys earned it.”

With the four wins this weekend, Sobieralski stands at 599. No. 600 will come this spring with his Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team.

In the finals, the Knights cruised to



The 2020 boys tennis team Division 4 state championship team.

straight set wins in four of the eight flights.

Senior William Cooksey won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, freshman Sebastien Courtright won 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 at No. 2

singles.

Sophomore George Anusbigian was a 6-3, 6-2 winner at No. 3 singles, while sophomore Gerry Sherer won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

Senior Vince Maribao and junior Jacob Tomlinson won 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles, and at No. 2 doubles it was senior Tarun Jarial and freshman Tommy Ugval

winning a tough one, 7-6, 7-5.

At No. 3 doubles, junior Bennett French and sophomore Campbell Marchal won 7-5, 6-3, and at No. 4 doubles it

was junior Rocco Scarfone and senior Alec Leonard winning 6-1, 6-1.

Junior Brendan Connors was Scarfone’s doubles partner during day one of the tournament.

“Brendan was the ultimate teammate this weekend,” Sobieralski said. “He played well when we was in the lineup, and cheered on his teammates on the final day.”

In the semifinals, the No. 3 seed Knights beat No. 2 seed and defending state champ Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep 6-2, while Hudsonville Unity upset No. 1 seed Traverse City St. Francis 5-3.

ULS crushed Chesaning 8-0 in the first round, and defeated Grand Rapids Cathoic Central 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

ULS finished its season 14-6-2 overall.

PHOTO COURTESY OF REBECCA WALL

NORTH & SOUTH

Blue Devils, Norsemen fall in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North boys tennis teams ended their bids for a state title in the first round of their respective matches last week.

Playing dual matches instead of competing against the field, the Blue Devils lost 5-3 to Novi in a Division 1 bracket played at Novi High School, while the Norsemen lost 8-0 to Birmingham Groves in a Division 2 bracket at the

Greater Midland Tennis Center.

No. 1 seed Okemos won the Division 1 state championship.

For head coach John Willard and his Blue Devils, they return their top four singles players, Connor Stafford, Corbin

Ifkovits, Luke Holowinski and Owen Sanford, plus doubles players Alex Prather, Blake Discher and Adam Chugh.

Willard loses Jacob Harris, Jackson Marchal, Will White, Will Sine, Matt Kornmeier, Joe Brennan and Cam Buhler

to graduation.

As for Norsemen head coach John Van Alst, returners are singles players Simon Stallings, Alex Mouwad, Sahith Nannapaneni and James Moussiaux, plus doubles players Mitchell Mills, Kaiden DePascale,

Simeon Nelson, Connor Tubbs, Ethan Michalski, Ethan Molitor and John Mueller.

The lone graduating senior is Ben Zoia.

No. 1 seed Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern won the Division 2 state title.

Fencing

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Medalist

They wore face masks under their fencing masks. No one shook hands after their bouts. They were temperature scanned at the door and given squirts of hand sanitizer without a choice. They sat on plastic chairs distanced from their teammates and competitors.

Yet they were so happy to see friends from other clubs and to be at a competition again. Parents sat on chairs outside on the grass. They weren’t allowed in due to limited capacity. They watched via live video camera feed without complaining. Volunteers walked one parent per fencer back to the viewing area to watch elimination

matches, and at the end of each match the parents left quickly to allow the next parent to enter.

Renaissance Fencing Clubs youth fencers were finally allowed to compete.

Last season it had been eagerly awaiting the youth North American cup at home in Cobo Hall which was scheduled for March and cancelled just a week before the start date.

Renaissance Fencing club won 33 medals last weekend, but more importantly hosted the first regional youth competition in the United States since the pandemic began.

Grosse Pointer Jeidus Deseranno, ranked first



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN MARSH-SENIC

Fencers from the Renaissance Fencing Club gather during the latest competition.

in the United States, won double gold in y14 and y12 Men’s Foil.

Elite coach Svitlana Shevchenko teaches the top students daily and

has also introduced the sport to more than 25 new students in the last three months.

—By Ann Marsh-Senic
Special Writer

Golf

NORTH & SOUTH

Stahl gets 93; South 12th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The girls golf season came to an end last weekend with Grosse Pointe North’s Evelyn Stahl and Grosse Pointe South’s team competing in state final tournaments in East Lansing.

Stahl, a junior, finished 35th with a 93 on the Forest Akers West course in the Division 2 finals. Stahl made it as an individual qualifier.

Next fall, watch for Stahl to make a run at a top 10 finish an All-State honors.

South Lyon edged Grand Rapids Forest

Hills Northern by three strokes, 335-338, to claim the team title.

South was in the Division 1 tournament at Forest Akers East course, and placed 12th with a 374.

Northville claimed the title with a 313.

For the Blue Devils, Audrey Becker led the team with an 83, followed by Alston Smith with 95, Ellie Richter with 95, Jennifer Crowley with 101 and Gia Cavaliere with 103.

Becker, Smith, Richter and Crowley are seniors, while Cavaliere is the lone underclassmen, a sophomore.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen blank Woods-Tower

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It’s been a long road back, but the Grosse Pointe North football team is taking strides toward that goal. Last weekend, the host Norsemen won their second straight league game, beating Warren Woods-Tower 17-0. “We wanted to control the clock and keep it away from Tower, which has some explosive offensive players,” head coach Joe Drouin said. “The line did a great job

on both sides of the ball, and we were able to execute the game plan. “This is a big win for us as a program. I’m proud of the players and coaches. They had a great week of practice and a great game. This is nice for us to get back to where we want to be.” Neither team scored in the opening quarter, but Mike Zontini kicked a 33-yard field goal in the first minute of the second quarter to make it a 3-0 game. Sophomore Drew Hill

recovered a Tower fumble, and the Norsemen used a 12-play drive that was capped off by the field goal, which would have been good from 50 yards off the foot of Zontini. On Tower’s next possession, junior Darian Stevens picked off a pass, and once again the Norsemen turned it into points as senior Ethan LaCroix scored on a 1-yard run. Zontini added the extra point, and the home team had a 10-0 lead with 7:35 left before the half.

Senior Colin Duffy intercepted a pass late in the first half, but the Norsemen couldn’t generate any points. In the third quarter, the Norsemen once again used a time-consuming drive to put a touchdown on the board when senior quarterback Joe Plieth tossed a screen pass to LaCroix, who turned up field and 20 yards later ran into the end zone for the touchdown. Zontini kicked the PAT, making it 17-0. Duffy intercepted another pass in the fourth

quarter, and the Norsemen offense ran out the clock to preserve the victory. Senior Kennard Williams led the offense with 120 yards rushing on 25 carries, while LaCroix had 39 yards rushing on 14 carries with one touchdown. Williams also had three receptions for only 6 yards, while LaCroix had one reception for 20 yards and one score. Zontini also caught one ball for 8 yards. Plieth completed six passes for 34 yards with

one touchdown and zero picks. Defensively, the Norsemen bottled up the Titans’s explosive play-makers with good line play and an attacking style of play from the linebackers. Grosse Pointe North finished its Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with a 3-2 mark, and now hosts rival Grosse Pointe South at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. The last two North/South games have been lopsided scores in favor of the Blue Devils.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

ULS falters

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The host University Liggett School football team turned the ball over seven times in a 55-34 loss to Carson City-Crystal last weekend. Despite the turnovers,

the Knights trailed only by a touchdown late in the third quarter. Head coach Tarif Kumasi had his junior quarterback Carson Roose throwing it all over the field. Roose was 34 of 59 for 526 yards with four touchdowns and five interceptions. Roose threw TD passes of 15, 22 and 29 yards to sophomore Ryan Jones, plus a 5-yarder to senior Malik Pierce. Jones caught a career-high and school-record

18 passes for 234 yards with four scores and a two-point conversion. He caught his final touchdown late in the fourth quarter, an 18-yard toss from freshman quarterback Zach Hill. His brother Jack Jones had three catches for 78 yards. Pierce had eight receptions for 113 yards, while sophomore Oliver Service had five receptions for 60 yards. The Knights’ junior William Edwards had

five catches for 41 yards and rushed the ball five times for 29 yards. Carson City benefitted from the turnovers, returning two interceptions for touchdowns and having short fields to work with nearly the entire game. ULS is 1-4 overall with one regular season game left at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, against New Haven. The Knights will play their first state playoff game the weekend of Oct. 30.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School sophomore Ryan Jones had a school-record 18 catches.

Cross country

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

ULS girls get second place

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls cross-country team placed second to Clarkston Everest Collegiate in last weekend’s Catholic League Intersectional 1 & 2 championship at Goodells Country Park. The Knights finished with 55 points, only 11 away from the champs. Head coach Joe

Smith’s squad as led by sophomore Penelope Griffioen, who was fourth with a time of 20:57.8. Senior Sophia Ma, freshman Kelsey Beckett and senior Ariana Herman finished 14th, 15th and 16th with times of 21:28.5, 21:30.4 and 21:48.6. Griffioen, Ma and Beckett each made the All-Catholic League team.

Junior Grace Govier-LaParl was 18th with a time of 22:08.9. The boys squad placed seventh with 163 points. For the Knights, juniors Evan Provenzano and Jacob Whitton finished 17th and 18th with times of 18:36.3 and 18:36.5, while junior Garrett Flynn was 33rd at 20:11.2. Junior Taveon Colston was 39th with a time of 20:53.7, and freshman

Jake Juip was 57th with a time of 30:55.2. The Knights competed in a Division 3 pre-regional meet Wednesday, Oct. 21, against Clawson, Detroit Central, Detroit College Prep, Detroit Edison, Detroit Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, Detroit Pershing, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Redford Westfield Prep, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Royal Oak Shrine, Southfield Bradford Academy and Warren Michigan Collegiate. The Knights have to be in the top couple of spots in order to advance to the regional round, which takes place the weekend of Oct. 30. The girls are favored to make the regional round, but the boys have work to do. The state final meet is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at Michigan International Speedway.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to Titans

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South football team made a valiant comeback against host Sterling Heights Stevenson last weekend, scoring 21 straight points to tie it 35-35 late in the fourth quarter. It was 28-14 at the half with Egan Sullivan running 50 yards for the first Blue Devils touchdown, and Will Johnson running 4 yards for the second score. Cam Braithwaite and Bennett Smihal kicked the first extra points. Things looked bleak with the Blue Devils trailing 35-14 in the second half, but have no fear, they made yet another comeback. They scored three straight touchdowns to tie it at 35. Sullivan scored on a 2 yard run and Smihal’s PAT made it 35-21.

Johnson had his second TD, running in from 1 yard out in the fourth quarter. Smihal’s extra point made it 35-28, and he ran in another score from 4 yards out with 5:09 left to make it 35-34. Smihal’s PAT created the tie. The Titans were able to score the go-ahead touchdown in the final couple of minutes to pull out a 42-35 outcome. South fell to 3-2 in its in the MAC Red. Senior running back Egan Sullivan ran for 148 yards on 22 carries with two touchdowns, while junior Will Johnson had 58 yards on the ground on only 11 carries, and he scored three touchdowns. Next for the Blue Devils is their third straight road game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, against rival Grosse Pointe North.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:
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Swimming
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Winners

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team won its second straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet, beating Eisenhower 116-70. Winning events were the 200-yard medley relay team, the 100-yard butterfly, the 500-yard freestyle, the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen advance

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team won its Division 1 district first-round playoff game last week, beating visiting Detroit Cass Tech 4-0. The Norsemen scored two goals in each half. After controlling play in the first half, the Norsemen watched the Technicians increase the level of their play and make a game of it. Senior goalkeeper Liam McEnroe came up with a couple of timely saves to keep the

Norsemen ahead. Junior James Streberger opened the scoring with a goal at the mid-way mark of the first half, and nearly nine minutes later junior Thomas Sheffield tallied to make it 2-0. Streberger scored on a penalty kick mid-way through the second half to give the Norsemen some breathing room. Senior Nick Miller scored at the 8:20 mark to provide the final goal. McEnroe posted the shutout in net. Earlier in the week, North earned a share of



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North’s soccer team is in the district semifinals after booting Cass Tech.

the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 4-0 win over host L’Anse Creuse North. Head coach Bran VandeVorde and his Norsemen did their part, and they shared the title

when Warren Cousino tied Romeo 0-0. Both North and Cousino finished 7-1-2 in the White Division. With the district victory, the Norsemen improved to 9-3-3 overall.

Field hockey

LIGGETT & SOUTH

Playoff prepared

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

During the two-week period University Liggett School had COVID-19 exposure problems, dozens of student-athletes had to miss games. Every team at the school was affected, including the girls field hockey team which lost some of its top scorers. During their absence the Knights struggled to score goals. They were shutout three straight games, including 3-0 to visiting Detroit Country Day early last week. The offense got things rolling in their regular season finale when they beat visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills 5-0. Sophomore Brooke Summers had two goals, while junior Eliese Kogel, sophomore Izzy Fruehauf and freshman Allie Roth had a goal apiece.

South results

Grosse Pointe South is rolling as the state playoffs approach. Early last week, the host Blue Devils beat Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 5-0. It was a 1-0 game at the half as senior Kate Skupien had the lone goal for the home team. The Blue Devils stretched the lead to 4-0 with a three-goal third quarter. Skupien scored at the 12:25 mark, followed by senior Veronica Van Rossen at the 7:46 mark and senior Emma Riley at the 0:53 mark. Junior Mia Craparotta tallied in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring. Head coach Jessie Rouleau and her Blue Devils finished the regular season with a loss to Dexter and end the regular season 10-1-1.

SOUTH & LIGGETT

Teams prep for districts

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took a little while to get the engine going, but once it turned over the Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team took off and beat visiting Dearborn Fordson 4-0 in a Division 1 district first-round game last week-end. Each team hit a goal post in a scoreless first half, but senior Max Simonson got the home team on the board with a goal nearly midway through the second half. A few minutes later, sophomore Lucas Frye tallied to make it 2-0, and adding some breathing room were junior Nicholas Litsas and

senior Rene Robert (penalty kick) who scored later in the four-goal second half. Senior Bennett Smihal posted the shutout in goal, helping the Blue Devils earn a district semifinal game with U-D Jesuit at Hamtramck. Earlier in the week, South ended its Macomb Area Conference White Division slate with a 3-1 road victory over Utica to finish 4-5-1. South, under head coach Francesco Cilano, is above the .500 mark for the season at 6-5-1. **Liggett results** The University Liggett School boys soccer team is no longer unbeaten after losing 4-2 to Royal

Oak Shrine in the Catholic League C-D Division championship game. The Knights couldn’t catch up with Shrine after taking a 1-0 lead on a goal by freshman Claudio Cavallo. It was set up by a nice pass from junior Doug Wood. It was a 1-0 game at the half, and the Knights made it 2-0 on another Cavallo goal. “Unfortunately, that seemed to wake them up, and they scored four unanswered,” head coach David Dwaihy said. “We kind of ran out of gas, but our boys never gave up and Alex George made some great saves to keep the game close (they didn’t score

their fourth until the last part of the game). It was a great showing from our boys given the circumstances, and we will hopefully get another shot at Shrine with our full group in the regional semi (assuming we both win our district). The seniors in quarantine are eager to get back to it, and if all goes to plan, we will have them back in time for the state tournament.” ULS ended its regular season with a 2-2 tie with Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. The Knights head into the state district playoffs with a 10-1-1 overall record. Next is a title game Saturday, Oct. 24.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS:
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) That the agenda of the Special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) to appoint Ivory Toussant, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the City Council until the next regularly scheduled City election.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank,
City Clerk

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Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils get win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South volleyball team made quick work of visiting Port Huron Northern last week, win-

ning 25-20, 25-13, 25-18. Jada DiVita led the way with 11 kills and two blocks. Others with solid offensive games were Ellen Martin and Ashley Price.

In game two, Kamryn

Richards and DiVita had the hot serving hand, and in game three it was Mary Fannon. Emily Crane and Keely Conlan were solid in the back row with serve receive and defense.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on September 9, 2020 and the special City Council meeting held on September 14, 2020.

2) To adjourn to the Budget workshop session.

3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 120159 through 120276 in the amount of \$682,657.25 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) to approve payment to Safe Fleet Law Enforcement in the amount of \$28,328.20 and to Cynergy Products in the amount of \$7,099.03 with Ford reimbursing the City the entire amount (\$35,427.23). (3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$34,436.20 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2020. (4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$39,609.41 for professional services during the month of August 2020 for the following projects: 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; 2020 Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; City Hall Roof Replacement, #180-240; City Hall Boiler Replacement, #180-240 and the Lead Water Service Replacement, #180-238. (5) approve payment in the amount of \$175,432.39 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payment on the SRF program.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2020

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on September 21, 2020, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on August 20, 2020.

2) To cast the City’s vote for the following persons to serve on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool: George Bosanic- Manager, City of Greenville, Melissa Johnson - Mayor, City of Chelsea, Sue Osborn - Mayor, City of Fenton and Dave Post - Manager, Village of Hillman.

3) To add to the agenda a Resolution in Support of Transformative and Restorative Justice.

4) To table the discussion and adoption of the Resolution in Support of Transformative and Restorative Justice in order for all City Council members to have an opportunity to review it further.

5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/ Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 120277 through 120358 in the amount of \$389,641.93 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,935.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (3) approve payment in the amount of \$9,300.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with replacing the lead service lines at three locations as mandated by EGLE. (4) approve the purchase of 5 2” compound water meters and necessary attachments from Badger Meter in the amount of \$15,030.00 with reimbursement from the Distressed Cities grant. (5) approve payment to BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$22,800.00 for the interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond. (6) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of October 2020.

2) approve the removal and replacement of sidewalk flags at several properties not in compliance with the City Ordinance to be performed by C&V Cement LLC at \$8.50 per square foot in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

3) approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$7,453.80 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation, #180-233.

4) adopt the attached resolution authorizing non-motorized transportation improvements utilizing the HAWK Signal Project costs to remain in compliance with Act 51 funding, and further that since these costs have already been expended no additional expenditure is required.

5) approve the service agreement submitted City Insight LLC for the Phase II Enhancements of the Harper Woods Citizen Self Service Portal in the amount of \$28,500.00 to be paid in three installments as outlined in the agreement and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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The Corner Studio reopens for fitness classes

Class is back in session at The Corner Studio. The boutique fitness and wellness studio, which opened last February and temporarily shut its doors a month later in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has reopened for indoor workouts. The times have changed, but a commitment to health and wellness remains a priority. The Corner has responded to a supportive community with its full scope of fitness offerings — HIIT, Bootcamp, Cardio Dance, Yoga, Meditation, Barre and more. Trainers also offer private, two-on-one and small group sessions (four to six people). Now more than ever, The Corner is a space for all fitness levels, as well as all comfort levels. The Corner upholds social distancing standards indoors and proper sanitization of high-

touch surfaces and shared exercise equipment. A padded schedule and staggered classes minimize the number of people coming and going at the same time. Class sizes are limited to 10 people. The studio is excited to once again host RAMP Detroit, whose certified therapists perform body tune-ups (assisted stretch, sports massage, cupping) in the designated “recovery suite” three days a week by appointment. A popular complement to a PT tune-up or any fitness class is the infrared sauna, which increases calorie burn and promotes overall body detox. A sauna session is just \$10 for Corner clients with unlimited monthly membership. For wardrobe updates — aren’t we all wearing athleisure 24/7 now? — The Corner delights with new fall styles from

California-based brands Beyond Yoga, Year of Ours, Avocado and Beach Riot, as well as men’s apparel from GQ-awarded activewear brand Rhone. Look no further than @thecornerstudiogp on Instagram for a peek at the pristine studio that welcomes loads of natural light and snippets of fun, dynamic workouts that make you want to get up and get moving. Friendly staff, encouraging instructors and considerate patrons make The Corner a winner. Call it your happy place. We could all use one right now. Take advantage of The Corner’s fall promotion for new clients: Five classes for \$50. To book a class or sauna session, download The Corner Studio app or visit the cornerstudiogp.com. Shop new fall retail during regular business hours.

Relieving pain is clinic’s aim

Motivated by his mother’s recovery from a stroke, Dr. John M. Putnam began an academic journey to relieve pain using physical therapy and holistic treatment. With locations of the Back to You Osteopractic Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation clinic at 21316 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, and in Royal Oak, Flint and Canton, metro Detroit’s only osteopractor treats various conditions and health concerns. Osteopractors are post-doctorate trained professionals in spinal manipulation therapy, dry needling and related techniques. “We’re specially trained in finding out the cause of a person’s pain,” Putnam said. Named the American Academy of Manipulative Therapy’s 2019 Clinic of the Year, Back to You uses outpatient physical therapy and holistic treatment that incorporates psychological and sociological wellness. Describing osteopractic treatment as a combination of evidence-based approaches that

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incorporate chiropractic, acupuncture and physical therapy elements, Putnam said Back to You offers an alternative to opiates and other painkillers. Chronic pain, fitness and injury recovery are among areas of focus the clinics address. The Grosse Pointe Woods location opened in March with limited hours and already has the University of Scranton in 2011. Trained through the American Academy of Manipulative Therapy, Putnam’s certifications include orthopedic excellence and he has accumulated 2,500 hours of continuing education. He is among the 1 percent of fellowship-trained physical therapists. While services provided through Back to You Osteopractic Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation include less conventional practices with which patients might be unfamiliar, Putnam said newcomers in the Woods will be pleased with results of the research-based treatment. “One of the benefits is you get better faster,” he added. “I just want people to be educated on these options for chronic pain.” For more information, call (248) 733-4325.



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Personalized care makes the difference in cancer journey

Getting the cancer care that’s right for you starts with talking to your doctor

After her breast cancer surgery, Darmetta wondered if she would continue to see her surgeon. The doctor surprised her, and Darmetta says she told her, “Oh, you have me for life. I’m here for you.”

Her doctor compares that patient-doctor relationship to a lifelong friendship — that it is a supportive relationship that lasts for the patient’s entire cancer journey. For patients who have cancer, that kind of commitment can make all the difference.

Whether they are just finding out they have cancer, started treatment or are in remission, many patients are facing sometimes very difficult questions about the next steps for their health.

“As cancer specialists, we understand that treatment and decisions around treatment right now might seem more difficult or uncertain than ever, and that you might have many questions,” says Richard Berri, M.D., medical director of Ascension Michigan’s oncology service line and chief of surgical oncology at Ascension St. John Hospital. “It’s important to talk with your doctor about your questions or concerns. We’ll discuss your care options and work closely with you on a personalized care plan that helps move your care forward in the safest way possible. We can discuss weighing the options and risks for your care so that you can make the right choice for your health.”

It’s important that patients stay connected with their doctor about the status of their health and care needs.



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Darmetta’s doctors at Ascension St. John Hospital compare the patient-doctor relationship to a lifelong friendship.

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Focusing on emotional health and care for the whole person

Coping with cancer might be more stressful than usual. It’s not uncommon for patients who have cancer to feel down or worried about the pandemic, or how it may be affecting their health.

“Cancer is very personal and can take an emotional toll. We want patients to understand that what they’re feeling can be a normal reaction to the uncertainty, and we’re here to support them through this time,” says Dr. Berri. “We focus on meeting the needs of the whole person — body, mind and spirit.”

Donors have opportunity to help patients fighting COVID-19

Plasma from whole blood donations made through the American Red Cross that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood now to help ensure coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

In April, the Red Cross began collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma from previously diagnosed individuals, who could only give at one of approximately 170 Red Cross blood donation centers across the country. Convalescent plasma contains COVID-19 antibodies that may help the most critical patients actively fighting this virus. Now, whole blood donations made at any Red Cross blood drive or blood donation center could be helpful in this effort.

“Donations that come

back positive for COVID-19 antibodies now undergo secondary testing to confirm antibody results, and that enables the Red Cross to then potentially use the plasma from those donations for COVID-19 patients,” said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. “With approximately 2 percent of the U.S. population testing positive for COVID-19 antibodies, every donation is important to ensure patients with coronavirus have access to every treatment option available to them.”

The Red Cross encourages eligible individuals to schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org or by calling (800) 733-2767.

In thanks, the Red Cross is offering a \$1,000 amazon.com gift card to five winners who come to give in October. Terms and conditions apply; visit [rcblood.org/unite](https://redcrossblood.org/unite).

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The doctors and staff at Ferrara Dermatology Clinic and its Skin & Laser Center have devised a way to keep patients safe while meeting their skin care needs.

“We’ve changed the process, so it’s as safe as possible for people to come back and get attention to their dermatologic needs,” said Dr. Richard Ferrara, adding that early pandemic fears led to delayed doctors’ visits, which in turn led to delayed diagnoses.

These days, patients to the clinic, located at 20045 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, are checked in at the front desk and screened for illness, including having their temperatures taken.

At the conclusion of each visit, patients are asked to exit through the back, so all traffic is one-way.

“Patients come in through the front and out through the back,” Ferrara said, “so people are not congested and



Dr. Richard Ferrara



Dr. Katherine Caretti

everyone’s social distancing.”

Additionally, Ferrara said, close attention is being paid to mask wearing and hand-washing. Patients and staff are required to wear face coverings.

“And we have plastic shields at check-in and check-out, so there’s no face-to-face or unnecessary contact,” he added.

With fears allayed, patients are guaranteed to get the exceptional care to which they’re accustomed at the clinic. Dr. Katherine Caretti noted she has seen an increase in several skin conditions since the pandemic hit. Foremost is inflamed, dry and cracked hands, she said.

“Hand dermatitis, or irritant contact dermatitis is due to the increase in hand sanitizing, hand-

washing and using harsh chemicals to clean,” she said. “This can be seen in anyone, but especially those with a prior history of eczema. We recommend using a gentle moisturizer multiple times throughout the day, especially after hand-washing.”

For severe cases, a prescription topical medication may be needed if an over-the-counter cream isn’t strong enough.

Another condition Caretti has seen more of lately is acne mechanica, which the media has playfully dubbed, “maskne.”

“It’s from having a mask on the facial skin for prolonged periods of time,” Caretti said. “This leads to the clogging of pores and breakouts.”

See SKINCARE, page 7C



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St. Clair Shores team members, from left, dental assistant Kandace Koschak, dental hygienist Erika Lewandowski, dental assistant Kaila Fukler and Dr. Gia Duong.

Growing Smiles: An enjoyable dental experience

From the decorative angel wings embracing the side of Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics in St. Clair Shores to the welcoming atmosphere inside, this dentist’s office brings more than a biannual teeth cleaning to the community.

“As much as people may think, ‘Oh no, the dentist!’ it has been designed as a fun and educating atmosphere with kids leaving excited about their teeth,” said Kristy Slanec, co-owner of Growing Smiles in St. Clair Shores. “We have music playing, our team is known to sing songs to the kids. It’s really upbeat and we are proud to offer patients all new equipment and technology since we opened just over a year ago.”



Dr. Justin Kammo

And, per the American Pediatric Association, American Dental Association and Michigan Dental Association, “it’s never too early to come in,” Slanec said. “I think that a lot of parents think they should wait until their child has a full set of teeth. And I think a misconception we’d like to clear up is: the earlier, the

better. Making a child comfortable and promoting their own dental health early is key to great long-term health.”

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10 hacks to get you exercising more

Even if you enjoy exercise, finding the time and energy for a 60-minute workout can be a challenge. Despite our best intentions, nearly 80 percent of us fall short of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendation of 150 minutes of aerobic and strength-training exercise each week.

The good news: If the idea of hitting the gym or an intense workout makes you want to crawl back under the covers, don’t fret, the Henry Ford Sports Medicine team has 10 exercise hacks to help you sneak more activity into your day:

1. Schedule time: Don’t just decide to exercise. Block off time in your calendar like you would for any other appointment. That way, you’ll be less likely to skip your workout.
2. Find a buddy: Ask a friend to mask up and join you for a daily walk at lunch time. If you find people who like the same activities you do, you’ll be more likely to get moving.
3. Make it easy: Do things throughout the day that require you to move frequently. Park at the farthest spot in the lot, take the stairs instead of the elevator or walk over to a colleague’s desk to chat instead of sending an email.
4. Sign up for a virtual event: Having a race, walk or special function on your agenda can motivate you to get moving. Runners can sign up for a virtual 5K, 10K or even a marathon.
5. Try something new: Exercise is often more fun when you step outside your comfort zone. Maybe your jam is Zumba or barre? Or maybe you want to try rock climbing, gym-

nastics or aerial aerobics? Many are even available from the comfort of home, on YouTube.

6. Work out in short bursts: A growing body of research suggests exercising in short bursts can be shockingly beneficial. So while you may not be able to break away from your busy schedule for an hour at a time, you can probably squeeze in 15 minutes of exercise three to four times each day.
7. Change your commute: Instead of driving to work each day, try riding your bike when the weather cooperates. If you’re working from home, use the time you’d normally commute to take a walking break each day.
8. Work out with your kids: Take them to the park and shoot hoops or play tag. Venture out on a long hike or go for a walk. Not only will you have more time to exercise, you’ll also model healthy behaviors for your children.
9. Strength train in front of the TV: Instead of just sitting there or munching on chips, exercise while you watch TV. Lunges, bicep curls and push-ups are all fair game.
10. Use tracking tools: If you’re competitive or numbers-driven, inspire yourself with a pedometer or tracking app. There’s plenty of research to suggest taking 10,000 steps daily is good for your health.

Stick with it

Taking advantage of exercise hacks adds up. Every time you take a few extra steps or climb a flight of stairs, you’re doing something important for your health and well-being.

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SMILES:

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dontist as well as a pediatric dentist treating patients. In fact, Orthodontist Dr. Justin Kammo sees both children and adults for braces, allowing for easy, in-house communication and scheduling for families.

“At Growing Smiles, we are providing in-depth care for each patient, as we work hand in hand with our pediatric den-

tist,” Kammo said. “This allows us to see each patient at a younger age, in order to address any issues as early as possible.”

“What sets Growing Smiles apart from other dentists in Grosse Pointe and the surrounding communities is us being one of the only offices that specializes in pediatric dentistry and has an orthodontist on site,” Slanec said. In this day and age, all families are busy, thus the one stop and in-office seamless communication about

your child’s oral care is priceless.

“Growing Smiles is a strong community supporter. Our favorite is our oral education series. As schools start to regain in-person learning, we look forward to getting back into the schools and resuming what we love — educating children with great lifelong oral habits. Any school can contact us to set up the education series by calling 586-800-GROW or visiting our website, www.GrowingSmilesPD.com.”



From left, Eloise, Graham, Stella and Benjamin Lozen pose with the angel wings.

SKINCARE:

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Her remedy?

“If you’re wearing a cloth mask, make sure it’s cleaned daily if possible,” she said. “Avoid wearing makeup under the mask and cleanse the face after the mask is removed.”

She also suggested exfoliating a couple times a week. Depending on the severity of the breakout, a prescription may be required, she added.

Caretti noted she’s also seeing a lot of rosacea flare-ups, as well as an increase in hair loss, or alopecia.

“This form of hair loss is usually stress-induced and something that you should recover from; it should be self-limited,” Caretti said, “but we can give

treatment recommendations for that hair loss as well.”

No matter the symptoms, patients who have put off tending to their skincare needs should avoid further delays, Ferrara said. And while some skin-related conditions may be linked to active COVID-19 infections, they are seen in the hospital setting and not in the office. After they have recovered from COVID-19 and are infection free, patients may return to the office. Many have shown post-virus conditions such as hair loss, typically two to three months after the infection, which is expected to self-correct, Ferrara said.

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Beaumont doc’s instinct, tenacity paid off for local executive

Symptoms of ‘serum sickness’ resembled COVID-19 symptoms

Gary Corbin, 63, which gashed his leg Florida, the Grosse dropped a heavy hurri- before it hit the ground. Pointe Farms resident cane window shutter, After wintering in had been helping his sig-

nificant other close down her Palm Beach Gardens home before they returned to Michigan mid-June. He treated the wound and kept it covered on the drive north.

During a routine checkup, his physician recommended Corbin have a COVID-19 test done since he had just returned from Florida, a pandemic hotspot, with stops in Georgia, Nashville and Cincinnati. He visited a nearby Beaumont Urgent Care facility where he was given a COVID-19 test. While there, Physician Assistant Heather Sutton noted Corbin’s leg injury and diagnosed a growing infection in his leg. A culture was taken and sent for lab testing and he was prescribed Keflex, an antibiotic, to fight the infection, pending lab results.

Two days later, Corbin received a call from the urgent care. The lab results caused a switch to Bactrim, a different antibiotic that worked better to clear the infection in his wounded leg.

After a few days, he started having symptoms of illness, including aching joints and muscles; a slightly elevated body temperature; and swelling in his legs, ankles and feet. He went to another Beaumont Urgent Care closer to his home where a second COVID-19 test was administered. He was sent home to self-quarantine until test results could be determined. The following day he was told the test came back negative and was instructed to treat his symptoms as one would for the common cold or flu, which he did.

Over the course of the next 48 to 72 hours, Corbin’s temperature elevated to more than 103 degrees. He was ill, but managed to drive back to the urgent care near his home. Corbin couldn’t keep up with his body’s need for fluids

and requested IV fluids — a hospital-based treatment. He left with a referral to go to the Emergency Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Every ounce of his being wanted to go home, but something made Corbin go to the hospital — a move that may have saved his life.

“The ER team jumped into action,” Corbin said. “They administered another COVID-19 test based on my symptoms since we all know these tests aren’t 100 percent reliable. I suspected the prior two COVID-19 tests were false negatives and was convinced I had the virus.”

His ER physician, emergency medicine specialist Dr. Mark Sadzikowski, wasn’t satisfied with the results of the tests, scans and other lab work performed at the ER. Keeping an open mind, he suspected another cause for Corbin’s illness and started digging.

The answers are always bedside

Sadzikowski recounted, “I pulled up a chair to Mr. Corbin’s bed to have a focused conversation. He told me about injuring his leg, taking two different antibiotics and his symptoms. The tests we ran showed elevated blood proteins and an abnormal white blood cell count.”

He consulted by phone to discuss the case with several other medical specialists. Dr. Joel Fishbain, an infectious disease physician, lasered in on Corbin’s antibiotic use. Further tests confirmed Corbin was experiencing “serum sickness,” a rare immune response similar to an allergic reaction.

“Our treatment plan for Mr. Corbin had risks, yet we were confident he would respond well to the treatment,” Fishbain said.

Added Corbin, “I was very scared, but I trusted their diagnosis, treatment strategy and tactics based on my previous positive experience at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, where I was treated for another health emergency in 2016. They quickly diagnosed my condition and got me all the medical resources and specialists I needed to save my life. I figured this time would be no different.”

Fishbain ordered broad-spectrum antibiotics to ensure Corbin had no infection. When his cultures were negative the next day, he administered prednisone, a corticosteroid.

Corbin said, “Dr. Fishbain was spot on. I awoke in my hospital bed the next day and all pain and fever were gone. I felt like I was 20 years old again. I have a strong Catholic faith and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit right there with me next to my bed.”

After being discharged the next day, July 3, Corbin, who maintains a toned physique, weighed himself to discover he had gained around 13 pounds during his three-day hospital stay; a side effect of prednisone is fluid retention leading to weight gain.

Corbin has since worked hard to drop the weight, which didn’t take long as he enjoys an active lifestyle filled with golf, tennis, yoga, taking out his new boat and riding his Indian Chief vintage motorcycle.

“I greatly appreciate and thank the entire team at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe for giving me excellent care,” he said. “Their hard work brought me back safely to my children, family and friends. I will be forever grateful and thank them in my daily prayers, asking God to watch over them and keep them safe as they continue to help others.”

When asked what he plans to do next, Corbin, an influential corporate executive known for his acumen in growing businesses and leading high-performing teams in technology and finance, replied, “That’s a very good question. I’m considering my options, whether to retire, semi-retire or work full-time. I’ll pray on this, too. I’m just happy to be around to make this decision.”

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN

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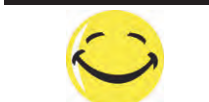
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ACROSS

- Manhandle
- Kimono sash
- Hollywood clashers
- Otherwise
- Paid athlete
- Swindle
- Glass made of lava
- Small songbird
- Series of battles
- Individual
- Too thin
- Prompt
- Evergreen type
- Happen
- Andean vultures
- Courts
- Email alternative
- Pedestal occupant
- Panacea
- Golfer's aid
- Rowing need
- Junior

DOWN

- Cat call?
- Actress Jessica
- Cold War abbr.
- Muumuu accessory
- Put one's two cents in
- Highland hillside
- Charged bit
- Early era in England's 20th century
- Mentor
- Suspicious
- Pal
- Hot tub
- Stereo hookup
- bacon
- Pod vegetable
- Plant bristle
- Fairy tale bad-die
- Lowly worker
- Thickness
- Chew like a chipmunk
- File command
- Transmitted
- Gloomy
- Card player's call
- Janitor
- Hounds' prey
- Possess
- Bill's partner
- Trig ratio
- Rotating part
- Peculiar
- Scepter
- Like 22-Down
- Bear hair
- Shaft of light
- Last few notes
- Optimistic
- Buy stuff
- Woody walk
- Frizzy 'do
- Cry loudly
- Portent
- Law firm aide, for short
- From the beginning
- Upper limit
- Mutt

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by Linda Thistle
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80TH ANNIVERSARY

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An honorable 80 years

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The founders of the Grosse Pointe News, as well as their successors, saw the newspaper “as an institution dedicated to fostering the continuing sense of community and the quality of life in the Grosse Pointes.”

For 80 years, the newspaper has followed that mission, reaching residents’ homes every week, uninterrupted, since its first edition was printed and delivered Nov. 7, 1940.

The newspaper was the dream of Robert B. Edgar, a Pennsylvania newspaperman who moved to Detroit with his wife, Geraldine Parker, after the paper he worked at in Scranton closed during the Depression. During a night out at Al Green’s, a popular hangout in 1940s Grosse Pointe, Robert B. Edgar met with Anastasia and Theodore “Teed” Buhl, who were looking to invest in a business. From their meeting, Anteebo Publishers was created.

“I have a letter my father wrote to the Buhls in 1940, asking them to back the paper,” said Lauren Edgar Chapman, Robert B. Edgar’s daughter, who was 4 at the time. “They were willing to take a chance.

“I’m so grateful to the Buhls,” she added. “Without them and their full support, this couldn’t have happened. ... I’m appreciative that my father and Stasia and Teed Buhl formed an alliance 80 years ago, grounded in vision and respect — a true gift to the community.”

The newspaper’s first office was located at the Punch and Judy Building at 15 Kercheval. The first ad the Edgars sold was to Notre Dame Pharmacy, Chapman said.

The newspaper’s first publication was not without issues. A front-page story from the Nov. 7, 1940, edition explains how as the paper was going to press, it was hit with a shock:

“The offices of the Grosse Pointe News, a welter of hustle and bustle trying to get out its first issue late yesterday afternoon, was thrown into a state resembling panic when the following letter was hand-delivered:

‘Information has reached our Grosse Pointe Yacht club that you are about to commence publication of a periodical bearing the name, ‘Grosse Pointer.’ This particular name is the name of our club publication, which we have used continuously since the 14th day of May, 1936, for circulation not only as a club, but also as a magazine intended to cover the social activities of the entire Grosse Pointe residential area. Furthermore, our name, The Grosse Pointer, has been registered with the

Library of Congress copyright office of the United States.”

With no time to spare, a new name and banner were designed. The paper published the next day — and every week since — as the Grosse Pointe News.

From the start it was a family affair, with Robert B. Edgar serving as editor and general manager. His father, Mark Edgar, wrote editorials and Geraldine Parker sold advertising. Anastasia Buhl wrote the column “Grosse Exaggerations” under the pen name A. Pryor.

Chapman and her sister, Gay, sold subscriptions, while their brother, Robert G. Edgar, was one of the newspaper’s first paperboys.

“The first thing I did there was sell subscriptions,” Chapman said. “I was 10 or 12. Daddy would give me \$1 for every one I sold. It was to get me out of the house and into the neighborhood. I didn’t make much money.”

The newspaper persevered through lean early years, but soon prospered, which led to the need for more office space. In 1945, the news team moved to a U-shaped building designed by Robert B. Edgar at 99 Kercheval. The building was so shaped to fit around one of the largest elm trees in the Midwest.

The days in that building under the elm are ones Chapman fondly remembers.

“On Saturdays, I would often go to the office with Dad and was allowed to flail away at the big old Royal typewriter in the outer office,” she wrote in the Grosse Pointe News 60th anniversary special section. “My father would give me a pile of inexpensive paper and I would be entertained for hours banging the keys and making up stories of childhood fantasy.

“Mondays and Tuesdays were — and still are — the busiest days at the office and I



FILE PHOTOS

Grosse Pointe News founder Robert B. Edgar.

stayed away or kept my mouth shut if I showed up on those days. However, the excitement of those days was like a magnet for me and I loved the watch the organized chaos.”

Chapman said she often would walk to the office after being let out of Richard Elementary School.

“I would go right up The Hill and play on the typewriter after school,” she said. “When my grandfather left for the day, he’d drive me home. He’d pull the car over if I made any grammatical errors and the finger wagging would start.”

The grammar lessons came in handy: Chapman later became a columnist at the Grosse Pointe News. For 18 years, she wrote her “From the Loft” column anonymously.

“I wrote over 1,000 columns and this was before I had a computer, so I have very little on record. I wrote about everything,” she said. “I got very nice feedback from people I respected.”

There was much about those early days

Chapman fondly recalled, including the society pages, which were popular back then. It was a different time, she said, when Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Park were underdeveloped, dogs were allowed off-leash and Chet Sampson would visit Grosse Pointe to lead a caravan of high school juniors and seniors to Hollywood to meet some of his friends, like Debbie and Eddie Fisher and Bing Crosby.

“That was a big thing,” she said. “Chet Sampson was a legend in Grosse Pointe.”

Chapman recalled Slugger, the stray cat her father adopted who “lived in the office during the day,” she said. “And most days in the ’50s and ’60s, there were three poodles. They were the Buhls’, but they were with him all day, every day.

“I remember enlisted men writing to us when they were in the Army,” she continued. “They told us they looked forward to reading the Grosse Pointe News and how comforting it was when

they were on the battle lines.”

Chapman has other letters she treasures from her newspaper days, including one from W.R. Cleminson, the 1940s principal of Grosse Pointe High School, saying how happy he was with the paper. It was one of many letters of accolades the Edgar family received.

When Robert B. Edgar passed away in 1979, his four children became owners of the newspaper. Robert G. Edgar, aka Butch, became publisher.

“Four generations of Edgars worked there or were involved with the paper,” Chapman said, noting her grandfather, father, siblings and all four of her children are a part of the newspaper’s legacy.

By 1986, the newspaper was on to its next home, across the street on The Hill, to a building constructed on the last vacant lot at 96 Kercheval. The team saw many successful years there, especially once their labors were computerized.

After Butch Edgar died in 2007, the newspaper was sold to Grosse Pointe Shores businessman Robert G. Liggett Jr., who owned the paper 10 years. During his tenure, the newspaper moved its offices to Grosse Pointe Woods at Mack and Aline.

In new hands, the newspaper continued to serve residents with award-winning community coverage. But it wouldn’t be long before things came full circle.

In a somewhat prophetic column printed in the Grosse Pointe News’ 50th anniversary issue, Butch Edgar wrote: “I believe that local ownership gives the Grosse Pointe News distinction that cannot be purchased by newspaper groups or arm’s-length owners. It imbues the paper with continuity as well as a sense of community responsibility that strengthens its links to the Grosse Pointes and heightens its sensibilities in covering the local

scene.”

In September 2017, former editor John Minnis and his wife, Terry, purchased the Grosse Pointe News.

Minnis, who joined the news team as a staff writer in 1988, spent 19 years at the Grosse Pointe News, eventually progressing to editor and general manager. Following Butch Edgar’s death, Minnis worked with surviving family members to complete the sale of the newspaper to Liggett, who then brought in his own management team.

At that time, the Minnises stayed fixtures in the community by creating the popular Grosse Pointe Magazine, which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary, as well as Detroit River Living and the Insider’s Guide to the Pointes.

Liggett, at the time of the sale, said he was pleased to see the newspaper go to capable hands.

“Our goal was to maintain this jewel of the Pointes and I believe we have done this,” Liggett said. “In searching for a new steward of the paper, I wanted a successor who shared my enthusiasm for my hometown. I know I have found this with John and Terry. I wish them every success.”

“We are honored and humbled that Mr. Liggett has agreed to let us take on this historic newspaper,” the couple said in an article announcing their ownership. “Grosse Pointe is a unique community, a small town in an urban environment. The Grosse Pointes deserve — and need — a newspaper of their own and we look forward to continuing that work.”

In recognition of the founding family, “Robert B. Edgar, Founder” was added to the newspaper’s masthead.

“I was very happy when John got back in it,” Chapman said. “I want to acknowledge John and all the years he was with us and how happy we were when he purchased the paper.”

Currently, the Grosse Pointe News offices are located on the second floor of the McCourt Building in The Village, at Kercheval and Notre Dame. As it has since the start, the award-winning staff remains dedicated to fostering the continuing sense of community and quality of life in the Grosse Pointes, bringing news to Grosse Pointe, about Grosse Pointe, for Grosse Pointe.

“I’m proud of the fact that no matter who’s been here, they’ve never missed an issue,” Chapman said, “even the time we had to run an extension cord across the street during a power outage. But they did it.

“This has been a part of my life my whole life and I’m proud of what they’ve done.”



The Edgar “children,” from left, Lauren Edgar Chapman, Denny Edgar Gordon, Gay Edgar Ahlgrim and Robert G. Edgar.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Grosse Pointe News’ inaugural editorial

NOV. 7, 1940 — It is not the purpose of the Grosse Pointe News its initial number to declare any elaborate program of pledges and policies, or to announce its dedication to any particular field of service. Its basic reason for its appearance is the belief of its owners that there exists in this important community of the Greater Detroit area, a need for a progressive newspaper, giving special attention to the interests and activities of the Grosse Pointers, with an increasingly complete coverage of these matters.

Goodwill and even-tempered judgment will be its sincere sentiment and open expression on concerns and issues treated in its columns. It will aim to be an American newspaper in the broadest and best sense, entitled to the goodwill of all men and women, and, because it will be clean and wholesome in tone, and fair and honest in policy, it should earn a welcome into any home in the community.

The Grosse Pointe News will be particularly free, in the untrammelled position of its owners and publishers, to effectively serve the people. It has no backdoor relations with any clique or faction, either political, commercial or social which might embarrass it in its will to honestly speak for the greater interests of the community. It will labor under no hidden temptation to evade its civic responsibilities.

It will urge educational progress and municipal improvements, but with constant regard to the burdens imposed by additional taxes.

This newspaper will support organized religion, and while respecting the different creeds of all men, will be in unalterable opposition to all those man-made codes of moral and social philosophy which are constantly put forward as substitutes for the precepts of divine origin which have descended to us through the faiths of our fathers, and to which the world is indebted today for all it contains of moral values.

It believes in the rights and reciprocal obligations of employers and employees, and will treat both sides with fairness and candor in such controversies as may arise.

The Grosse Pointe News believes in the main in the governmental and economic policies of the Republican Party, with the reservation to oppose its candidates where their character or capacity merit the opposition of a thinking citizenry; or when its declared national policy is opposed by our conscience and conviction.

The Grosse Pointe News believes that business and production is essential to the happiness and prosperity of the people; that its material expression is the only sure avenue to the abundant life, and that it offers the only medium through which we can attain those spiritual values of political, religious and intellectual freedom whose mass we call the American scheme of life. It believes that the widest latitude should be accorded private enterprises, subject only to such government reservations as may be obviously necessary for the

general welfare.

Its greatest hope is that it may earn an early recognition in this area as an accurate and just register of its social, political, religious and commercial interests and activities, and earn its place as a force making for better social and commercial relations, for better government and greater opportunities for material and cultural advancement.



Even with the election only a matter of hours in the past, it is not difficult to already call the roll on two or three outstanding factors in the campaign just finished which puts Mr. Roosevelt in the White House for four years more.

A vast element of the people who have been the most defenseless sufferers in the difficult times through which the country has lived for the past decade, were irremovably rooted in their conviction that President Roosevelt was their champion against distress and future insecurity. To them immediate paternalism and government dimmed their vision or dulled their capacity to recognize or even consider the long-range implications of the policies of which they were the immediate beneficiaries, and against which they were so strenuously warned during the campaign.

The crisis in Europe which arose with cyclonic suddenness, in the spring and early summer, gave instant proportions to national defense as a political factor which Mr. Roosevelt, a master strategist, and from the vantage Pointe

of the Man in Power, was not slow to use. With avidity he seized the tail of the national defense dog and with a firm grip

funds in work and enterprises economically unjustified, despite a general record of failure to achieve his declared

laration he had gone to town and Mr. Roosevelt’s conduct of the domestic affairs of the nation for eight years, where the

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thereon, was literally dragged through an abatis of eight years of failures, sufficient to utterly destroy any presidential candidate in normal times, across the goal line for a touchdown unparalleled in American political annals.

He won out through the barriers of eight years of failure to restore employment, through the increase of the national debt to astronomical proportions, against buying the world’s gold at a premium of 41 cents on the dollar, and at the same time taking from our own people their gold at a loss to them of \$2,800,000,000. He won despite his violation of every major plank in the party platform upon which he originally stood and was elected; despite his defiance of the laws and demand; despite his use of public funds to enhance the profits of private groups in one economic field, such as wheat and cotton growers, and to decrease the earning of private groups in another economic field, as the public utilities.

He won despite a notorious waste of public

objective, despite the supposed barrier of the third term inhibition, which from a century and a half of observance was supposed to be eradically imbedded in the national political conscience. So might the hurdles Mr. Roosevelt took be multiplied almost indefinitely.

The fact that the support of public beneficiaries, present and prospective, and the outstanding place in the program of national defense which his position gave him, were the most readily discernible factors in his election, is not to imply that Mr. Roosevelt was not completely sincere in his stand in the matters, nor even to question their rightness.

There were many on the sidelines during the campaign who felt that Mr. Willkie made a mistake in ever permitting the national defense question to enter the campaign. He could have scotched in the beginning by a simple, whole-hearted approval of all that President Roosevelt had done, and affirming in all earnestness that if elected he would do likewise, or more so. If with this dec-

field was ready for plowing, he might have gone farther.

But Mr. Roosevelt is to be the President of the United States for the next four years. The very essence of the American democratic plan is that the wish of the people as expressed by the majority in a general election, becomes the basic governmental force in the country. It becomes the duty of every American, regardless of his personal convictions, to express and act the role of the true American; to cooperate with the Nation’s duly selected authorities in their efforts for the solution of our common problems; in brief, to act with whole-hearted loyalty in helping our President “make democracy work.”

Publisher’s note: The Grosse Pointe News was not alone in its dislike for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. One resident on Roosevelt Place was so offended that he sued the City of Grosse Pointe to have the street name changed. His suit was obviously not successful, as Roosevelt Place remains today as originally named.

POINTERS OF INTEREST

On April 11, 1946, the Grosse Pointe News debuted its Features Page, “devoted to the feature of, about and for local people.”

The page brimmed with items such as an art column and pieces like “Questions and Answers Forum,” “Favoritisms,” “Who Am I?” and “Who, Where and Whatnot,” a column by Whoozit. While those features have ceased to exit, one item that debuted on the Features Page that still has legs is the Pointer of Interest, “in which we bring you each week some local person, pictured with his or her hobby,” the newspaper stated.

The first Pointer of Interest was Lillian Pear, who also supplied the page

with its weekly art column. Mrs. Pear was an accomplished artist and also quite active in the community. She was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Village Planning Commission and served as its secretary; was the historian of the Fine Arts Group of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute; was past president of the Grosse Pointe Artists Group; was on the State Arts Committee with the American Association of University Women and the group’s chairman of international relations, among other accomplishments.

Through the years, the Pointer of Interest feature has ebbed and flowed. It was printed sporadically

in the 1980s and dropped from pages in the early 2000s, only to come back strong in 2015. We haven’t missed a week since.

The focus of selecting a Pointer of Interest has changed as well. We no longer merely look at a person’s hobbies. We believe any Grosse Pointe resident has a story to share that makes them interesting. And we’ve had a host of interesting Pointers through the last 80 years. Following is a list of all of them, collected to the best of our abilities; there were glitches when some pages were converted to digital files and some of our archives are presently unattainable. Apologies to those we’ve missed.



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4D | 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Through the years: A look back on eight decades in the City

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — When the first issue of the Grosse Pointe News was published Nov. 7, 1940, the City of Grosse Pointe was the only one of the Pointes to already be established as a city, having done so in 1934.

The new decade began with a voter-approved amendment to the city charter, changing the election of council members from two-year terms to four-year terms.

The city was recognized as the safest community of its size in the country by the American Automobile Association in 1942, the same year council banded together in November to prevent Mayor Mason P. Rumney from resigning after being called into aircraft production service by the

U.S. Army. Rumney said all his time now belonged to the government and continuing as mayor would only be possible if each councilman would be willing to practically take over all the city’s business that came within his department. The councilmen readily agreed.

Initially set up as a convenience for Pointers during the holiday mail rush, the first post office in the Pointes was established on Maumee as a branch of the Detroit General Post Office in 1944.

In more somber news, 12-year police and fire commissioner Hugh J. Ferry resigned in 1943, citing a lack of cooperation received from city council, and Mayor Ralph B. Netting lost both his parents in a car accident near Flat Rock in August 1947.

While the ’50s mark the death of Officer Charles

VanCollie, who died in the line of duty, the decade also brought about various intergovernmental initiatives with the Farms.

The city showed interest in combining its fire department with the neighboring city in 1951, but efforts that did come to fruition included a new boundary line between the two cities in 1954, in the middle of Fisher from Jefferson to Mack — the prior boundary was formed when the Farms detached itself from the Village of Grosse Pointe in the 1890s — an agreement to buy its water from the Farms in 1955 and the mutual fire-aid pact between the Pointes and Harper Woods in May 1959.

The year finished out with amendment changes making the positions of city clerk, treasurer, assessor and constable appointive rather than elective.

The city park was named for Norbert P. Neff, village and city clerk since 1921, in February 1960, just six months before he died. A voter-approved \$165,000 bond passed in November paved the way for a swimming pool, shower building and other park improvements.

Making the switch to a city manager form of government, Lawrence C. Savage, former city manager of Cheboygan, was appointed the first city manager Aug. 22, 1960.

The city’s administration offices made the move across Maumee into a \$48,400 addition at the back of the police and fire department building in October 1962. With the move, the Unitarian Church agreed to build on the old site, so the city could sell the church’s previous location on Jefferson.

In 1963, fire marshal George N. Coriden died suddenly of a heart attack while on duty. A little over a decade later, firefighter



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Cunningham’s Drug Store was originally on the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval ...



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... Kroger sits there today at 16919 Kercheval in The Village.

Richard Tucker was killed in the line of duty while fighting an arson fire in the Park in 1978.

Not to be overlooked, the ’70s also brought about the creation of the beloved annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Entering the ’80s with a significant switch to city operations, the public safety department was established through combining the police and fire departments into one and cross-training employees in both disciplines. Later in the decade, a Crisis Response Unit to be called for incidents such as hostage situations, was formed between the five Pointes and Harper Woods, followed by the 911 emergency telephone system being installed throughout the Pointes in

1988.

Marina fees at Neff Park were increased 30 percent in 1989, and another 15 percent in 1990, to pay for dredging the harbor, which cost \$84,000, not including engineering expenses. Also bothering residents at the start of the decade, due to concerns with freedom of speech, was an ordinance for non-commercial political signs, dealing with size, number and length of time they can be displayed.

On a more positive front, curbside recycling was implemented in the Pointes and Harper Woods in 1991, and in early 1992, the city purchased the residential property next door to city hall with intentions to expand its municipal offices. That same year,

the city made the move to privatize its ambulance service.

After celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1993, the city approved a \$1.2 million plan the following year to renovate the municipal building by moving the court and council chambers downstairs to the ground level, with the second floor to be converted to facilities for female public safety officers. The residential duplex next door would be revamped into handicapped-accessible city offices.

As the new century began, 35-year city manager Tom Kressbach retired, 21-year assistant manager Christine Bremmer left to become the city manager of West Bloomfield and Susan

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1960s Pointers of Interest

1960

- 1/7 Clara Millar
- 1/14 The Rev. Erville B. Maynard
- 1/21 Louise Jansson Nobili
- 1/28 Jim Cruickshank
- 2/1 Mrs. Willis Bugbee
- 2/18 Fred Kerby
- 2/25 Greg Taubenack
- 3/3 William R. DeBaeke
- 3/10 Senior Girl Scouts
- 3/17 Mrs. Henry Taylor Bodman
- 3/24 Paul Wheeler
- 3/31 Mrs. Edward Torosian
- 4/7 Earl R. Karr
- 4/14 Jan Winkler
- 4/21 Pat Sutton
- 4/28 Mrs. George Van Lokeren
- 5/5 Mrs. Wilfrid C. McLaughlin
- 5/12 Dr. & Mrs. C. Norman Guice
- 5/19 Carstina Tiedeman
- 5/26 Cynthia Beeman
- 6/2 Mrs. Olive Millin
- 6/9 Jack Moran
- 6/16 Mrs. Joseph G. Standart Jr.
- 6/23 Mrs. Carnpau Kettenhofen
- 6/30 Laurie Wigle
- 7/7 Officer Bloink
- 7/14 Robert James Cronin
- 7/21 Ferdinand Cinelli
- 7/28 The Rev. James D. Nixon
- 8/4 Mrs. George A. Schemm
- 8/11 J. A. "Jack" Tompkins
- 8/18 Dr. Douglas A. Sargent
- 8/25 James A. Herrington
- 9/1 Dr. Woodburn O. Ross
- 9/8 Sharon Harness
- 9/15 William H. Kessler
- 9/22 Mrs. Raymond Baer
- 9/29 Paul K. Butterfield
- 10/6 Mrs. Al Meyer
- 10/13 Mrs. Jesse R. Pitts
- 10/20 Ernie Harwell
- 10/27 Mrs. Lawrence Gottfredson Jr.
- 11/3 Mrs. Benjamin W. Stockwell
- 11/10 Mrs. Stanley C. Smith
- 11/17 Floyd S. Nixon
- 11/24 Jean Mizer
- 12/1 Mrs. Walter J. Burczyk
- 12/8 Mrs. Herbert Epstein
- 12/15 Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club
- 12/22 Grosse Pointe
- 12/29 Jack Thorpe

1961

- 1/5 Mrs. Carl Fischer
- 1/12 Douglas L. Paterson
- 1/19 Don J. Goodrow
- 1/26 John H. Gillis
- 2/2 Grant Armstrong
- 2/9 Mrs. Elwood Stiegler
- 2/16 Mrs. Arthur W. Bull
- 2/23 Gary Osius
- 3/2 Thomas Flaherty
- 3/9 William Martimer
- 3/16 Dennis Jones
- 3/23 Madame Alain Chaillous
- 3/30 Mrs. Edward F. Lambrecht Jr.
- 4/6 Mrs. Fred Flom
- 4/13 Mrs. Bernard P. Pearce
- 4/20 Mrs. Arthur A. Cerre
- 4/27 Bill Meyers
- 5/4 Mrs. Charles Huber
- 5/11 Mrs. Peter Luzzi
- 5/18 Mrs. James B. Webber Jr.
- 5/25 Mrs. William Clay Ford
- 6/1 Mrs. Richard A. Speer
- 6/8 Peter Monroe, Judy Tipton & Terry Seyler
- 6/15 Cold Climate (the horse of Mrs. J. Deane Rucker)
- 6/22 Jack Darvill
- 6/29 Lawrence Savage
- 7/6 Mrs. Donald C. Stevenson
- 7/13 Mrs. Robert L. Aiken
- 7/20 Eddie Batchelor
- 7/27 Tobey Hansen
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- 1/11 Mrs. Dwight D. Struthers
- 1/18 M. William Mason
- 1/25 Roosida Lubis
- 2/1 Mrs. Bernard Whitley
- 2/8 Lansing M. Pittman
- 2/15 Harold Neff
- 2/22 Mrs. George M. Ryerson
- 3/1 Mrs. Edward S. Wunsch
- 3/8 William J. Denes
- 3/15 Janet George
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- 4/12 Mrs. E. C. Bowen
- 4/19 Elsa Purdy
- 4/26 Mrs. Kennard Jones
- 5/3 Mrs. William J. Champion Jr.
- 5/10 Mrs. Edna Lee Root
- 5/17 Frank W. Donovan
- 5/24 John Lackner
- 5/31 Mrs. William H. Klingbeil
- 6/7 Mrs. William H. Sigsworth Jr.
- 6/14 Agnes Crow
- 6/21 Lee Malcolm
- 6/28 Mrs. John W. Nelson
- 7/5 Susan Hykes
- 7/12 George deCausin
- 7/19 Alicia Annas
- 7/26 Mrs. Harold A. Beatty
- 8/2 Dr. Randall M. Whaley
- 8/9 Tigers' wives (Mrs. Richard Ferrell, Mrs. Victor Wertz & Mrs. Robert Scheffing)
- 8/16 Laura Zolad
- 8/23 Mrs. Tom Baab
- 8/30 Mrs. Robert P. Scherer Jr. & Mrs. Bradshaw C. McKee
- 9/6 Mrs. Leonard Slowin
- 9/13 Jean Taylor & Helen F. Finster
- 9/20 Dr. Massoud Souadi & Dr. Syrus Heravi
- 9/27 Mrs. H. Ripley Schemm
- 10/4 Mrs. B. Courtney Rankin
- 10/11 Mrs. W. A. Riddell
- 10/18 Mrs. Nelson Holland
- 10/25 Mrs. John N. Lord & Mrs. Richard P. Joy Jr.
- 11/1 Elton A. Eckstrand
- 11/8 Dr. Charles H. Wilson
- 11/15 Marc Lonesk
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Through the years: A look back on eight decades in the Shores

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GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Less than a year after the Grosse Pointe News began publishing in 1940, George Osius, president of the Shores from its 1911 founding until 1928, and after whom Osius Park was named in 1932, died at the age of 82. A front-page article on his passing noted that when he first moved to 900 Lakeshore in 1900, the land was nothing more than a potato patch, on which he built a farmhouse, followed by a residence in 1908, where he lived until his death.

In 1948, Shores council passed what was called probably one of the most restrictive building provisions in the country, wherein building construction in the village became limited to single-family dwellings only. This prohibited businesses, schools and churches, but allowed accessory uses for private dwellings such as garages. The only area of exception was the land running out into the lake opposite Vernier, which already was occupied by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the village beach park. That area, designated as District B, was limited under the ordinance to the sole use of a club and to village park purposes.

When the Park and Woods opened the '50s by becoming the third and fourth Pointes to transition to cities, the Shores found itself as the sole unit left in Grosse Pointe Township. The village's president, Ernest Putnam, became the township's supervisor and its super-

intendent, Thomas Jefferis, was appointed the township's clerk, with other residents completing the rest of the board.

After controversy surrounding the lack of sewer systems since 1921, voters approved a \$495,000 bond to build three miles of sewers in 1953. The only sewer serving the community before then drained into Lake St. Clair.

The first time a dog ordinance was enacted in the village was the next year, when dogs not in the confines of the home of their owner were required to be on a leash.

Along with the other Pointes and Harper Woods, the Shores entered into the mutual fire-aid pact in 1959.

The '60s saw such developments as a \$290,000 voter-approved bond to finance major renovation and improvement, and the dedication of the Eleanor Clay Ford swimming pool.

The village's president, Gilbert T. Jerome, died in early 1971, and Gerald Schroeder was appointed and then elected as his replacement.

Cited as "possibly the biggest things in the last 30 years" to happen in the Shores by Village Superintendent Michael Kenyon were the completion of the municipal building renovation and September open house in 1984. Financed by a \$1.3 million voter-approved bond, the improvements included construction of the elevator tower, new entranceway and parking lot. The open house drew hundreds of people, including representatives of federal and state governments to present flags.

Following in the footsteps of the Grosse Pointe Farms Improvement Foundation, which had been operating since 1980, the roots of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation can be found in 1984, when council members deemed a nonprofit private foundation would do well to raise funds without the conflict of interest possible in a publicly appointed committee. Made up of 15 residents to become charter members, the foundation was intended to help the village beautify, upgrade and preserve municipal parks and medians, as well as actively solicit funds.

The year 1988 saw the installation of the 911 emergency telephone system throughout the Pointes and Harper Woods.

Starting off the decade fresh, council revised its master plan, which was last updated in 1956, in 1990. A moratorium was placed on new construction and dividing lots in the village, while the council worked.

Throughout the next year, curbside recycling was implemented in the five Pointes and Harper Woods, resident Ed Deeb was named a Presidential Point of Light by President George Bush for his outstanding service to the community, the septic systems of several lakefront property owners were discovered to be discharging into Lake St. Clair and trustee C. Bradford Lundy Jr. retired from council after nearly 30 years of service.

In 1992, the village added an echo unit to its force, which accompanied the ambulance on each

call and was staffed by paramedics with advanced medications only they could administer. The timing of its implementation was impeccable. Just hours after it began service, the echo unit was responsible for saving the life of an 84-year-old woman who turned out to be the first person to hold Councilman John Huettelman when he was born. The same councilman was responsible for negotiating to bring the echo unit to the Shores.

When the historical society was unable to meet what it said were excessive conditions imposed by council to save the building, the 78-year-old Vernier school designed by Albert Kahn was demolished in 1994.

With the voter-approval of a \$3.25 million bond in 1995, the Shores got to work on a two-year project to separate its combined sewer system to prevent combined sewage overflows from being discharged into Lake St. Clair during heavy rains. Rainwater would then flow directly into the lake, with sanitary waste being pumped to the Detroit water plant.

Starting off the new century strong, in 2001, the Shores had the first municipal court in the Pointes to install a walk-through metal detector.

The year 2002 saw more than \$200,000 in improvements to Osius Park, including a new pool and gatehouse at a new entrance, as well as the first patrol motorcycle acquired in the Pointes since 1969.

Just three years short of its 100th anniversary, the Shores took the first step toward becoming a city

with a 505-127 landslide vote in May 2008. State approval of the proposed city charter was held up for two months by staff members in the attorney general's office, who thought the name of the pending city — The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City — was too wordy and confusing. Their opposition was withdrawn in December, with Gov. Jennifer Granholm approving the language of the proposed municipal charter in January 2009.

The Shores officially became a city Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, when voters approved the ballot item 713-213, making former village president Dr. James Cooper the first mayor and transitioning the board of trustees into a city council.

Recall petitions for the mayor and four council members were filed in early 2010, following a 1-mill tax increase. Two of the councilmen resigned in February, while a recall vote in May for the other two and the mayor failed.

Despite the controversy, the Shores entered the new decade as a city and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011. The year was a busy one with a \$130,000 field house constructed at Schroeder Park, the retirement of public safety director Stephen Poloni, the consolidation of dispatch services with the Farms public safety department and the unseating of Mayor Cooper by Ted Kedzierski. In 2012, John Schulte was named public safety director and Mark Wollenweber was named city manager.

The decade also held more contention sur-

rounding council members, with one councilman arrested for domestic violence in 2013, and another targeted for resignation in 2018 and 2019, after posting controversial memes on Facebook.

In other news, in 2014, the city began sending community alerts to residents via Nixle; in 2015, the city became AAA rated; and in 2018, council voted to prohibit the sale of marijuana.

Wrapping up a lawsuit surrounding 55 S. Deeplands and construction on the controversial Osius Park gatehouse in 2019, the decade finished with the Shores becoming the first of the Pointes to be designated a Purple Heart city and having a historical marker unveiled at the municipal building. City Manager Mark Wollenweber resigned, as did Councilman Bruce Bisballe, who cited a lack of city leadership and concern over the city's retiree healthcare costs not being addressed.

The year 2020 saw a dispatch/lock-up agreement with the Woods public safety department, the creation of an ethics committee to draft an ethics ordinance and improved boating enforcement of noise complaints. Unfortunately, it also saw ongoing picketing and pleas from retirees, after council voted to alter their healthcare by adding a 20 percent premium cost share, and the resignation of 33-year Director of Public Works Brett Smith and Finance Director/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts, who cited a recent toxic work environment and the retiree healthcare changes, respectively.

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Wheeler, councilwoman since 1987 and mayor since 1994, decided not to seek re-election. Dale Scrace ran unopposed for

her seat.

The end of an era, Jacobson's department store left The Village, where it had resided since 1944, in 2002, leading council to pass 22 pages of new zoning ordinances for The Village district in

anticipation of new development. The public safety department also gained a computer-aided dispatch system, inkless fingerprint system and the first of several squad car computers that year.

In 2005, public safety

officers switched from 24-hour to 12-hour shifts, City Manager Mike Overton resigned to head Cheboygan County and a refrigerated skating rink was installed at Neff Park.

After work on the new municipal parking garage

behind Kercheval Place began in 2007, the structure was dedicated in February 2008, the same month Trader Joe's opened. The Downtown Development Authority was created in July, to help boost The Village

shopping district.

Public Safety Director James Fox, a 28-year veteran of the department, retired in 2011, and Stephen Poloni took over the position after retiring

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1970

1/8 The Rev. Arnold A. Fenton
1/1 Dr. Elaine Mary Hacker Mazzotta
1/15 Mrs. Donald E. Siegel
1/22 Melvin Beatty
1/28 Mrs. Ray W. Macdonald
2/5 Eva Bergstrand
2/12 Richard Johns
2/19 Mrs. George W. Coticchio
2/26 C. Thompson Wells Jr.
3/5 Mrs. A. D. Frevdl & Mrs. A. Stansell Bush
3/12 Mrs. William R. Bauer
3/19 Dale McCarthy
3/26 Nora Conklin Skitch
4/2 Mrs. George T. Maghielse
4/9 Mrs. G. Mennen Williams
4/16 Dr. Max L. Gardner
4/23 Mrs. John Milton White
5/7 Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford III
5/14 Mrs. Roy E. Craig & Mrs. Donald G. Miller
5/21 Robert J. Hutton
5/28 Grant Chyz
6/4 Mr. & Mrs. John R. Bowers
6/11 Mr. & Mrs. H. Richard Fruehauf Jr.
7/2 Mrs. Pierre V. Heffler
7/9 Dr. & Mrs. Ira G. Downer
7/16 Stephanie Prychitko
7/23 GPPSS retiring teachers
7/30 Irene Kearney
8/6 Jeffery W. Barry
8/20 Barbara Rickard Thompson
8/27 Mrs. George R. McMullen
9/3 Lisa Beckenhauer
9/10 Mrs. Stephen M. Sweeney
9/17 Mrs. Donald L. McConachie
9/24 Sister Doreen Poupard
10/1 Mrs. Livingstone Howard
10/8 Mrs. Kenneth M. Reichle
10/15 Mrs. Howard S. Buhl
10/22 G. Bruce Feighner
10/29 Mrs. William Atkins & Mrs. J. Jenness Newcomb
11/5 Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Franco
11/12 Marie Louise Anderson
11/19 Mrs. Donald E. Gilbert
12/3 Clinton Justice
12/3 Mrs. Roland Rinke
12/10 Robert K. Ferber
12/17 Jim Scott & David Kennel
12/31 Dr. Roy R. Hutcheon

1971

1/7 Mrs. C. Dale Barrett
1/14 Vincent R. DePetrus
1/21 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Hickey
1/28 Mrs. Robert W. Haddock
2/4 Nancy Nixon
2/11 Mrs. Henry Klein & Mrs. Donald B. Stewart
2/18 Mrs. Russell E. Bauer
2/25 William F. Huettelman
3/4 Morris F. Hanzek
3/11 Mark Carrier
3/18 Mrs. Eugene Hadjisky
3/25 Enrique Munoz, Joy Fish, Christina DuBois, Soren Andersen & Guhlila Carlsson
4/1 The Rev. Roland L. Schaedig
4/8 Steven J. Jay
4/15 Mrs. William G. Jamison
4/22 Mrs. Martin J. Foley
4/29 Mrs. Thomas E. Stone
5/6 Mrs. Frederick J. Lopley & Mrs. John Gilmore
5/13 Frank F. Firmschild
5/20 Mrs. Richard S. Cornwall
5/27 David D. Gregory
6/3 Bobbie Brucker & Michael O'Berski
6/10 Barb Bailey & Phil Fielding
6/24 Mrs. Edward Powles
7/1 Central Library retirees
7/15 GPPSS retirees
7/22 Janice Lee Wedge

7/29 Minnie Ptach
8/5 Joseph Vitale
8/12 Dennis Fedoruk
8/19 Sister Sean Martin
8/26 The Henry C. Murray family
9/2 Bob Ambrose
9/9 Percival H. Peters
9/16 Mrs. Warren S. Wilkinson
9/23 Carolina Ketterer
9/30 John Bruce
10/7 Valiki 'Vessie' Papacharalambous
10/14 Mrs. Peter Stroh
10/21 The David Willison family
10/28 Mrs. Joseph Burns & Mrs. Thomas Rockwell
11/4 Mrs. Carl Reichert, Mrs. Thatcher Rea & Mrs. Jeremy Webster
11/11 Sister Ann Celine O'Hallaren
11/18 Lori, Jill & Kim Bohlinger
11/25 Louise She
12/2 Mrs. Ralph E. Quinones
12/9 Ed Grenard
12/16 Mrs. J. W. Harrison
12/23 Dr. & Mrs. D. L. Plym
12/30 Mrs. John M. Chase

1972

1/6 Mrs. Harry R. Esling & Mrs. Milton W. Volkens
1/20 Susan Nouse
1/27 Mrs. Roy J. Leinweber
2/10 Mrs. Fred W. Adams
2/17 Mrs. Fred M. Lewis
2/24 Mrs. James H. Dingeman
3/2 Mrs. John E. Bodkin
3/9 Mrs. J. Alfred Grow & Mrs. F. Wallace Bissinger
3/16 Thomas W. Kressbach
3/23 Francis W. Robinson
4/6 William T. Peters
4/13 Mrs. William J. Rice
4/20 Lee & Shirley Schoenheit
4/27 Mrs. William P. Heller
5/4 Mrs. Frank A. Gernack Jr.
5/11 Mrs. C. William Sullivan
5/25 James D. Tyler
6/1 Mr. & Mrs. William C. Osborn Jr.
6/15 Charles M. Jorgensen & Harvey Christensen
6/28 GPPSS retirees
7/13 Henry, Brett & Diane Kingswell
7/20 Susan Beauvais
8/3 Armand & Carol De Gaetano
8/10 Dr. Ross Scharfenberg
8/31 Mrs. Lawrence Holmes
9/7 Mrs. Stanley F. Dolega
9/14 Mrs. Robert L. Hull
9/21 Mrs. William Beach
9/28 Mrs. Thomas G. Arndt
10/5 Mrs. Charles R. Moon
10/12 Mrs. George W. Duffield
10/19 Mrs. Shad Kozlowski
10/26 Mrs. Robert Bennett, Mrs. Thomas J. Murphy & Mrs. John W. Hamal
11/2 Mrs. Ronald Haughton & Mrs. John Heamon
11/9 Mrs. Donald Hines
11/16 Mrs. James S. Sanford
11/23 Dianne Rausch
12/1 Mrs. William F. Hoover
12/7 Mrs. Richard Shalla
12/14 Regina Garcia Amor
12/21 Mrs. Ray H. Kiely
12/28 Mrs. Irvin Malcolm

1973

1/4 Mrs. Neville M. Pack
1/11 Mrs. John V. Deaver
1/18 Russell D. Reed
1/25 Mrs. Emmett J. McNamara
2/1 Mr. & Mrs. Neil Snow
2/8 Kelly, Suzanne, Stephanie & Craig Leon
2/15 Mrs. James Earl Beall
2/22 Mrs. G. Sam Zilly

3/1 Mrs. John Martens
3/8 Laura Pickford, Tom Curto, Mike Donahue & Barbara Hintzen
3/15 Mrs. David Kasunic & Mrs. Paul Garvey
3/22 Ahmet Erozanici & Peter Moland
3/29 Mrs. George A. Nicholson III
4/5 Mrs. Sterling S. Sanford
4/12 Mrs. Jack E. Rosch
4/19 Wendy Cope
4/26 Mrs. Raymond W. Eddy
5/3 Mr. & Mrs. David Summers
5/10 Dr. Cluster Homeier
5/17 Chris Richard
5/24 Mrs. Edward C. Hanpeter
5/31 Cletus J. Wellington
6/7 Mrs. Richard Allen
6/14 Charles L. Cooke
6/21 Mrs. Donald Blain
6/28 Frederick A. Kaiser
7/19 Mrs. Charles Kaess III
7/26 Mrs. James O. Hoyt
8/2 Detective John R. Kendall
8/9 Pepper Whitlaw
8/16 Mrs. Robert E. Valk
8/23 Michael Raymond & W. Magruder Jones
10/4 William E. Rush M.D.
10/11 Mrs. Ferdinand H. Cinelli
10/18 Mrs. Thomas B. Stevens
10/25 Mrs. Richard Allen
11/8 Mrs. Volland J. von Berg
11/15 The Rev. Kenneth R. Lentz
11/22 Ludwig LaPauw
11/29 Mrs. Charles J. Koebel
12/6 Kim Nuyen
12/13 George E. Cartmill
12/20 Msgr. Francis X. Canfield
12/27 Claudia Gamble

1974

1/3 Mrs. Alex Dornin
1/10 Sabina Imhof
1/17 Nathan C. Judson
1/24 Mrs. Fedele Bianco
1/31 Mrs. Kim K. Lie
2/7 Mrs. William G. Self
2/14 Mrs. Richard Campbell
2/21 Mrs. Jerome H. Remick Jr.
2/28 Henry, Brett & Diane Kingswell
3/7 Adam Pashy
3/14 Helle Markholst
3/21 Jerry J. Gerich
3/28 Mrs. Thomas Coulter
4/11 Mary Anne Burslem
4/18 Ralph M. Burton
4/25 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel A. Laferte
5/2 Michael Ferrence
5/9 Mrs. Kenneth G. Schooff
5/16 Mrs. Jeffery Barry, Mrs. Robert Michael & Mrs. B. Thomas Villison
5/23 Mrs. John H. Williams
5/30 Jeanne Robinson
6/20 Rip Odell
6/27 Mrs. Arthur Buhl Hudson
7/4 GPPSS retiring teachers
7/11 GPPSS retiring teachers
7/18 Mrs. Maurice Des Rosiers & Mrs. David E. Henes
8/1 Louis Ferdinand
8/8 Mrs. George R. Grenzke
8/15 Mrs. Milton A. Manley
8/22 Jerry Schoenheit
8/29 Mrs. Wilson Scott
9/19 Dr. James A. Adams
9/26 Dr. David Huse Tugak
10/3 Mrs. Richard P. Doerger & Mrs. George E. Bushnell Jr.
10/10 Bethine S. Whitney Jr.
10/17 Mrs. Edward R. Harrigan
10/24 Mrs. C. B. Conover
10/31 Mrs. Richard K. Simonds

11/7 Mrs. William A. Champion
11/14 Norman A. Bolz
11/21 Richard Reins
11/28 Mrs. Maurice Day
12/5 Mrs. John B. Renick
12/12 David Giles
12/19 The Rev. Robert F. McGregor, the Rev. Vincent Warner & the Rev. Paul S. Hiyma
12/26 Claire Servant, Alex Szirmai & Agneta Astrand

1975

1/2 Gordon M. Buehrig
1/9 William L. Hurley
1/16 Tim Rube & Ann Charlotte Berggren
1/23 Nancy Ambrose
2/6 Mrs. Robert O. Reisig
2/13 Phil Garner
2/20 Richard Schwab
3/6 Sharon Ann Winkler
3/13 Dr. James Hoeh
3/20 Utrike 'Ullif' Tack
3/27 Mrs. Nils R. Johansson
4/3 Mrs. William G. Denomme
4/10 Mrs. John D. Deacon
4/17 Mrs. Robert S. Lefevre
4/24 Mrs. Peter Kennedy
5/1 Lynn Stedman Jr.
5/8 GPPSS central office retirees
5/15 Mrs. Marshall Collins
5/22 Dr. William V. Taylor
5/29 Ann Cox & David Watkins
6/5 Mr. & Mrs. Russell R. Noble
6/12 Mrs. H. James Gram
7/10 GPPSS retiring teachers
7/17 GPPSS retirees
7/24 GPPSS retirees
7/31 GPPSS retirees
8/7 Russell Nahat
8/14 James Maniscalco
8/21 Mrs. Arthur Spindler Jr.
8/28 Mrs. Donald S. Young
9/4 Doris Krug
9/18 The Paul R. Henry family
9/25 Mrs. Carl E. Meyerling
10/2 Mrs. John C. Emery Jr. & Mrs. Benjamin H. Paddock III
10/9 Mrs. William A. Evenden
10/16 Mrs. Thomas Conway III
10/23 Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Howell Jr.
10/30 Dr. Garfield Tournay
11/6 Mrs. Ronald D. Lovisa
11/13 Mrs. John G. Martin
11/20 Mrs. Clarence Vanderschaaf
11/27 Mr. Arthur R. Pfannenschmidt
12/4 Philip J. Meathe
12/11 Mrs. Robert N. Lynch
12/11 B. Thomas Willison, Richard Ottens & Dr. Rowland Austin
12/25 Mrs. Arthur O. A. Schmidt

1976

1/1 Ed Oldani
1/8 The Rev. George E. Andrews II
1/15 Wes & Julie Rea
1/22 Pekka Vartiainen, Norma Buenahora & Ricky Vinuya
2/5 Dr. & Mrs. Robert Sillery
2/12 Betz Johnson
2/19 Margherita S. Allardice
2/26 Ranier Korth, Babeth Couriaut, Marco Braga & Dominique Orthen
3/4 Jane Bebe
3/18 Anneke de la Bey
3/25 Mrs. Frank H. Parcels
4/1 Mrs. Thomas G. Girardy
4/8 Mrs. Patrick G. McKeever
4/15 The Frank H. Mullin family
4/22 Mrs. Cleveland Thurber Jr., Marilyn Beckenhauer & Sarah K. Hepburn
5/13 Mrs. Lynde R. Martin

5/27 Mr. & Mrs. John B. Vanderzee II
6/3 Mrs. Joseph Primo
6/10 Nick Graves
6/17 Everett M. Hawley
7/8 GPPSS retirees
7/29 GP North retirees
8/12 Ingrid Hofer
8/19 John & Marilyn Markey
8/26 Mrs. Denis Luz
9/8 Dr. William Coats
9/16 Garrod & Birgit Mahner
9/23 Frederic De Haven
9/30 Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. Robert Payne & Mrs. Donald Knaus
10/7 Mrs. James Rauh
10/14 Mrs. John D. Heud
10/21 Mrs. Bruce Birgbauer
10/28 Mrs. Roger Fitch
11/4 Mrs. Robert H. Kennedy
11/11 Mrs. Edwin J. Stedem Jr.
11/18 Mrs. Thomas J. McBryan
11/25 James J. Boomgard Jr.
12/2 Mrs. Rudolph G. Morin
12/16 Susan MacColl, Lynne Garrod & Birgit Mahner

1977

1/6 Margaret Giebic
1/13 Valerie Kvale & Sarah Gall
1/20 ULS Summer Opportunity Fair organizers
1/27 Majia Karikoski, Marc Budge & Edna Perez
2/10 Thomas R. Peters
2/17 Mrs. Herman P. Sattler
2/24 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kohring
3/3 Mrs. James E. Ziegenfuss
3/10 Bjorn Stove & Sheena Livingstone
3/17 The Peter O'Rourke family
3/24 Maureen Dufour
3/31 Vi Larsen
4/7 The Joseph T. Ryan family
4/14 Mrs. Harry D. Anderson
4/18 Mae Gallagher
4/25 GPPSS retiring personnel
5/5 Mrs. Edward B. Palm & Mrs. Craig H. Curtiss
5/12 Lorenzo D. Browning
5/19 Mrs. Joseph A. Vance Jr.
5/26 David Buhl & Allison Kuhnlein
6/2 Walter E. Simmons II family
6/9 Elizabeth Parcels
6/23 Edwin Wendt
7/7 Dr. Alfred Eyres
7/28 GPPSS retiring teachers
8/11 Jennifer Tebbes & Graham Bullen
8/18 GPPSS retiring teachers
8/25 Susan Mascara
9/1 Philip Van Tiem
9/8 Alice & Jack Walmsley
9/15 Anna Husband
9/22 Frank A. Morgan
9/29 M. Jane Kay
10/6 Mrs. Joseph A. Vance Jr.
10/13 Mrs. Miles O'Brien Sr. & Mrs. William Tost
10/20 Edward P. Frohlich
10/27 Mrs. Joseph H. Perry III
11/3 Dr. Larry Harding
11/10 Jennifer Tebbes & Graham Bullen
11/17 James T. Farley
11/24 Dorothy Mooney
12/1 Mrs. Thomas G. Sieber
12/8 John Hammel
12/15 Mrs. Jerry Hodak & Mrs. Terry Kasiborski
12/22 Ernest Moeller

1978

1/5 Michael A. Donovan, Paul E. Christ & J. Gary Fulton
1/12 Judge Beverly Curran Grobbel
1/19 Mrs. Joseph H. Lackey
1/26 Sarah K. Hepburn
2/2 Mrs. Charles V. Hance Jr.

2/9 Mrs. Bernard Whitley
2/16 South foreign exchange students
2/23 Mrs. Anthony Vermeulen
3/9 Mr. & Mrs. Michael T. Timmis
3/16 North foreign exchange students
3/23 Sally Reynolds
3/30 Frank & Catherine Dattilo
4/6 Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Bradley
4/20 Mrs. Lee A. Allen
4/27 Mrs. Owen F. Keeler Jr. & Mrs. Richard P. Kost
5/4 Mrs. John A. Boll
5/11 Mrs. Orville T. Thompson
5/18 Mrs. Joseph Shaheen
5/25 Kevin Conley & Janet Peters
6/8 Mrs. R. B. Fahim
6/15 Mary Ellen Cooper
6/22 Mrs. Harry Mollen
6/29 William E. Barry
7/13 John Rohrer & Lawrence Kennedy
7/20 GPPSS retiring teachers
7/27 GPPSS retiring teachers
8/10 Mrs. John Jay
8/17 Mrs. James C. Bruno
8/17 Mrs. Laurence M. Scoville Jr.
8/31 Mrs. David Olson & Mrs. Phillip A. Hall
9/21 Mrs. Alfred M. Large
10/5 Mrs. Kenneth Adler
10/12 Mrs. Wesley R. Johnson
10/19 Mrs. Archie Grieve
11/6 Mrs. Harry Mollen
11/16 Mrs. Thomas W. Baumgarten
11/23 Gail Urso
11/30 Trudy Quigley
12/7 H. E. Tammela
12/14 Katarina Gunnarson & Rodolfo Kempke
12/21 Ted & Katie Kolp
12/28 Ann MacDonald

1979

1/4 Marco Nobili
1/11 North foreign exchange students
1/18 Ewa Bielski
1/25 Liggitt foreign exchange students
2/1 John S. Pingel
2/8 Joan Thornton
2/15 Alex Sucek
2/22 Rita Capano Abaldo
3/1 Mrs. Anthony J. Vinci
3/1 Mrs. Richard C. Mertz Jr.
3/2 Lee Anne Miller
3/29 Mrs. William R. Shelby
4/5 Mrs. Douglas West
4/12 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Curtiss
4/19 Dr. Richard Ferrara
4/26 Father Ralph V. Barton
5/3 Mrs. Ross T. Kogel
5/17 Mrs. Gerald Bell
5/24 David M. Tyler Jr. & Robin Bushnell
5/31 Elwyn Davies
6/7 Mrs. Ben Worones
6/14 Phil Leon & Phil Jenkins
6/21 Mrs. H. A. Powell
6/28 Pierre Augier
7/12 GPPSS retiring teachers
7/26 GPPSS retiring personnel
8/9 Mrs. Gerald Gattorn
8/16 John P. Worra
8/23 Mrs. Thomas F. McGann
9/6 Brenda Brady
9/13 Mrs. John S. Albright
9/27 Sharon Stoeckel
10/4 Gerald L. Stoetzer
10/11 Mrs. James L. Schueler
10/25 Mrs. Alfred Warren Jr.
10/8 Mrs. Robert E. Dice
11/22 Clare Morison
11/29 Mrs. John L. Drummy Dr.
12/13 Pam Stanton
12/20 Robert A. Maxwell

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS — When the Grosse Pointe News was established as a newspaper in 1940, Grosse Pointe Farms was on the precipice of becoming its own city. Although the Park entertained discussions on becoming a city in 1941, culminating in a failed proposal at the polls, the Farms left the title of village in Grosse Pointe Township behind in 1949, as the second Pointe to transition to city status.

The decade started off a bit rockier when the first ever strike in the Grosse Pointes, including employees of highway, garbage, maintenance and park departments, began at midnight Sunday, July 5, 1941. The reasoning was a desired annual salary raise of \$300 in response to an anticipated increase to the cost of living in the coming months. For two weeks, garbage collection in the Farms was halted as the 28 employees picketed, leaving residents to bury or burn their refuse. The strike ended when village council, which said it denied the request because its budget for the coming year had already been set and because there were no guarantees the cost of living would rise, agreed to create an arbitration board to explore a possible pay increase.

The highway, sewer, maintenance and garbage departments were then consolidated into a newly-created department of public works in October 1943, with City Engineer Murray M. Smith designated as department head.

In 1946, a Grosse Pointe Public Library branch relocated to the corner of Kercheval and Fisher when its prior location at Kercheval

and Cadieux was sold to a new owner and in 1948, no-parking signs were placed on both sides of Lakeshore to keep the practice of parking along the street for family picnics and fishing from turning the lakefront into a miniature Belle Isle.

Just two days after Farms residents voted 1,017 to 482 to become a city, the Alger house was gifted as a war memorial for use by the entire Grosse Pointe community in March 1949.

With the city charter, proposing a seven-member council as the ruling body, submitted in October and approved by Gov. G. Mennen Williams in November, the Farms officially became a city at 8 p.m. Dec. 15, 1949. William F. Connolly Jr., who was president of the village prior to its conversion, was elected the city's first mayor during the first city council meeting Dec. 15, as well.

The 1950s opened with a reorganization of city council — election of council members would take place during odd-numbered years, council would elect the mayor and an elected justice of the peace would serve a four-year term — followed by a dedication of the Central Library at Kercheval and Fisher in 1953, and the settling of a 25-year-long boundary dispute with the City of Grosse Pointe in 1954. The boundary line that had been established when the Farms detached itself from the Village of Grosse Pointe in the 1890s, was set to be moved to the middle of Fisher from Jefferson to Mack, with agreement from both cities.

Another agreement with the City, which still stands today, for the Farms to sell its water to the neighboring municipality, was reached in 1955. After Farms voters opposed chemical fluorine in the water supply

and council unanimously reaffirmed the decision, the chemical was removed from both cities' water supplies in 1956. The City did not get a say.

Events turned somber in June 1956 when City Manager Harry A. Furton died in Cottage Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 54.

While talks of a mutual-aid program where each municipality would keep four firemen and a piece of equipment available at all times to respond to fire calls in any of the cities began in 1955, the pact between the five Pointes and Harper Woods did not come to fruition until May 18, 1959.

The pact was desperately needed just four days into 1962, when 13 pieces of firefighting equipment and approximately 100 firemen fought two multi-alarm fires ablaze at the same time. Beaupre Hardware, Sidney Cleaners and restaurant Al Green's on The Hill were completely destroyed with an estimated \$500,000 in damage.

Later in the year, the Farms led the charge toward the purchase of a 75-acre plot in Clinton Township as a proposed site for the Clinton-Pointes Refuse Disposal Authority incinerator.

The beginning of the '70s were big for the public safety department, with the adoption of radar speed control and the employment of the first woman as a full-time police department employee.

With an allocated \$2,000 in start-up funding, the Farms Beautification Commission was then created in 1986. Initial focus areas were at Mack and Moross, along Lakeshore Road and at Pier Park.

Resurfacing Lakeshore in the Farms, with the installation of 9-inch

curbs intended to prevent more cars from flipping into the lake, began in 1987, followed by an agreement reached with city council to combine the police and fire departments into a single public safety agency. In October 1988, the first public safety labor contract was approved and the 911 emergency telephone system was installed throughout the Grosse Pointes.

The Provencal-Weir House, built in 1823 and believed to be the community's oldest surviving residence, was rezoned in 1988, and set to house the Grosse Pointe Historical Society when the current owner moved out or died.

Plans for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association to build a new cable studio on War Memorial grounds were approved by council at the start of the new decade.

Following the example of the Woods, curbside recycling was implemented in the other four Pointes and Harper Woods in 1991.

In 1992, council voted that the city would get out of the ambulance business and privatize its ambulatory service to save money and provide better service to residents. The department of public safety also purchased its first computer system.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1993, the Farms also saw the closing of the Sears Outlet store at Mack and Moross in September.

Valet services began in The Hill after unanimous approval by city council in early 1996, and a five-day-a-week trash pick-up schedule was approved by council in 1997, saving the city \$15,000 annually.

Finishing out the century, the Farms council voted to spend \$13 mil-

lion to separate the sanitary and storm sewer system, as the last Pointe to do so, as well as to create historic districts including Beverly Road, the Farms sewage pumping station on Chalfonte, the Joy Bells on Moross Road, the Farms water filtration plant and the Provencal-Weir House.

In 2002, the city invested \$225,000 into a tractor with a broom and chute method to offer its residents curbside leaf pick-up. The year also saw current public safety director Dan Jensen named deputy director after 24 years of service.

Also a member of the Farms Public Safety Department, Kathy Leikert, the Pointes' first female public safety officer, retired in 2004, after a 28-year career. The city's bond rating moved from AA- to AA+ the same year.

With a new decade, came a new way of connecting with residents as public safety notices began being sent out via Nixle in 2010. Also early that year, 77-year-old Councilman Doug Roby, a member of council since 2002, died of cancer.

The infamous flooding of around 300 basements in the inland sewer district was not the only notable news in 2011. The city also took over Shores public safety dispatch duties. Councilman Charles "Terry" Davis III, a 10-year veteran of council and finance committee chair, died in August. Three-term Councilman Joseph Leonard died of cancer almost exactly a year later.

In 2013, residents gained the ability to pay municipal property taxes, water bills and more through the city's updated website, while in 2014, the public safety department established its K-9 unit. The 14-month-old police dog,

Jazz, was renamed Duke after Duke Ellington, to honor the K-9 team's benefactor, Gretchen Valade, owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe.

The city achieved AAA bond rating in 2015 and in the first contested mayoral race since 2003, Louis Theros was elected mayor in 2017. Also in 2017, the city agreed to settle a \$4 million lawsuit with residents impacted by the 2011 flooding and Recreation Director Dick Huhn retired after 31 years.

The year 2018 found the resignation of 16-year Councilwoman Therese Joseph and the appointment of Sierra Leone Donaven, the city's first Black council member.

Through a unanimous vote in 2019, the Farms became the last Grosse Pointe to prohibit marijuana businesses, opting out of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. In July, Councilman Peter W. Waldmeir, first elected in 1995, died of cancer.

Finishing out the decade, the director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs granted the annexation of seven Provencal homes from the Woods to the Farms.

Although 2020 put a freeze on various events and projects with the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the Farms still made strides forward this year. A joint engineering study with the Shores and Wayne County has brought the Lakeshore seawall one step closer to a much-needed long-term solution and a proposed road millage on the November ballot brings the potential of reinvigorated road improvement projects. The city also purchased a new fire engine, replacing one built in 1997, and updated the city website for the first time since 2013.

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from a 25-year career in the Shores. He continued making his way through the Pointes in 2015, when he was hired as public safety director in the Park and began splitting his time between the two cities.

The year 2013 held good news for public safety with a consolidation of dispatch operations with the Park, set to save the City \$100,000 annually, and the purchase of body cameras, as well as bad news, when police dog Raleigh was euthanized a few days after being diagnosed

with cancer.

The approval by voters of a 2.5-mill property tax in 2014 was set to raise \$825,000 annually for road repairs, which was more than triple the funds available prior.

In another vote, this one extremely close, a \$13 million bond was approved in 2017, to build

new facilities for the City's public safety and public works departments. Also in 2017, the City received AAA rating and Chris Boettcher unseated long-time mayor Dale Scrace.

Leading into 2019, council unanimously approved an ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments in the city.

Terence Thomas became the first Black person elected to council in any of the Pointes and, before the decade was out, Sheila Tomkowiak became the second woman elected as mayor in the City.

Despite a global pandemic causing much of the country to take one step forward and two

steps back in 2020, the City still celebrated some major accomplishments. The new public safety and public works facilities were completed, The Village was selected to be part of the Michigan Main Street Program and council began exploring the potential of historic districts.

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South a consistent state title winner

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South High School, and before that Grosse Pointe High School, has enjoyed a fruitful number of state champions through the decades. The Blue Devils have earned 48 state titles in girls golf, boys tennis and girls cross country in the fall; boys hockey, girls hockey and boys swimming in the winter; and baseball, girls lacrosse, boys golf, girls tennis and sailing in the spring. The most titles have been won by the girls hockey and girls tennis programs with 13 apiece. Co-ed sailing has five, while the girls track and boys tennis are next with three each. The boys swimming, girls lacrosse and baseball each have two. Girls golf, girls cross country, boys track and field, boys hockey and boys golf have one apiece to account for the 45 state crowns. Quite a staggering number. When you talk about the state titles in girls hockey, you have to mention the head coaches at the helm of these teams. The legend is Bill Fox, while Joe Provenzano and John Wiedenbach also led the Blue Devils to titles. As for tennis, the coach who got the ball rolling for the school is Stephanie Prychitko, who guided the Blue Devils to Class A state crowns in the 1970s and 80s. From that point, current head coach Mark Sobieralski has coached



FILE PHOTO

The 2019 South girls tennis state title team under the tutelage of head coach Mark Sobieralski.

four Division 1 state champs. His Blue Devils are technically the defending state champs since the 2020 season was canceled due to COVID-19. The girls track and field squad, under head coach Steve Zaranek, won its three consecutive Division 1 titles from 2011 to 2013. The boys tennis team won three straight titles from 1945 to 1947 under head coach Lawrence Westerville. Head coach James Cooper was at the helm of the sailing program during its recent run of success. Carl Schoessel led the boys swim team to Class A titles in 1960 and '68, while Deb Pavle had the Blue Devils' girls lax program hitting on all cylinders in 2005 and 2006 when the event was added to the Michigan High School Athletic Association as a sponsored sport. Dan Griesbaum led the baseball program to a Class A crown in 2001 and a Division 1 title in 2018. Griesbaum and his South

baseball program were recently featured in a national baseball magazine Inside Pitch, which is the official publication for the American Baseball Coaches Association. This story puts the Blue Devils in the national spotlight in the baseball community. The girls golf Division 1 state title came in 2011 under head coach Peter Kingsley, and the girls cross-country Division 1 crown came in the same year under Steve Zaranek. Boys hockey won its Division 2 title in 2007 with head coach Bob Bopp leading the way, and Robb McIntyre's boys golf squad was the 2018 Division 1 champ. The boys title was won in 1962 when it was Grosse Pointe High and the head coach was James Curlett. A special note: the girls lacrosse program won several more state titles before 2005 when the sport was not sponsored by the MHSAA.

North's state titles stand at 9

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Since 1968, the Grosse Pointe News has covered Grosse Pointe North High School.

The high school that opened in Grosse Pointe Woods in the late 1960s has seen 10 Class A state champions, led by four won by the boys cross-country teams in 1973, 75, 76 and 1982.

The first three were won under head coach Tom Guaerke and the final title was earned under the tutelage of Dave McEvers.

The 1999 girls swimming and diving team under Mike O'Connor won the Class A crown, led by U.S. Olympian Carly Piper.

Scott Lock guided the Norsemen boys hockey team to back-to-back Division 1 state championships in 2001 and 02, post-



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North's 2008 girls basketball state championship team.

ing a shutout in each game. Gary Bennett's 2008 girls basketball team won the Class A state title, winning by 12 points over East Lansing.

The girls lacrosse team also won a state title under head coach Bill Seaman in 1999, but that was before the sport was sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The final two state championships were won by hall-of-fame head coach Frank Sumner and his 1980 and 2006 baseball squads.

The 2006 squad beat U-D Jesuit 7-5 in Division I, and the 1980 team defeated Royal Oak Kimball 9-6 in Class A.

The only coach on this list who is still coaching is Bennett.

Liggett the home of state crowns

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

During the 80 years of Grosse Pointe News sports coverage, University Liggett School, formerly known as Detroit University School, has called state champions to an amazing 73 teams.

Most have come on the tennis courts with the boys winning 35 state crowns and the girls 20.

The boys' first title came in 1933 under head coach Earl Kimber and the latest was last week with Mark Sobieralski at the helm.

Other boys coaches to lead the team were Bill Bellows in the mid-to-late-1950s and Bob Wood in the 1970s through 2000.

Most of the state titles came in Class C-D with the last five coming in Division 4.

The Knights' dynasty has lasted more than 80 years, and more titles could be on the horizon under Sobieralski, who is

making his name synonymous with state champions.

The girls won 20 titles, starting with the first in 1980 under George Andrews, and the latest was 2002 under Wright.

Carol vonStade coached the 1984 team to the Class C-D title, and it was Bob Hartwick leading the 1985 and '86 squad to the C-D crown.

Wood led the way in 1987, and Sarah Mayer was a co-coach in the 1994 and '95 title teams with Wood.

Wright and Wood led the Knights to five crowns before Wright was a solo head coach for the 2004 Division 4.

Dan Cimini is the catalyst behind the recent success of the Knights' baseball program. He guided them to Division 4 titles in 2011 and 2013, plus Division 3 crowns in 2014 and 2016.

In addition, the 1979 squad under head coach

Joe Haklin won the Class D title.

Winning three Division 3 titles was the boys hockey team. The first game in 1980 under Jay Peacock, and No. 2 was in 1990 with John Fowler at the helm. The last was in 2012 under Robb McIntyre.

The girls hockey team earned the 2014 Division 1 championship with Cassie Jaeckle at the helm. The Knights won the Division 2 title in 2017 and '18 with Anna Kuehlein leading the way.

Another coaching legend, David Backhurst, guided the Knights' boys soccer team to a Class D title in 1982 and a Class C crown in 1996. He led the team to a Class B-C crown in 1983 and his last came in Division 4 in 1999.

Backhurst in 2005 and David Dwaihy in 2016 led the girls soccer program to Division 4 state titles.

The 2018 Jayant Trewn led field hockey team won the Division 2 state title.

St. Paul a powerhouse in the 1960s

You have to dig deep for this, but in the 1960s St. Paul had a high school. The small school fielded several talented basketball teams under the legendary head coach Ed Lauer. St. Paul won the 1961 boys basketball Class C state title, beating Parma Western 67-51. They also won the 1964

state crown in Class C, defeating Byron Center 53-39.

St. Paul was also in the finals in 1965 and 1969, but lost 54-51 to Muskegon Christian and 48-43 to Saginaw St. Stephen.

— Bob St. John

Pointers of 1990s INTEREST

1990	1/4 Gertrude Droege 1/11 Dr. Jim Jarvis 1/18 Steve Linne 1/25 Clint Hardy 2/8 James Kellow 2/15 Dick Cooper 2/22 Sister Mary Ann Flanagan 3/1 David J. Lusk 3/8 Paul Teranes 3/22 David Carroll 3/29 Forman S. Johnston 4/5 James Poole 4/12 Dominic Pangborn 4/19 Marty Bufalini 4/26 De Shaheen 5/3 Michael M. Dixon 5/10 John Metropoulos 5/17 Mary Thorn 5/24 Paul E. Andrews 5/31 Leatha Mertens 6/7 Richard E. "Buzz" Van Alman II 6/14 Margot Parker 6/21 Leonard Jaques 6/28 Maura D. Corrigan 7/12 The Hon. James A. Hathaway 7/19 Louis Perrone 7/26 William R. Coonce 8/2 Cecelia Childs 8/9 James H. Graves M.D. 8/16 Frank J. Welcenbach 8/23 Eric Rentenbach 8/30 Mark Szymanski 9/6 Paul D. Alandri 9/13 Edward C. Baganz 9/20 Howard K. Face 10/4 Ludwig J. Schomig 10/11 Ewa Bielski 10/18 Tony Nelson 10/25 Edward P. Rem 11/1 Frank Evanski 11/8 William L. Hurley 11/15 Kenneth E. Prather 11/22 Mary Evelyn Self 11/29 Douglas E. Andrus 12/6 Ken Millard 12/13 J. Nicholls Spain Jr. 12/20 Ben Robinson 12/27 Kenneth J. Van Dellen	9/19 Marco Nobili 9/26 Dr. Henry J. VandenBerg Jr. 10/3 Judy Adams 10/10 Julie Strabel 10/17 Perrin Long Jr. 10/24 David N. Posavetz 11/21 James Kellow 11/28 Conrad Koski 12/5 Hugh V. Munce 12/12 Gregory Paul Pischaea 12/19 Diane Hathaway 12/26 David W. Benfer	1992 1/2 Juliette DePorre Zaranek 1/9 Dr. Arthur T. Porter 1/16 Emmanuelle Boisvert 1/23 Joseph A. Tolari 2/6 Suzanne M. Paillie 2/13 Dick Forton 2/20 Eric Miller 2/27 Norman A. Silverman M.D. 3/5 Thomas Arbaugh 3/12 Karl Peters 3/19 Brian R. Sullivan 3/26 Robert J. Hutton 4/2 Mary Loomis 4/9 Mary Beth Smith 4/16 Jeff Perry 4/23 Nate Muccioli 4/30 Mary Murray 5/7 Elizabeth Kuhlman 5/14 John Denomme 5/21 Joann Szymanski Nuccilli 5/28 Carol Pillsbury Patton 6/4 A. William Shafer M.D. 6/11 Marguerite Deslippe 6/18 Joe Callahan 6/25 Joseph Mengden 7/9 George R. Mikhail M.D. 7/16 Tim Danielian 7/23 Ruth Roby Glancy 7/30 Mary Francis Hush O.P. 8/6 Dave Steele 8/13 Louis Pelombit 8/20 James W. Goss 8/27 Bruce Rockwell 9/3 Jean Smith 9/10 Tony Gatloff 9/17 Jim Pallas 9/24 Margaret Dawson 10/1 Vahida Livadic 10/8 Thomas Coles 10/15 Jane Hoey 10/22 Julie Alstott 10/29 Katherine Mabarak 11/5 Scott McDuffee 11/12 Rod Burton 11/19 George Eddington 11/26 Janet Weber 12/3 Sam Lafata 12/10 Art Weinle 12/17 David Andora 12/24 Donald N. Sweeney III 12/31 Carolyn Cassin	5/20 Marion Leigh Smith 5/27 Susie Lambrecht 6/3 Vickie Salamas 6/10 Roger McCaig 6/17 Carol Lounsberry 7/1 Peggy Costello 7/8 Edward Krull M.D. 7/15 Robert Tyrrell 7/22 Margaret Kitchel 7/29 Kay Baubie 8/5 Sal Vitale 8/12 Chuck Kaess 8/19 Father Fred Taggart 8/26 Dr. Larry Stephenson 9/2 Mary Beth Swegles 9/23 Michael Patten 9/30 Betty Keglery 10/7 John Smucker 10/14 Ruth Coughlin 10/21 David F. Kruger 10/28 Dean C. Metry 11/4 Joe McMillan 11/11 Joe Girard 11/18 Lora Parisien 11/25 Benjamin Perraut 12/2 Christine Biretta 12/9 Kimberly Conely 12/16 Fred Miller Ph.D. 12/30 Anita Lienert	1994 1/6 Richard Pastoria 1/13 Danielle DeFauw 1/20 Jay Felt 1/27 Pete Waldmeir 2/3 Dr. Carl Thomas 2/10 Mark Weber Ph.D. 2/17 Ned McGrath 2/24 Doug Boehmer 3/3 Karla Strobel 3/10 Jim DePuys 3/17 Eleanor Kermeyer 3/24 Cecil Fielder 3/31 D.J. Kennedy 4/7 Vito "Bill" Cataffio 4/14 Effie C. Pappas 4/21 Lawrence Herzog 4/28 Jonathon Purslow 5/5 Dr. Emanuel Tanay 5/12 Karla Scherer 5/19 Dr. Claudia Kirk 5/26 Lynn O'Connor 6/2 Nancy Cain 6/9 Deana Georgopoulos 6/16 Jeanne Whittaker-Hines 6/23 Andrea Ferrara 6/30 Virginia Ficarra 7/7 Patricia A. Stewart 7/14 Dr. Richard J. Santen 7/21 Helen Leonard-Malis 7/28 Peter A. Schweitzer 8/4 Marc Branch 8/11 Adell Stover 8/18 Patricia Young 8/25 George R. Rinaldi 9/1 Dr. Pamela Fleming 9/8 William McCrackin 9/15 John W. Pollard 9/22 Ron Lucas 9/29 Marge Drumm 10/6 Elias M. Guiterrez 10/13 Peter J. Bellanca 10/20 Elena M. Russell 10/27 William Kessler 11/3 William DeFrance 11/10 Elizabeth McCormick 11/17 Michael Howe 11/24 Maggie Merry 12/8 Louis R. Dimirty 12/15 Kate Gobel 12/22 John Diebel 12/29 Kristin Peslar	2/2 Judy Gandelot 2/9 John Van Oedol 2/16 Tina Fisher Grov 2/23 John B. Vanderzee 3/2 Marlene Haler 3/9 Richard Sax 3/16 Michael Horwitz 3/23 Gail L. Warden 3/30 Dearnna Maher Scallan 4/6 Dr. Jeffrey M. Altshuler 4/13 Joseph DeJonckheere 4/20 Carol Osborne 4/27 Don Wismer 5/4 Greg Theokas 5/11 Lance Aldrich 5/18 Joanne Deeb 5/25 Michael J. Monahan 6/1 Michael Aubrey 6/8 Frances Twiddy 6/15 Susan Pearce 6/22 Mike Stapleton 6/29 William C. Rands III 7/6 Don Coles 7/13 Val Gokenbach 7/20 Henrietta Fridholm 7/27 Rudy Liedtke 8/3 Ted Ewald 8/10 Randall Cain 8/17 William D. Gilbride 8/24 Dr. Carl L. Stanitski 8/31 Aimee Vasse 9/7 Patricia West Ph.D. 9/14 Tom Coughlin 9/21 Pat Wright 9/28 Kathy Owensby 10/5 Debbie Bellovich 10/12 Kristine Bresser 10/19 Edwin Framalino 10/26 Dr. Victor Bloom 11/2 Betty Scherer 11/9 Dr. Chet Bogdan 11/16 Draper Hill 11/23 Peter Glezan 11/30 Susan Hartz 12/7 Val Gokenbach 12/14 Dr. Robert Fishman 12/21 Marie Bergeon 12/28 John Hammel	1/4 Nick Plomaritis 1/11 Monica Titipito 1/18 Sarah Jo Schwartz 1/25 Fred Renaud 2/1 Laura McMahon Lynch 2/8 Dr. Chris Lewandowski 2/15 Ron Barrows 2/22 Judy Sheehy 2/29 Madelyn Kleitch 3/7 Don Girodat 3/14 Anita Joann Lake 3/21 Dr. Christopher Platz 3/28 Terese Edelstein 4/4 Debbie Spehar 4/11 William Jeanes 4/18 Allison Boomer 4/25 Linda Ulrich 5/2 Andrew Owens 5/9 Dr. Ned Chalot 5/16 Beth McKeown 5/23 Christine M. Jacobs 5/30 Daniel Du Megler M.D. 6/6 Tom McAninch 6/13 Pam Barnes 6/20 Pamela Francis 6/27 Marion Shanle 7/4 Antonio Rinaldi 7/11 Marge Nofz 7/18 Larry Sullivan 7/25 Annemarie Spaulding 8/1 Victor Alao 8/8 Ralph C. Wilson 8/15 Anthony Ambrogio 8/22 Patrick Livingston Jr. 8/29 Richard Taylor M.D. 9/5 Daniel Du Megler 9/12 Jim Imhoff 9/19 Susan L. Hendrix 9/26 Sylvia Landuty	10/3 Richard W. Kay 10/10 Mary Herring 10/17 Mark Zmyslowski 10/24 Christina Jackson-Menaldi 10/31 Ron Omilian 11/7 Robert Gladstone 11/14 Patrick J. Harris 11/21 Denny Callahan 11/28 Harry Atkins 12/5 Martha Schroeder 12/12 Gloria Kitchen 12/19 Joseph Beals M.D. 12/26 Charles W. Babcock Jr.	1997 1/2 Maj. Harry Constant 1/9 The Rev. Edward Cobden 1/16 Mark Farnen 1/23 Donna Schneek 1/30 Neemi Jarvi 2/6 Lynne DeGrande 2/13 Sherrill Jordan Zimmer 2/20 Tom Gage 2/27 Alfred B. Moran 3/6 Annie Rouleau-Scheriff 3/13 Edward Melcher 3/20 Patty Kelly 3/27 Judy McLoughlin 4/3 Ken Wehler 4/10 Jill Wrubel 4/17 Beth Konrad 4/24 Al Varga 5/1 Heather Kadrach 5/8 Lola Glass Graves 5/15 Joe Coughlin 5/22 Janice Timpe 5/29 Phillip Moss 6/5 Kathy DenHeuten Dubrish 6/12 Steve Greening 6/19 Mary Lou Boresch 6/26 Yvonne Maes 7/3 Tom Smith 7/10 Paul Boyer 7/17 Kirsten Frank Kelly 7/24 Alex M. Lucido 7/31 Lawrence B. Donaldson 8/7 Judy Adams 8/14 Jeff Bauer 8/21 Frank Pesta 8/28 Mike Aubrey 9/4 Jay Maslinick 9/11 Skip Gibson 9/18 Rosemary Bay 9/25 Carol Reed 10/2 Bill Kraus 10/9 The Rev. Russell Johnson 10/16 Timothy Griffin 10/23 Dr. William Waltes 11/6 Ivy K. Richmond 11/13 Ed Deeb 11/20 Jerry Radloff 11/27 Jay Newman 12/4 Greg Charvat 12/11 Marlene Boll 12/18 Dave Wagner 12/25 Judy Snyder	5/28 Mary Ann Uznis 6/4 Mike McCarthy 6/11 David Odenbach 6/18 Roger Garrett 6/25 M. Melissa Treusch 7/2 Melinda Montgomery 7/9 Edmund T. Ahee 7/16 Ann Mueller 7/23 Bill Henderson 7/30 Bernard A. Makos 8/8 Tom Lengel 8/13 Maria Esposito 8/20 Don Reno 8/27 Richard Anzinger 9/3 Don Smolenski 9/10 Patricia Stumb 9/17 Tyler Barnes 9/24 Mark Holcomb 10/1 Cynthia Redlawski 10/8 Peter Casinelli 10/15 William House 10/22 Anita Sandercock 10/29 Phillip Costa 11/5 Charles A. Bigelow 11/12 Peter Dudley 11/19 Dr. Vittorio Morreale 11/26 James Gugino 12/3 Theodoros Athanasios 12/10 Skip Greiner 12/17 Bill Wilson 12/24 Dick Raspa 12/31 Kathie Gottfredson	1999 1/7 Lynda Grippi 1/14 William D. Monahan 1/21 Janet Vandewyngaete 1/28 William Morandini 2/4 Chuck Gaidica 2/11 Russell Ethridge 2/18 Michael F. Sapala 2/25 Roland L. Bessette 3/4 Stan Han 3/11 Dr. James Denier 3/18 Beth Moran 3/25 Mary Beth Nicholson 4/1 Renata Palubinskas 4/8 Dr. Anders Sima 4/15 Dwayne X. Riley 4/22 Amy Buckler 4/29 Jason Parent 5/6 "Dish" Saros 5/13 Dina Soresi-Winter 5/20 William Brucker 5/27 Matt Miller 6/3 John Ferrara M.D. 6/10 Shelley Brantley 6/17 Gene O'Brien 6/24 Richard Klimisch 7/1 Charmaine Gregory Schick 7/8 Lisa Debs 7/15 Fred Detwiler 7/22 Stephen Hands 7/29 Carole Burton 8/5 Denise Stamatakis 8/12 John "Pat" O'Leary 8/19 James Fox 8/26 Ryan Ozar 9/2 Kathy Usitalo 9/9 Betty Yee 9/16 Matt Reno 9/23 Ron Sartor 9/30 Peter Blum 10/7 Brian Benz 10/14 Tom Armstrong 10/21 Sarah Colegrove 10/28 Ralph Skinner 11/4 Hazen Schumacher 11/11 William J. Giovan 11/18 George Hathaway 11/25 Julie Artis 12/2 Greg St. James 12/9 Maj. Thomas Rose 12/16 Al Sobotka 12/23 Marshall Noecker 12/30 Jim McCarter
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Grosse Pointe schools through the decades

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Eight decades of coverage of Grosse Pointe public schools reveals both stark changes and a pattern of financial struggles, contract disputes and controversy.

A review of headlines from the Grosse Pointe News archives gives a strong sense of déjà vu, invoking the phrase coined by French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr, “plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose” —the more things change, the more they stay the same.

1940s

It was a different time in 1941 in Grosse Pointe.

“Lassies cavorting in gym suits might have been improper once, but it’s perfectly all right now,” reads a subhead in the Jan. 2, 1941, edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

In “grandmother’s day it may have been considered highly improper for young ladies to run and jump, and especially to participate in athletic activities. But today in Grosse Pointe High School it seems to be a good and healthful sign to see hundreds of young girls, clad in their bright yellow gym suits, participating in sports.”

The decade was a time of growth for Grosse Pointe public schools.

The school system also enjoyed an esteemed reputation nationwide. In a letter to parents, Superintendent E. R. Van Kleeck boasted of its national high ranking and major advances such as better preparation of the 50 percent of high school graduates who did not go to college.

Alice Moody Sheaffer won her bid for election in June 1942, becoming the first woman member of the Grosse Pointe Board



FROM THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS ARCHIVES

Children of the first, second and third grades at Old Kerby School closely followed the development of Giggle and Wiggle, a pair of guinea pigs from the same litter, to see how much milk means in promoting healthy growth (March 30, 1950 edition).

of Education.

In December 1943, the school district was hit with a teacher shortage. Superintendent Paul Essert predicted “further losses of teaching personnel to military service are certain in the immediate future.”

1950s

Overcrowding due to a growing student population and building a new auditorium-gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School were the focus of this decade.

Enrollment reached an all-time high at 5,960 for the opening of school in 1950 and went up another 700 students in 1953.

To accommodate this growth, the Grosse Pointe school board sought to extend the Grosse Pointe School plant with the approval of a bond issue of \$3,185,000.

Due to the construction of new school buildings, the school system shifted its boundary lines for elementary and junior high school districts.

After a survey proved the Grosse Pointe High School had the poorest

equipment of any State Class A institution (May 8, 1952), the Board of Education voted to include a new auditorium-gymnasium for the high school in a proposed bond issue (Oct. 9, 1952).

Groundbreaking ceremonies on a new auditorium-gymnasium estimated to cost \$831,948 were planned for Jan. 6 (Dec. 31, 1953).

1960s

The school district continued its efforts to address critical building needs in the midst of voter opposition to taxation. Efforts to handle overcrowding resulted in the construction of a second high school.

Meanwhile, a school board meeting before a standing-room-only crowd at Maire School turned heated as trustee Arnold Fuchs “made a motion to rescind the permit to use the gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School, on March 14, to the Human Relations Council, for speaker Dr. Martin Luther King.” The motion was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

“While a heterogeneous group of some 2,700 persons filled Grosse Pointe High School’s auditorium-gymnasium to capacity last Thursday night to hear Nobel Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King speak on ‘The Future of Integration,’ some 200 picketers from the ultraright wing organization, Breakthrough, quietly demonstrated in front of the building.”

Following introductions, “Dr. King was greeted with a standing ovation” (March 21, 1968).

“Grosse Pointe North High School, the community’s newest educational facility, opened its doors to more than 2,000 students in grades 9, 10 and 11 for the first time on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1968” (Sept. 5, 1968) and was heralded as “a significant milestone in public education.”

A commencement ceremony was held for 1,030 Grosse Pointe South High seniors June 12 — the first to graduate since the opening of Grosse Pointe North High School that fall.

No commencement

exercises were held at North, as school authorities “wisely decided to keep the present senior class at South High intact. The first senior class will graduate at North next year with an estimated 625 graduates” (June 12, 1969).

1970s

Concerns over increased drug use among adolescents, a defeat of a millage proposal, a fight over Harper Woods school boundaries, an overturned ruling on desegregation and threats over loss of local control under an umbrella teachers’ union roiled the 1970s.

A survey administered to 2,650 students through elementary grades 5 and 6, middle and high schools about drug abuse revealed that approximately half of all 12th graders used drugs for non-medical purposes one or more times (Jan. 15, 1970).

A defeat of a 25.45 operating millage, meant to keep the school district afloat through fiscal years 1970 to 1972, “raised many questions for the administration and the school board to consider ... (including) how much money is the electorate willing to spend to educate its youngsters?” (Feb. 5, 1970).

Superintendent Theos I. Anderson proposed reducing the budget by 11.5 percent and offered the community “a curtailed program of services” in light of two defeats of 25.45 mills at the polls (Feb. 19, 1970).

Harper Woods argued before the State Board of Education in Lansing that its city boundaries should be the same as its school district boundaries. As a result, the Harper Woods board asked “for the transfer of those parts of the Grosse Pointe School District which are located within the city limits of

Harper Woods.

“The proposal involved about 1,150 students, approximately \$1 million in taxes annually and Poupard Elementary School, which is located in Harper Woods but is part of The Pointe School District.

“The Grosse Pointe Board of Education unequivocally opposed the transfer proposal and the request went before the Wayne County Intermediate Board of Education ... (which) turned the petition down saying it did not feel the move would be advantageous to both districts” (Jan. 9, 1975).

A U.S. District judge ruled to retain Grosse Pointe and 83 other suburban school districts in a Detroit desegregation case filed by the NAACP four years prior.

School board President Joan Hanpeter “was advised by school system attorneys that the matter might again go to the U.S. Supreme Court if a new suit is begun by the NAACP”

The present case had “already been argued before the Supreme Court and a decision at that level, last July, resulted in the reversal of the late Judge Stephen Roth’s order that a metropolitan desegregation plan be implemented” (April 24, 1975).

The teachers’ union announced it would take Grosse Pointe schools to court to try to force the administration to recognize the local teachers’ affiliation with the Michigan Education Association.

The regional bargaining group was “labeled by Pointe administrators as a threat to local control of the schools,” with the administration vowing to “fight the affiliation all the

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Celebrating

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Pointers of INTEREST

2000	
1/6	Miriam Engstrom
1/13	Lynne Girard-Dewey
1/20	Maurice Greenia
1/27	Pat Casey
2/3	Kypros Markou
2/17	Marianne Williamson
2/24	Jerry Christ
3/2	Donna DiSante
3/9	Brandon Henderson
3/16	David King
3/23	Gladys Dewey
3/30	Susan Brown
4/6	Danica Randall
4/13	Tom Gauwerke
4/20	James Maniscalco
4/27	Devin Scillian
5/4	Elizabeth "Penny" Soby
5/11	Joseph DuMouchelle
5/18	John Jutte
5/25	John Hawksley
6/1	Marilyn Rusche
6/8	Guido Reggelbrugge
6/15	David Wagensomer
6/22	Ronald Gilbert
6/29	Holly Baughman
7/6	Michael Slomski
7/13	Bruce Bookstanz
7/20	Doreen Hoffman
7/27	Warren Wilkinson
8/3	Ardis Gardella
8/10	Emily Guarini
8/17	Howard "Bud" Draper
8/24	Barbara Miller
8/31	Evelyn Hansen
9/7	Gene Baratta
9/14	Marybelle Suczek
9/21	William J. Lynch
9/28	Martha Popovich
10/5	William Swor
10/12	Brad Stertz
10/19	Nick Daum
10/26	Debra Jay
11/2	Peter Gavrilovich
11/9	Ernest Paquette
11/16	Robert G. Liggett
11/23	Anthony Bist
11/30	Matt DeLorenzo
12/7	William Kendall
12/14	Neil Shine
12/21	Corbin Vermet
12/28	Rick Gram
2001	
1/4	J. Jadranka Dragovic
1/11	Anca Vlasopolos
1/18	Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
1/25	Melissa Warmack
2/1	Dick Strouger
2/8	Karla Corio
2/15	Lan-Huong Reilly
2/22	Lorne Sherry
3/1	David Pendency
3/8	Mike Duffy
3/15	Clarke Scholes
3/22	Brad Jendza
3/29	Cynthia Dooley
4/5	Spero Therios
4/12	John C. Brooks Sr.
4/19	Dr. Phillip Hessburg
4/26	Dr. Stuart Smith
5/3	Jeanne Lizza
5/10	Brett Batterson
5/17	Eugene H. Boyle Jr.
5/24	Tom McInnes
5/31	Helen Steffes
6/7	Rufus McGaugh
6/14	David Knox
6/21	Mike Trudel
6/28	Scott Gwynnell
7/5	Amy Davis
7/12	Bettejean Ahee
7/19	Jim Collias
7/26	Joan Gehrke
8/2	Kim Silarski
8/9	Tom Singelyn
8/16	Larry McDaniel
8/23	Michael J. Farley
8/30	Sarah Babcock

9/6	Michael Crane
9/13	Gloria Whelan
9/20	Damon Perry
9/27	Brian Burke
10/4	Bill Cox
10/11	Dana Lentini
10/18	Jackie Fredrick
10/25	Julie W. Corbett
11/1	Henry DeVries Jr.
11/8	James H. Perry
11/15	Julie Sabit
11/22	Richard Dossin
11/29	Grace Fleming Fenton
12/6	Beverly Pack
12/13	Jim Dunne
12/20	Ken Ginger
12/27	John Surprenant
2002	
1/10	Cyndee Harrison
1/17	Michael Esperance
1/24	Matthew P. Cullen
1/31	Andrew Maurer
2/7	John Sullivan
2/14	Betty Misuraca
2/21	Amy Lynch
2/28	Bill Moghan
3/7	Mark Davids
3/14	Jean Aramante
3/21	Angela Ruggiero
3/28	Jack Frakes
4/4	Robert Maniscalco
4/11	Bob Rabaut
4/18	Marty Bufalini
4/25	Virginia Hill Rice
5/2	Scott Mallwitz
5/9	Bill Furtaw
5/16	Paul W. Smith
5/23	Bob Ottaway
5/30	Floramae Kliber
6/6	Jonah Toy
6/13	Robert A. Bury
6/20	Grant Heffner
6/27	Mike Kramer
7/4	Evonne Bedway Stevenson
7/11	Diane Strickler
7/18	Joe Solomon
7/25	Amanda Maniscalco
8/1	Andrew Beer & Mike MacKool
8/8	Cornelia Kennedy
8/15	Laura Larson
8/22	Terry Lloyd
8/29	Cathy Conger
9/5	Amy Liang
9/12	Marsha Ponkey
9/19	Dale Pegg
9/26	Lou Treece
10/3	Joan DeRonne
10/10	Joylisa Gipson
10/17	Paul Hutchings
10/24	Dr. Hadi Sawaf
10/31	Diane Strickler
11/7	Laurie Lavins League
11/14	Margaret Ann Centers
11/21	Michael J. Talbot
11/28	Mark Cory
12/5	Tim Laney
12/12	Robert Sharrow Jr.
12/19	Anne Marie Krappman
12/26	Edward Rem
1/2	Courtney Dempsey Burkett
2003	
1/9	Father "John" Pachomius
1/16	James Frick
1/23	Judy Orhan
1/30	Tony Rennpage
2/6	The Rev. Brad Whitaker
2/13	Tony Eckrich
2/20	Scott Gournias
2/27	Alan Barr
3/6	Jill Stelma
3/13	Philip Bruscha
3/20	Kenneth Hollidge Jr.
3/27	Matthew Seeley
4/3	Dr. George Grunberger
4/10	Kathleen Bissa
4/17	Robert Silver Ph.D.

4/24	Christin Griskie
5/1	Bryan Mack
5/8	Jocaine Chamberlin
5/15	Corinne Martin
5/22	Maggie Horne
5/29	Bill Rutledge
6/5	Michael Allor
6/12	Shelley Schoenherr
6/19	Laurie McCarron
6/26	Helen Bai
7/3	Ryan Ermanni
7/10	Heidi Benser
7/17	Rob Allaer
7/24	Bob Schrage
7/31	Donna Dungan
8/7	Clemente Barone
8/14	Bob Bashara
8/21	Danny Foster
8/28	David Main
9/4	Mary Hulsuit
9/11	Tom Furtaw
9/18	Andrea Ward
9/25	Jason Krick
10/2	Emmanuel Odjo
10/9	Linda Mackool
10/16	Ralph Valdez
10/23	Kevin Piecuch
10/30	George Diamond
11/6	Debra Gutierrez-McGuire
11/13	Mary Lou Duncan
11/20	Meghan Sweeney
11/27	Jon Bell
12/4	Maggie Durant
12/11	Roselle Bellanca Posselius
12/18	Harry Trout
12/25	Neil Bell
2004	
1/8	Joe Serwach
1/15	Susan Roubal
1/22	Patricia Pawsat
1/29	Carrie Howe
2/5	Dr. Abd Hawasli
2/12	Jim Anderson
2/19	Jim Mansfield
2/26	Robert Southwell
3/4	Gary Mitchell
3/11	Jessie Chapman
3/18	Timothy A. Dinan
3/25	Emily Mitseff
4/1	Dana Miller
4/8	Rob Lyles
4/15	Mary Nolan
4/22	Arthur Mitchell
4/29	Emily Bassett
5/6	Monica Lenhard
5/13	Suzey Berschback
5/20	Jeffrey Zens
5/27	Josephine Savalle-Dunn
6/3	Libby Pachota
6/10	Susan Dunn
6/17	Elizabeth Bendure
6/24	Carrie Howe
7/1	Betsy Schulte
7/8	Michele DeLand
7/15	Fr. Michael Varlamos
7/22	Michael Mooney
7/29	Robin Heller
8/5	Richard Kay
8/12	Patrick Spain
8/19	Matthew Pattyn
8/26	Mary Ann Lawlis
9/2	Earl Wakely
9/9	Gerard Martin
9/16	Anne Parsons
9/23	Mary Read
9/30	Gordon Nelson
10/7	Thomas O'Rourke
10/14	Dr. Henry G. Bone
10/21	Patti Haarz
10/28	Madelyn Coe
11/4	Winston Churchill
11/11	Ted Gudsen
11/18	Robert Chevalier II
11/25	Ken Potenga
12/2	Andrew Stewart
12/9	Andrew Spitz
12/16	Craig Wilson
12/23	Alan Lichtenstein

2005	
1/13	Ted J. Cwiek
1/20	Susan Macdonald
1/27	Ruvani Fonseka
2/3	Harry Kafalonitis
2/10	Charles R. Rutherford
2/17	Salvatore Giaccona
2/24	Eileen DeClercq
3/3	Dr. Donald Austin
3/10	Bryan Halicki
3/17	Rick Portwood
3/24	Greg Jakub
3/31	Brian Black
4/7	Sloane Barbour Jr.
4/14	Jerry Henry
4/21	Pat Barber
4/28	Lisa Schaefer-Amori
5/5	Neil Anthony
5/12	Julie Hage
5/19	Kristen Nickel
5/26	Catherine Hackenberger
6/2	Dave Boring
6/9	Dave Embree
6/16	Cara Wulff
6/23	Dottie Mengden
6/30	Jessica Casetta
7/7	Tom Shafer
7/14	Dave Foley
7/21	Paul Savage
7/28	Pat Paterno
8/4	Kevin DiDio
8/11	Raymonda Dale
8/18	Emily A. Guarini
8/25	John N. Raudabaugh
9/1	Dr. Peter Carlin
9/8	1st Lt. Katherine Spicer
9/15	John Monaghan
9/22	Sister Verence McQuade
9/29	Kristy Schena
10/6	Anthony Marchiori
10/13	Dave Muer
10/20	Dr. Richard Royer
10/27	Iain McKendrick
11/3	Dr. Louis Saravolatz
11/10	Leah Karchin
11/17	Bob Hackathorn
11/24	Paul Savage
12/1	David Baldwin
12/8	Kim Rusinow
12/15	Lyndsey Briggs
12/22	Toni Urso-Salvador
12/29	Roxann Scotella
2006	
1/5	Terri Murphy
1/12	Ihab M. Zaki
1/19	Carol Marais
1/26	Helen and Dr. Clyde Wu
2/2	William Parker Marshall
2/9	Dr. Scott Dulchavsky
2/23	Johanna Diepenhorst
3/2	Phillip W. Moss
3/9	Kevin Rubens
3/16	Michael S. Skaff, Ph.D.
3/23	Tim Kiska
3/30	T.R. Youngblood
4/6	Jim Garlough
4/13	Leslee VanBielvliet
4/20	Patti Graham
4/27	Nancy Combs
5/4	Helen Clay
5/11	Beverly Perry
5/18	Dr. Richard Ferrara Jr.
5/25	Debra Versey
6/1	Robert Gregory
6/8	Harry Kalogerakos
6/15	June Teisan
6/22	Mariela Griffor
6/29	Jennifer Drews Ahlbrand
7/6	Robert Taylor
7/13	Andrea Sox
7/20	Julie Zaranek
7/27	Donna Carson
8/3	Warren Biller
8/10	Stuart Grigg
8/17	Mary Lou Moore
8/24	Jillian Arthur
8/31	Judy Latcha
9/7	Robert Foster
9/14	Thomas Cooper

9/21	Scott McKee
9/28	Celeste Headlee
10/5	Melik Kayser
10/12	Emily Samra
10/19	Joseph Brackeen
10/26	Ron Pangborn
11/2	Lisa Khoury
11/9	Vicky Vaughn
11/16	David Moss
11/23	Ken Gutow
11/30	Jim Ruffner
12/7	Nicholas Mizeres
12/14	Linda Lloyd
12/21	Jeanne Lizza
12/28	Hanne Nielsen
2007	
1/4	Michael P. Smith
1/11	Mary Huebner
1/18	Monique Squires
1/25	Alyssa Mertz
2/1	Nicholas Relich
2/8	Robert J. Heimbuch
2/15	The Rev. Peter Henry
2/22	Christy Wood
3/1	Mary Ann Uznis
3/8	Mick Bassett
3/15	Catherine Guinn
3/22	Elizabeth Palmer
3/29	Andrea Roumell Dickson
4/5	Sasha Ovshinsky
4/12	Wilhelmina Giblin
4/19	John Steininger
4/26	Marie DeLuca
5/3	Drs. Barbara & Ralph D. Cushing
5/10	Mary Anne McCoy
5/17	Elizabeth Carpenter
5/24	Emily Nelson
5/31	Peppino "Pep" Puleo
6/7	Breanna O'Mara
6/14	Michael Pllorget
6/21	George Cassar
6/28	John Mogk
7/5	John Hoben
7/12	Danielle Casazza
7/19	Doug Cordier
7/26	Alexis John

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way” (Jan. 18, 1979).

Local officials announced the average scores on the year’s Michigan Educational Assessment Program unofficially earned the Grosse Pointe School District the No. 1 ranking in the state in 1978, from No. 7 in 1976 and No. 4 in 1977 (Feb. 15, 1979).

Grosse Pointe teachers ended a year-long controversy by voting by a 252 to 228 margin to join the Michigan Education Association (May 3, 1979).

Collective bargaining talks broke down and the Board of Education requested state mediation after union president Curt Lange deemed the school board’s offer — a 9 percent pay increase for nine years with minimum fringe benefit improvement — “unacceptable” (Sept. 20, 1979).

Schools opened with a total enrollment of 9,302 students, marking “a loss of more than 30 percent since the high water mark in 1970 when 13,500 students attended public schools. The last time enrollment dropped beneath 10,000 was in the late 1950s.

“It’s something we have to investigate when more information is available,” said Ben Zenn, director of support services. ‘We’ll have to find out where all those kids went to. Did they move out of the district, go to other schools or what?’” (Sept. 20, 1979).

A tentative agreement between union leaders and the Board of Education was passed “just hours before Grosse Pointe’s 553 teachers and librarians were scheduled to walk off their jobs in the first local strike since 1969” (Oct. 18, 1979).

1980s

The closure of Barnes Elementary School and move of sixth grade from elementary to middle school resulted in a failed recall effort and departure of a three-year superintendent.

Parents opposed Superintendent Kenneth Brummel’s recommendation for a much-reduced school reorganization plan and “cheered when

one school board member announced his opposition to closing any elementary schools.”

The plan, which was approved by a 6-1 vote of the school board, differed “sharply from Brummel’s April proposal, which would have closed four elementary schools, and an August plan, which would have closed three elementary schools and one middle school.”

All three plans were in response “to an enrollment decline in the public schools of more than 40 percent in the last decade,” with 7,358 currently enrolled compared to 13,529 in 1972 (Oct. 13, 1983).

A recall group was successful in getting a three-member recall on the ballot and the district faced the prospect of five newcomers joining the school board.

Ultimately voters spoke and the “recall fever fizzles, flops,” according to a front page headline.

“Voters handed the Board of Education a decisive pat on the back in the June 11 election by defeating recall proposals against three members, returning the incumbent president to office and removing the one board member who voted against the majority” (June 14, 1984).

Meanwhile, in April, Brummel announced he was leaving Grosse Pointe July 1, 1984, to serve as superintendent of the Orange Unified School District of California.

1990s

The state’s efforts under Gov. John Engler to pass Proposal A dominated the headlines in the 1990s.

Proposal A eliminated the use of local property taxes as a source of school funding and created a new state education tax. After voters approved this new system for funding in March 1994, school districts began to get per-pupil payments from the state.

Early in the decade, the Grosse Pointe school board joined other out-of-formula districts in a suit against the state aimed at getting back the money Michigan took from wealthier districts to give to poorer school systems.

Sweeping changes to middle school were

approved by the school board after nearly two years of study and discussion by middle school teachers, administrators, parents and district officials.

These included going from a six- to a seven-period day and an increase in academic requirements (Dec. 27, 1990).

Board President Gloria Konsler invoked the ire of Poupard parents by making what they viewed as a “disparaging comment” in response to a petition signed by Monteith Elementary parents who opposed Monteith students moving should the redrawing of district boundary lines be approved.

“Petitioners objected to their children crossing Vernier to attend Mason or Ferry, or crossing I-94 to get to Poupard,” located in Harper Woods.

“Probably not everyone, but a small percentage of people, don’t want their kids going to school with Harper Woods kids,” Konsler was quoted as saying.”

While Konsler didn’t deny the comment, she “said it was misinterpreted by Harper Woods parents,” 125 of whom showed up at a meeting called by the Poupard PTO (March 18, 1993).

Proposal A passed, winning by more than a 3-to-1 margin in the Pointes.

“Promoted as the best way to fund Michigan’s schools by Gov. John Engler, Proposal A will lower school millage rates for Grosse Pointe homeowners to 13.7 mills from a current rate of 30.41 mills, while increasing the state sales tax and imposing a 50-cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes.”

In addition, “Engler indicated that under the provisions of Proposal A, per pupil spending in Grosse Pointe would increase from its present level of \$8,100 per pupil to \$9,115 by 1995.”

Seven months into the 1993-94 school year, the school board and the GPEA reached a contract settlement (March 17, 1994).

2000s

Declining enrollment and budget woes continued to plague the school district, with pink slips



FROM THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS ARCHIVES

New Kerby School youngsters bound out of classrooms for the last time until September (from the June 15, 1950 edition).

given to GPPSS teachers in April 2009 in response to the district’s \$5.4 million budget shortfall — the result of Gov. Jennifer Granholm’s budget proposal — and decline of 400 students since 2006-07.

According to Standard & Poor’s Michigan School Evaluation Services report, while the district boasted some of the state’s highest ACT and AP exam scores and participation rates, it also had “some of the highest instructional and operational expenses among districts in the state.”

Chris Fenton, district assistant superintendent of business affairs and support services, attributed the high operating expenses to the district’s older buildings and the lack of long-term debt (May 31, 2001).

GPPSS received its report card from the state board of education — all A’s or B’s.

“The report card, administered by the state’s Education YES program, is a way for Michigan’s schools to gauge their quality and be accountable to standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind legislation” (Feb. 5, 2004).

The vote on a sinking fund proposal for mid-range repairs passed by more than 400 votes (March 18, 2004).

Seven years in the making and included as part of a \$62 million capital improvement bond passed in September 2002, a multipurpose room at Brownell Middle School got the go-ahead

from the Board of Education (May 21, 2009).

2010s

The decade kicked off with teachers protesting proposed layoffs, salary cuts and increased health care contributions (March 25, 2010).

Superintendent Suzanne Klein, who worked for GPPSS since 1970 and became the district’s first female superintendent in 1997, announced her plans to retire (Feb. 17, 2011).

Klein’s successor, Thomas Harwood, promoted a technology bond to help GPPSS make up lost ground with other school districts over the years. The proposed bond issue, which included security and computer technology as well as infrastructure updates, sought \$50.2 million over 10 years (Feb. 6, 2014).

The tech bond proposal was defeated in the ballot boxes in all five Pointes and Harper Woods by a large margin (Feb. 27, 2014).

Harwood announced his departure to become deputy superintendent of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency beginning mid-April (March 19, 2015).

In a 5-2 vote, the Board of Education named Gary C. Niehaus as the school district’s next superintendent (May 7, 2015).

Efforts to address the enrollment decline and buildings in need of repair resulted in the passage of a \$111 million bond issue in 2018, but controversy ensued over building closures and a grade recon-

figuration for the 2020-21 school year.

Parents looking to fill a need for early childhood care presented a proposal to the Board of Education that would require reversing a 5-2 vote to close two elementary schools as part of the reconfiguration of the school district for the 2020-21 school year (Aug. 22, 2019).

The board turned down the proposal, but in a surprise announcement, an attorney said an anonymous group of community donors had directed a \$1 million gift to the early childhood education expansion (Sept. 12, 2019).

2020s

While the Board of Education did not proceed with a vote to accept the gift because it was contingent on keeping all nine elementary schools open, Superintendent Niehaus revealed a plan made in concert with the donor group to use the money to repurpose Trombly into an early childhood center (Jan. 16, 2020).

School buildings closed March 16, in the wake of a transition to remote learning due to the new coronavirus and the school board conducted its first-ever virtual meeting March 23 (March 26, 2020).

The anonymous donors put their \$1 million gift directed to repurposing Trombly as an early childhood center on hold, citing concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic (June 18, 2020).

At a special meeting June 29, the Board of Education approved a year-long early childhood center pilot at Trombly without donor funding (July 9, 2020).

Eighteen candidates filed for five open seats on the Board of Education in the general election Tuesday, Nov. 3. Running for four four-year terms and one two-year term are three incumbents, two former board members and 13 newcomers (July 30, 2020).

Niehaus announced 2020 will be his last year as GPPSS superintendent, as he decided to retire to support his wife’s decision to pursue a career as president of a community college (Sept. 17, 2020).

Celebrating

80

years

2010s

Pointers of INTEREST

1/7	Christina Judson
1/14	Emma Kruse
1/21	Zoe Berkery
1/28	Chris Getz
2/4	Jim Bonahoom
2/11	Anne Kopf
2/18	Marty Bufalini
2/25	Mary Treder Lang
3/4	Pete Mandel
3/11	Dr. Jennifer Mertz
3/18	Diane Zedan
3/25	Wendy Jennings
4/1	Dr. Jim Fox
4/8	Dave Elsie
4/15	Beth Fisher
4/22	Carey Farley
4/29	Gina Ventimiglia
5/6	Trish Erichsen
5/13	Adam Steiner
5/20	Mitch Makos
5/27	Allen K. Roberts Jr.
6/3	Alphonse Santino
6/10	Tom and Diane Schoenith
6/17	Rita Brennan
6/24	Chris Scapini
7/1	Sydney Skully
7/8	Joe Hebek
7/15	John Bornoty
7/22	Melissa Gray
7/29	The Rev. Gary Spice
8/5	Paul Marshall
8/12	Mike Taylor
8/26	Ben Fry
9/2	Elaine Doldame
9/9	Mark Cohn
9/16	Bob Kingcott
9/23	Judy Duffy
9/30	Mary Sanders Smith
10/7	Ted Alpert
10/14	Rick Langlois
10/21	Fouad Al Najjar
10/28	Andrea Wilanowski
11/4	Denis Crispault
11/11	Michael Czarnnecki
11/18	Clare Burchi
11/25	Kia Jordan
12/2	Olivia Ferguson
12/9	Tyler Hoffman
12/16	Ryan Emmanni
12/23	Amy Fodell
12/30	Peter Donaldson, M.D.

6/16	Nick Fell
6/23	Julie Etheridge
6/30	Hannah and Haley Meier
7/14	Dorothea Copus
7/21	Sharada Sarnaik
7/28	Lila Miller
8/4	Lisa Vitale
8/11	Brittany Burke
8/18	Mike Wilborn
8/25	Pete Wilson
9/1	Amy Zaranek
9/8	PFC Matthew Gray
9/15	Patrick Monahan
9/22	Samantha Matthew
10/6	Dan Koelzer
10/13	Augla Prokopowicz
10/27	Phillip Moss
11/3	Jean Gilbert
11/10	Angela Theis
11/17	Tom Coles
12/1	Terry Shea
12/8	Scott Carter
12/15	Gary Provenzano
12/22	Taylor Moody
12/29	

1/5	Linda Jacoby
1/19	Dan Ames
2/2	Ali DeLoof
2/9	Sheila O'Hara
2/16	Douglas Bulka
2/23	Michael Meyerling
3/1	Regan Stolarski
3/8	Abby Belcrest
3/15	Robert Scherer
3/22	John McCarthy
4/12	Margaux Forster
4/19	Ingrid Shirar
4/26	Leigh Farquhar
5/3	Michelle Wilson Brown
5/24	Mike "Spotlight" Heenan & Chad "Buster" Woolums
5/31	Francine Pegues
6/7	Jenny Rusch
6/14	George R. McMullen Jr.
6/21	Alyse Victor
7/12	Nina White
7/19	Wally Cross
7/26	Meghan Beers
8/2	Laurie Bunn
8/9	James McNelis
8/16	Patricia Lay-Dorsey
8/30	Josias Yglesias
9/6	Bradley Foster
9/20	Lauren Parrott
9/27	Virginia Hill Rice, Ph.D., R.N.
10/4	Art Getz
10/11	Tom Carbone
10/25	Jacob Malbouef
11/1	Mike Zemenick
12/6	Tricia Hexter

5/29	"Our Veterans"
6/5	Ken Welch
6/12	Tracy Halso Gap
6/19	Mark Adamaszek
6/26	Bridget McDewitt
7/3	Dominic Pangburn
7/10	Christian Schulte
7/17	The Rubber Band
7/31	Dr. Kyle Martin
8/14	Capt. Colin Edwards
8/21	"Ginks" O'Brien
8/28	Alexa Petropoulos
9/4	David Greenspan
9/18	Rebecca Chupick
9/25	Dexter "Tripp" Kennedy
10/2	Dr. Robert Morris
10/9	Randy Ripicky
10/16	The Rev. Walter A. Schmidt
10/30	Ricci Family
11/6	Skip Fincham
11/20	Col. Dr. Arthur Eisenbrey III
11/27	Karen Dybis
12/4	Michelle Balconi
12/11	Lt. Eddie Tujaka
12/18	John Bornoty
12/25	Hannah Buzolits

1/1	Tammy Eugenio, Trisha Stander and Rita Nelson
1/8	Heidi Washburn
1/15	Kim Rysing
1/22	Frank McHugh II
1/29	Anne Marie Gattari
2/5	Bill Harrison
2/12	Gina Gabel
2/19	Michael Kassab
2/26	Laura Casey
3/5	Langston Bowens
3/12	Terry Edwards
3/19	Dr. Marwan Abouljoud
3/26	Mark Peyser
4/2	Grant Strobl
4/9	J.K. Simmonds
4/16	Chris Emmerson
4/23	Ann Rock
4/30	Sandra Joseph
5/7	Jayne Rose-Vallee
5/14	The Rev. Denise Grant
5/21	Scott Hanoian
5/28	Mary Anne & Eugene A. Gargaro Jr.
6/4	Grayson Heenan
6/11	Daniel Draper
6/18	Jean Gilbert
6/25	John Conn
7/2	Erin Coyle
7/9	Grace Bente
7/16	Jill Johnson
7/23	Myler Leggat
7/30	Emily Chown
8/6	Claire Huebner
8/13	June Teisan
8/20	Beatejean Ahee
8/27	Rosemary Tokattian
9/3	Pete Campbell
9/10	Molly Brooks
9/17	Annie Gough
9/24	Susan Leslie
10/1	John Fowler
10/8	Paula Cornwall
10/15	Joan Curto
10/22	Lt. Comm. Shana Donaldson
10/29	Maria L. Hahana
	Molly Daudlin

11/5	Maj. Bart Ward
11/12	Steven Lesha
11/19	Sean Lane
11/26	Mary Sullivan Rosell
12/3	Laura Adams and Gail Howe
12/10	Rich Jungwirth
12/17	Johnathon Bolton
12/24	Jeanne Bocci
12/31	Mary Naber

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1/7	Kevin Kresse
1/14	Patricia O'Brien
1/21	Courtney Burkett
1/28	Dr. Zenon Kossak
2/4	Beverly and Timothy Butler
2/11	Cynthia Sohn
2/18	Jeff Jay
2/25	Garrett Schreck
3/3	Mike Novak
3/10	Jill Bommarito
3/17	Ted Everingham
3/24	Mary Sue Stonisch
3/31	Michele Hodges
4/7	Nazreen Gibson
4/14	Beth Ann Bayus
4/21	Gloria Heppner, Ph.D.
4/28	Dan Curis
5/5	Colleen Schulte
5/12	Megan Muer
5/19	Eldonna May
5/26	Patricia Anstett Kiska
6/2	Marcia Hathaway
6/9	David Dennison
6/16	Lewis Gazoul
6/23	Emily Krajniak
6/30	Tom Wells
7/7	Doug Leggat
7/14	Carrett Miller
7/21	SIAS
7/28	Armani Williams
8/4	Chuck Bartels
8/11	Nina White
8/18	Bob Riney
8/25	Jessica Keyser
9/1	Sergio Barco
9/8	Mike Temrowski & Alex O'Neill
9/15	Hank Zuchowski
9/22	Robert Barlow
9/29	Leythton Williams
10/6	Lori Brophy
10/13	Steve Greening
10/20	Judge Frank Szymanski
10/27	Janie Livingston
11/3	Louis Neuder
11/10	Ken Perry
11/17	Cyndee Harrison
11/24	Grace Pellegrino
12/1	Ghada Abdallah
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1/5	Leti Kelly
1/12	Erykah Benson
1/19	Lori Stefek
1/26	Laura Casey
2/2	Bob Rossbach
2/9	Maurya Kay
2/16	Jacob Malbouef
2/23	Phillip Moss
3/2	Lorraine Prumeau
	Angela Aufdemberg

3/16	Patti Kay
3/23	Virginia Ficcar
3/30	Kathleen Gallagher
4/6	Judy Gafa
4/13	Thomas Heath
4/20	J. Lee Burke
4/27	Lawrence J. Burns
5/4	Andrew Neeme
5/11	Elizabeth Weigandt
5/18	Patrick Mollison
5/25	Bernadine Sherwood
6/1	Janet Guensch
6/8	Jon Austin
6/15	Claire Jui
6/22	Stevan Skorupski
6/29	Horacio Falcon
7/6	Richard Allison
7/13	Jeff Laethem
7/20	Antonio Cipriano
7/27	Sam Smith
8/3	Bart Bronk
8/10	Jeanne Bieri
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8/24	Meredith Price M.D.
8/31	Francine Pegues
9/7	Kathy Kisilaszewski
9/14	Jon W. Martin
9/21	Alex Zimmerman
9/28	Robert Boyle
10/5	Teddy Sweeney
10/12	Meghan Gallagher
10/19	Amy Cooper
10/26	Clem Fortuna
11/2	Richard Raspa
11/9	Lauri Reed
11/16	Emilea Zingas
11/23	John Fodell
11/30	Annie Spence
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2/8	John Steininger
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3/29	Liz Witherell
4/5	Lauren Kramer
4/12	Steve Zuccaro
4/19	Cynthia Tewes
4/26	Colin Wilkinson
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5/10	Davis Graham
5/17	Matt Nickel
5/24	Meaghan Dunham
5/31	Danielle and Bill McAllister
6/7	Sandy Sellinger
6/14	Kim Gabriel
6/21	Mary Alice Mecke
6/28	Dean Graham
7/5	Brian Russell
7/12	Rhea Nicholas
7/19	John P. Jacobs
7/26	Sheri Sansom
	Andrea Pietrowski

	Benjamin Gravel
	Michele Ramsdell
	Joseph Kurta
	Teresa Welc
	Donna Buchanan
	Atticus Henry
	Charlotte Brecht
	Melissa Champine
	Tesha Kondrat
	Cathy Dumeawe
1	David Landuyt
8	Tony Guemarrusti
5	Dr. Stacey Lemanski
	Kelly Fordon
5	Debbie Bellovich
	Valerie Moran
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	Kristin Remillet
	Frank Joyce
	Dan Horn
	Carolyn Skaff
	Cait Gaitley
	Mark Zapico
	Seu Acton
	Heather Catallo
	Vicki Granger
	Justine Lynn
	Angela Theis
	Chelsea Groustra
	Andrea Joy
	Beth Allair
	Tessa Deal-Galloway
	Doug Cowan
	Gene LoVasco
	Colin Moulder-McComb
	Izzy Donnelly
	Phillip Pierce
	Tom Shafer
	Dan Griesbaum Jr.
	Stephen Ondersma
	Kelly Konieczki
	Diane Soulliere
	Helga Lietke
	Kevin Hafner
	Charlene McNary
	Alex Leffie
	Cynthia Douglas
	Mike LeFevre
	Chris Plankner
	Lindsey O'Donoghue
	Nick Vlahantonnes
	Matthew Hessburg
	Brett Scholtes
	Chip Rohde
	Chris Thomas
	Mike Dodge
	Madeline Thibault
	Stephen Benard
	The Rev. Steve Kelly

A few notable Pointers

By Elizabeth Martin
Staff Writer

Since 1940, the Grosse Pointe News has been privileged to publish the obituaries of individuals who, for all or part of their lives, called the Grosse Pointes home.

An obituary may be simply news of a loved one’s death and notice of funeral arrangements; it may be an elaborate recitation of a person’s life. One’s obituary may be a resource for historians or genealogists in years to come. But no matter their intended purpose or ultimate use, obituaries serve to honor, celebrate and remember lives lost.

A search of our archives turned up scores of obituaries written for prominent, noteworthy and just plain interesting Grosse Pointers. We’ve excerpted several, dating from 1943 to 1990, and hope you find them as fascinating as we did.

Edsel Ford

Nov. 6, 1893 — May 26, 1943
“The man whose shoulders have, for almost a generation, carried the chief burden in directing the affairs of the greatest individually-created industrial empire the world has ever known, is dead.

With the passing of Edsel Ford ... Grosse Pointe has lost its most distinguished citizen, and the ranks of American industrial leadership is deprived of one of its outstanding figures.

As the only member of his family in his generation, his death may necessitate the resumption of burdens which his aging father thought had been permanently transferred to his capable son many years ago.

The deepest sympathy of this community, where the friends of Edsel Ford are coextensive with the population, goes out to the aged father and mother who have lost their only son, and to the widow and the three sons and daughter who have just blossomed into promising young manhood and womanhood.

Probably the most distinguishing characteristic of the Ford family, well preserved by the great son who has just died, was its close touch with the plain people with whom it always maintained, by deeds, rather than words,

its abiding sympathy.

The Nation will be shocked by the passing of Edsel Ford, but the people of Michigan, especially those who knew him even slightly, will mourn his death.

He was not only a capable business man ... but his was a kind and sweet personality which won and held their love. He always had time to listen, no matter how pressing his great business concerns, to others’ troubles. His charitable acts, which were never publicized, were legion.

A truly great man by every test of human worth has gone, but his memory will linger long in the hearts of those who knew him, and longest in the hearts of those who knew him best.

His integrity, his kindness, his understanding and his loyalty will never be forgotten.”

Eleanor Ford

June 6, 1896 — Oct. 19, 1976
“Mrs. Edsel B. Ford, a woman who devoted her life to her family and to the City of Detroit, died... October 19, after a long illness. She was 80.

She was the widow of Edsel Ford and was the mother of Henry Ford II, Benson, William Clay and Josephine Ford.

Blessed with grace, simplicity and fortitude, she took temporary control of the Ford empire in 1943, after the death of her husband, and authored the transfer of power from then 80-year-old Henry Ford to her son, Henry Ford II.

A patron of the arts, she was responsible for molding the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony into cultural institutions renowned throughout the world.

After her husband’s appointment to the arts commission in the late ’20s, Mr. and Mrs. Ford took world-wide trips to study art and obtain the finest treasures available to donate to the museum.

Among her other contributions, Mrs. Ford donated \$1 million to the museum in 1962 for the construction of a new sought wing. A modest woman who never courted publicity, she declined the city’s offer to name the addition after her husband.

She was born Eleanor Lothian Clay on June 6, 1896. Her father was William Clay and her

mother was Eliza Hudson, who founded the J.L. Hudson department stores.

As a girl, Mrs. Ford was schooled in dance and the social graces. She met Edsel B. Ford, the only son of Henry Ford, fell in love and married him on November 1, 1916. They lived in Indian Village, then in Jefferson avenue, and finally built a 60-room mansion at Gaukler Pointe in The Shores.

A leader in the social world, the Ford home was the site of many gala parties and balls. The home also was the gathering place for the Ford family, hosting holiday parties, debuts and dinners.

In later years, Mrs. Ford lived alone, with a large staff of servants to aid her on her 65-acre estate. Security guards provided the privacy she cherished.

Three of her children were with her when she died. Benson, William Clay and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford, (Josephine), shared her last moments. Henry Ford II, in Europe when his mother died, immediately flew home after receiving the news.”

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.

Oct. 17, 1918 — March 25, 2014

As the founding and only owner of the Buffalo Bills, his love and commitment to the game of football and the National Football League was unsurpassed. He was well-regarded as the “conscience of the NFL” due to his unwavering commitment to speak his mind with the best interests of both at heart.

He graduated from the University of Virginia and later attended law school at the University of Michigan, before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. He earned his commission within a year and served aboard minesweepers in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Wilson owned and operated businesses in a variety of industries. Forever the entrepreneur, he enjoyed success in the areas of manufacturing, oil and gas, real estate, horse racing and breeding, television, trucking and concrete paving, among others.

His passion for professional football led to him becoming a stockholder in the Detroit Lions as a

minority owner before he purchased the Buffalo franchise in 1959. He selected Buffalo as the home of his fledgling franchise ... and ... named the team the “Buffalo Bills.” His teams enjoyed many triumphs on the field, but what he valued most was his relationships with the players, coaches and team administrators.

In 2009, his professional football career came full circle as the charismatic leader of the Bills was bestowed the highest honor in the NFL with his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame while his team, along with the American Football League, celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Investing predominantly in both the Detroit and Buffalo communities, Mr. Wilson’s mission was to make a tangible, positive impact in people’s lives. ... In 2003, he was honored with the prestigious Seymour Knox III Humanitarian Award and in 2007 was named the Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the WNY Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Also in 2007, he and his wife, Mary, were named the Philanthropists of the Year by the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

Mr. Wilson maintained a permanent residence in Grosse Pointe Shores.”

Marion Alger

1878 — Dec. 16, 1962

Widow of Industrialist Russell A. Alger, who died in 1930, Marion Jarves Alger maintained the philanthropic traditions established by her husband’s family. One of these customs originated with her husband’s father, timber tycoon General Russell Alexander Alger, known as the “patron saint” of Detroit newsboys.

General Alger, a Civil War veteran who served as Governor of Michigan, member of the United States Senate and Secretary of War under President McKinley, presented an annual Christmas donation to the Detroit Newsboys Association. The money was used to buy clothing for needy boys.

Mrs. Alger continued this tradition for many years, presenting a \$500 check to the newsboys every Christmas.

Her husband’s family home, the million-dollar Alger House, is currently the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Center. Mrs. Alger dedicated it, in mem-

ory of a grandson, Henry E. Chaney, Jr., killed in World War II, in 1949, after first offering it to the Detroit Institute of Arts, which maintained it as a museum branch from 1936 to 1942.

Mrs. Alger was a charter member of the Neighborhood Club, active in the Thrift Shop, and a charter member of the Women’s City Club.”

Anna Thomson Dodge

Aug. 7, 1866 — June 2, 1970

Mrs. Anna Thomson Dodge, one of The Pointe’s finest ladies, and one of the richest women in the nation, died ... in the Lake Shore drive home she loved, “Rose Terrace,” built in 1934 and designed as a French Louis XV cha-teau on the shores of Lake St. Clair by Horace Trumbau.

Much of the decor was retrieved by Sir Joseph Duveen from the imperial palaces of Russia. There are French inlaid furniture, Beauvais tapestry chairs, four cases of Sevres porcelains and paintings by Boucher, Gainsborough and Van Dyck.

Mrs. Dodge died at the age of 103 as quietly and inconspicuously as she had lived in latter years.

She was the widow of auto pioneer Horace Dodge Sr., who died in 1920. They had two children, Delphine, who died in 1943, and Horace Jr., who died in 1963.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, she came to Detroit in her early childhood with her widowed mother.

She was a piano teacher when she met the vibrant, red-haired mechanic from Niles, Mich. They married in 1896. At that time Horace and his brother John ran a bicycle factory in Windsor. The brothers closed the factory in 1901 and turned their interests to Detroit. ...

Both brothers died just six years after they built their first car. The bulk of Horace’s estate was invested in tax-free municipal and state bonds. The estate yielded his widow an estimated net income of \$1.5 million a year.

Six years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Dodge remarried. Her new husband was a handsome stage actor named Hugh Dillman. The marriage in 1947 ended in divorce.

Mrs. Dodge outlived both her children, Delphine and Horace Jr.,

both of whom led stormy marital lives.

Mrs. Dodge left a fortune with a face value of up to \$60 million. The chief beneficiaries of her multi-million dollar estate are the Founders Society of Detroit, whose bequest includes all the paintings and objects of art in the salon of “Rose Terrace” and one million dollars to finance creation of a suitable area in The Detroit Institute of Arts to house them.

The Children’s Hospital will receive one million dollars for the construction of a new building with the provision that one floor there will be named after her husband and herself.

A two million dollar bequest for a memorial fountain, perhaps a replica of a famed fountain in Barcelona, Spain, was left to the City of Detroit.”

Samuel M. Brownell

April 3, 1900 — Oct. 12, 1990

“... [T]he Grosse Pointe educator for whom Brownell Middle School was named ... died ... in New Haven, Conn. He was born in Peru, Neb.

Mr. Brownell was a former U.S. commissioner of education and the former superintendent of the Grosse Pointe schools, serving from 1927 until 1938.

He was Detroit’s superintendent of schools from 1956 until 1966, overseeing the expansion and integration of the district.

He was educated at the University of Nebraska and at Yale University, where he earned his master’s and doctoral degrees.

He left Grosse Pointe and became a professor of education administration at Yale. In 1953, Mr. Brownell was appointed U.S. commissioner of education during President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s first term.

Frank J. Welcenbach, the former principal at Trombly Elementary School, praised Brownell as being a “tremendous person and a dedicated educator.

‘He embodied everything in an executive that is required,’ Welcenbach said. ‘He never lost sight of the main emphasis of education, that of teaching students. He inspired a strong instructional program and inspired warm feelings and cooperation from the staff.’”

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CHOICES

Choices was created for prominent, famous, well-known Grosse Pointers, people who wouldn’t normally be Pointers of Interest or perhaps

already were featured as such. Choices gave readers insight into the likes of fellow Grosse Pointers who were already well known.

The short-lived Choices debuted in the June 27, 1985 issue. Following is a list of those featured.

1985

6/27	Mort Crim	2/13	Bill Kennedy
7/4	Nickie McWhirter	2/20	Peggy Hoglund
7/11	Marty Castillo	2/27	Tom Gaukerle
7/18	Frank Sladen Jr.	3/6	Gwen Samuels
7/25	John Whritner	3/13	Mike Kramer
8/1	Mark Weber	3/20	George Young
8/8	Edward Pongracz	4/3	Pat Reynolds
8/15	Henry Feys	4/10	Robert Wood
8/22	HalYoungblood	4/17	John Wylie
8/29	Jerry Hodak	4/24	Bob Scanlan
9/5	Keith Crain	5/1	Karen Kolp
9/12	Alex Sucezek	5/8	Celia Murray
9/19	The Rev. Louis Prues	5/22	John Aldini
9/26	Jon Gandelot	5/29	Stan Gilezan
10/3	Richard Caretti	6/5	Blaine Morrow
10/17	Joseph Vitale	6/12	Janet O’Brien
10/24	Ed Hickey	6/19	Helen Gregory
10/31	Robert Ferber	6/26	Charleen Rick
11/7	Stacey DeLisle	7/3	Phyllis Huxley
11/14	Nick Nicholson	7/10	Carroll Evola
11/21	Darrell Finken	7/17	Ted Whatley
11/28	Charles Frohman	7/31	Alfreda Frost
12/5	Arkie Hudkins	8/7	Gail Kaess
12/12	Valerie Pokorny-McHugh	8/14	Jim Spillan
12/19	Msgr. Francis Canfield	8/21	Sheila Turney Joyce
12/26	Lisa Gandelot	8/28	Peter O’Rourke

1986

1/2	Nettie Duffield	9/11	John Kastran
1/9	John Crawford	9/18	Carole A. Hinand
1/16	Mary-Louise Selover	9/25	Donald Bassett
1/23	Judith Orhan	10/2	William Christofferson
1/30	Charity Sucezek	10/9	Lorenzo Browning
2/6	Chuck Hollosy	10/16	Jean Rice
		10/23	Bill Seppala
		10/30	Joseph Callahan

11/6	Palmer Heenan	7/16	Robert Lynch
11/13	Dave Bergman	7/23	Eduardo Barbieri Jr.
11/20	Leila Lynch	7/30	Fred Schriever
11/27	Kevin Anger	8/6	James Irvine Jr.
12/4	Mary Busse	8/13	Judy Richards
12/11	Robert Endres	8/20	Mary Lou Hogan
12/18	Al Devine	9/3	Frank Hogan
12/25	George Freeman	9/17	John Glei
		9/24	Jenny King
		10/1	Frank Zagelmeyer
		10/8	Marty Bufalini
		10/15	Dennis Mufongoven
		10/22	Stewart McMillin
		10/29	Nancy Cain Posavetz
		11/5	Daniel Fontella
		11/12	Richard Kay
		11/19	David Posavetz
		11/26	John Wayne
		12/3	Ray Ritter
		12/10	Vivian Buffington
		12/17	Barbara Denler
		12/24	Bonnie Levitan
		12/31	Mike O’Connell

1987

1/1	John Prost	1/7	Sally Reynolds
1/8	Robert C. Chope	1/21	Ellen Probert
1/15	Robert Nugent	1/28	John Guinn
1/29	Jerome Abbs	2/4	Robert Ruffer
2/5	Lee Bryce	2/11	Edward R. O’Malley
2/12	Charles D. Hanson	2/18	Jim Simon
2/19	William Bryant Jr.	2/25	Judi Dara
2/26	Mary Anne Ghesquire	3/3	Margreen Kennary
3/5	Elaine McNally	3/10	Bob Button
3/19	Julie McCrea	3/17	Mick Dara
3/26	Mollie Abraham	3/24	John Andrews
4/2	Nancy Solak	3/31	Joy Emery
4/9	James Robson		
4/16	Lee Lindberg		
4/23	Elizabeth Carpenter		
4/30	Deon Faillace M.D.		
5/7	Frank Sumner		
5/14	Al Mazar		
5/21	Randy Cain		
5/28	Mark Valente III		
6/4	Jeffrey Hogan		
6/11	Marian Trainor		
6/18	Vincent LoCicero		
6/25	Michael Chapp		
7/2	Barry Burton		
7/9	Pamela Kondziolka		

4/7	William DeTurk	12/15	Thomas Buda
4/14	Richard Huhn	12/29	Marguerite Annesson
4/21	Tim Zimmerman		
4/28	Robert Healy		
5/5	Judy Richards		
5/12	Charles P. Kellett		
5/19	Jesse Wick		
5/26	Jack Grifo		
6/2	Gerri Unger		
6/9	Doris Cook		
6/16	Lawrence DeVine		
6/23	Tymon Totte DDS		
6/30	Jane Bond		
7/7	Jeff Mueller		
7/14	Jean Zech		
7/21	Manly Lamparter		
7/28	Janette Duster		
8/4	Tolke Duffly		
8/11	Lawrence Herzog		
8/18	Jack McMahon		
8/25	Gretchen Schumer		
9/1	Ruth Truhol		
9/8	Jerry Keeney		
9/15	Robert Dodge		
9/22	Richard DeWitt		
9/29	Karen Bokram		
10/6	Lisa McDonald		
10/13	Robert Lopiccicola		
10/20	Betty Magee		
10/27	John Conley		
11/3	Barbara L. Norton		
11/10	Todd C. Peirce		
11/17	William J. Rooney		
11/24	Sloane Barbour Jr.		
12/8	Deanne Buono		

1/5	Jamie McChesney Keogh	1/12	Michael Balduf
1/19	Robert Mowbray	2/2	Christopher Murray
2/9	John Danaher	2/16	Michael Kairis
3/2	Albert Crim	3/9	Stan Giza
3/16	Camille DeMario	3/23	Ollie Abdalla
4/6	Angie Bournios	5/18	Christopher Bielski
5/25	Cathy Schmidt	6/8	Antonio Scerri
6/22	Patty Dodge	7/6	Joe Weaver
7/27	Jeanne Whittaker-Hines	8/3	Betty Jane Milne
8/17	Carrie Krieg	9/21	Charlie Stumb
11/2	Pat Morgan		

1990

1/4	Father Time	1/11	Thomas A. Batts
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