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Joseph Herd

## Herd appointed BOE president

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Along with being the first Black member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, Joseph Herd now is the first Black per-

son to become the board’s president as well. After first being appointed to the school board to fill a vacant seat in January 2020, and then officially being voted onto the board in the November election, Herd was unanimously

appointed president during its meeting Monday, Jan. 11. “First of all, I’m honored to be on the board,” Herd said. “It is a pretty big position and I think that if I live up to the standard of being the husband that I believe I

should be, the father that I believe I should be and the community member, that I’ll do credit, not only to those who would be honored by the fact that I’m an African American in place, but that I’m a member of the community who has the stan-

dards that honor this community.” Currently finishing his first year on the board, Herd considers one of his greatest strengths to be that of a good listener and he is committed to

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## Seely resigns from ethics committee

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — With the draft of an ethics ordinance in the Shores around 75 percent complete, councilman and member Matt Seely and member Scott Houghton resigned from the Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee at its first meeting of the year Monday, Jan. 11. Mayor Ted Kedzierski and City Clerk Bruce Nichols resigned from the committee in August 2020, at the request of certain members. “I had remained on, because I wanted to be kind of like a fly on the wall and just see from time to time if there were some suggestions I could make from the point of view of a person on city council that might be helpful,” Seely said, “and I think that exercise was futile, so I just decided that probably a great way to start off the new year is to just start fresh.” While the committee does not have the ability to eliminate members since each person was appointed by city coun-

cil, some members have stated since its creation that elected officials should not be involved. “The concern we had from the very first (meeting) was that we had a council member as a member of our committee,” Chairwoman Dr. Janice Pemberton said, “and in order for an ethics committee to do their job effectively, you cannot have a councilperson (involved) who this ethics ordinance will affect. It’s like the fox guarding the chicken house.” Houghton also resigned Monday night, citing scheduling obstacles and over-commitment/prioritization of his time, according to the draft meeting minutes. The remaining members are Pemberton, Secretary Rob Squiers, John Clark, Brian Geraghty and Joe Ghanem. No additional members will be brought onto the committee, according to Pemberton. “I’d love to see them put together a nice proposal for the council and I’d like to see it be some-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Stephen Poloni holds the resolutions he recently received from city councils in the Park and City, for his years serving both communities as director of public safety.

## Poloni honored for 37 years in law enforcement

By Laurel Kraus  
and Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writers

**GROSSE POINTE CITY AND PARK** — After a 30-year career in Grosse Pointe Shores, including serving as its public safety director seven years, Stephen Poloni began his tenure as public safety director in the City of

Grosse Pointe in 2011, and added the dual role of chief in Grosse Pointe Park in 2015, under a cost-sharing agreement between the two cities. Taking his career full circle, Poloni will return to the Shores as its city manager Monday, Jan. 25, and leave behind a 37-year career in law enforcement.

During his last council meeting with the cities, both Monday, Jan. 11, the director was honored with resolutions of appreciation for his years of service. “I have built some relationships with people here (in the Park) that will last the rest of my life,” Poloni said. “All the credit that you’ve given

to me tonight is somewhat undeserved, because it should be given to the whole team.” The resolution put forward by the City commended the director on putting together a team of officers and command staff who currently have the highest level of training. See HONORED, page 3A

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Grosse Pointe Woods’ new Ladder 5 includes double mirrors, interior and exterior cameras and a 100-foot ladder.

## Woods gets long-awaited fire truck

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department received a new fire truck Wednesday, Jan. 13, replacing a 31-year-old vehicle. Acquiring the new truck was two years in the

making. “I’m very thankful to the mayor and council and city administration for being supportive of this project,” Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. “This is something that you don’t replace every five years; the city is making a commitment to about three decades here.”

The \$1,071,000 fire truck is a much-needed investment for the city, as the National Fire Protection Association recommends any “front-line apparatus” be replaced within 25 years. In choosing the truck, Kosanke asked for the

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Joan Frear Capuano

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms  
Executive director of Historic Elmwood Foundation loves sharing Detroit, Grosse Pointe history



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The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting event welcoming Alma Kitchen to the neighborhood Thursday, Jan. 14. Pictured from left are Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher, Park Mayor Bob Denner, co-owners Gary Mui and Alicia Sanchez, and Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator.

# Restaurant opens amid pandemic closures

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Despite extended orders forcing restaurants to refrain from indoor dining, Alma Kitchen in Grosse Pointe Park celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony to proclaim its opening Thursday, Jan. 14.

Owners Gary Mui and Alicia Sanchez said the restaurant has been a long time coming and they are excited to finally have the vision become a reality.

“It’s been three to four years in the making,” Mui said.

Mui and Sanchez signed a lease at a build-

ing on East Jefferson a little more than three years ago. In the height of COVID-19 in 2020, they had to pull out of the deal because it was taking too long.

“So, this kind of fell into place,” Mui said of the newest location on Mack Avenue in the Park. “The Motor City Wings place decided not to reopen. They still own the building, but they were looking for somebody to take over the place. We had some mutual friends that kind of introduced us and we really loved the space and it was kind of built out already; we didn’t have to do a large investment.

“It was kind of one of those things like, let’s take a leap of faith and let’s do it, because we were already so invested into the restaurant over (on East Jefferson).”

Mui and Sanchez created the restaurant with a desire to offer different kinds of foods. Mui described it as “borderless cooking.”

A first generation Chinese-American, Mui spent his childhood going out for Chinese food on special occasions.

“We always had Chinese food,” Mui said. “As I got older, closer to my teen years, I started to think, ‘Is there something else besides Chinese food we can have all the time?’”

“So we said we wanted to develop a restaurant where you can get the authentic or traditional Asian or Mexican foods and have other choices, too,” he added.

Alma Kitchen opened for carryout only Tuesday, Dec. 1, and thus far has received rave reviews from the community on its variety of cuisine.

“We tried a variety of dishes. Each was excellent,” one taster said. “I am very impressed with Chef Mui’s creativity and execution. It’s some of the best food I’ve had in a long time.”

“It’s nice to have some flavor in Grosse Pointe Park,” another wrote via

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# Finding the silver lining

## How three businesses found success in 2020

### CUTE SUGAR BOARDS

Ashlynn Dennis  
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“Before I started Cute Sugar I was working as a freelance wardrobe stylist. When the pandemic started, my business went on pause due to mainly all events being canceled and people were all staying home; nobody was in need of a stylist.

“During the first stay-at-home order, I started looking for new hobbies to stay busy. While browsing on Instagram I came across pages with beautiful traditional charcuterie boards and thought how cool it would be to do one with candy/sweets. I started making them for friends, over the summer, for their small gatherings — baby showers, birthday parties, backyard weddings — and they got very popular, so I decided to turn it into a business.

“It was the perfect career pivot, mostly because when I was styling I was driving all over to meet clients, but with these candy boards, it gives me the chance to create and grow this new business in the Grosse Pointe community, which I love because I love this community so much.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

A sweet charcuterie board by Cute Sugar Boards.

“The boards themselves are made up of different treats. There are the candy boards, which are a mix of different candy/cookies/Rice Krispies treats; and there’s a Sweet & Salty board, which is a mix of different sweet and salty snacks like chocolate-covered pretzels, salted brownies, caramel corn, chocolate caramels. I’ve also just launched my Cutie Kabobs, which are all made of gummies and Rice Krispies treats.”

### CHEESE + HONEY

Michelle Nix  
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“I started cheese +

honey a little over a year ago pretty accidentally. A busy friend was looking on Grosse Pointe Mom Swap for someone to make two charcuterie boards for her. I texted her and said I can do that. I was on my maternity leave and the task sounded fun.

“I had been searching for years for a creative outlet that I could transform into a business and had tried a few. Prior to my education in dental hygiene, I had pursued a degree in interior design for four years. Cheese boards were the perfect combination of my passion for food and design. I knew after just those two that this was the missing piece to my puzzle.

“During the shutdown, I was unable to work at my day job at St. Clair Tooth Co. Cheese + honey gave me purpose. Initially, all of the larger orders were canceled as get-togethers had been canceled. Then one day, small orders started to come in. Customers wanted to say hi, thank you, thinking of you, happy birthday, with sympathy. The boards became the perfect way for people to connect. The opportunity to spread love through food during uncertain times brought me so much joy.

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**Council Members**  
Ernestine Lyons  
Vivian Sawicki  
Ivery Toussant Jr.

\*Unless otherwise specified, all seats expire in November and will be on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot. Source: LWV-GP



# Poloni reflects on time in the Park

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Chief Stephen Poloni has been serving Grosse Pointe Park a little over five years. He is set to leave the Park Monday, Jan. 25, for a city manager position in Grosse Pointe Shores. As the date draws near, Poloni reflected on his time with the Park.

Poloni’s absence will leave the Park’s Department of Public Safety working under what residents have described as the toxic political environment of a somewhat divided city council. Poloni does not foresee this being an issue as he moves on.

“Times have changed,” Poloni said via phone. “As times change, so do views and conditions. We’re just in a different time in this day and age.”

Poloni said he believes the council and public safety department have been handling these changes positively.

“We got through some tough times in the last year, obviously,” Poloni said. “This has been a trying time, but I think we came through

it really well.”

Poloni was praised at the Monday, Jan. 11, Park City Council meeting for how he gracefully has handled controversy, specifically with the marches this summer.

Poloni served as head of both the Park’s and City’s public safety departments. As the City and the Park conduct separate searches to fill Poloni’s role, concerns may arise that the harmony Poloni has brought to the two cities’ public safety departments will dissipate. Poloni said not to worry.

“I don’t think (that will happen),” he said. “The reason I don’t think that will happen is because the two departments now work so closely together.”

Because the interim directors have been working closely together already under Poloni, he does not foresee a drastic culture change taking place.

His hope for the Park as he leaves is that they will rediscover the unity he originally walked into when he started the position.

“When I started there, they had a lot of good people, good personnel,” Poloni said. “I walked into a department that didn’t have a ton of fixes to do.

“I would hope that the teamwork that was there in the beginning will continue. I think that will happen. In this day and age, working together and finding civility in the political environment is important.”

Poloni’s sentiments on the need for improved teamwork were echoed by a few residents in the public comment section of the Park’s latest council meeting.

City Manager Nick Sizeland will be an important piece in cultivating this unity. Upon receiving a resolution honoring him at the Park’s Jan. 11 council meeting, Poloni thanked and encouraged Sizeland for his impressive teamwork.

“(Sizeland) has come in the middle of city government in a tumultuous time,” Poloni said. “You have a diamond in the rough with Nick.”

— Kate Vanderstelt



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The intersection of Moross and Kercheval soon will receive upgrades to its traffic signals.

## Moross/Kercheval upgrades coming

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — As part of an ongoing effort to update the city’s traffic signals, the intersection at Moross and Kercheval is set to receive new mast arms and traffic signals, LED crosswalk signals and pavement markings in the spring.

“This will provide the most current mechanisms for operating those traffic signals,” City Manager Shane Reeside explained. “Aesthetically, it’s a big improvement. It takes those traffic lights off of wooden posts and cables and puts them on decorative ornamental posts.”

The majority of the cost will be covered via a

Michigan Department of Transportation safety grant, which the city was awarded in 2018. Council unanimously voted to proceed with the project during its meeting Monday, Jan. 11.

Because the grant conditions require a 20 percent match, the Farms will cover \$45,218.40 of the approximately \$200,000 project. The expense will come out of the city’s road fund, Reeside reported.

The Farms has used similar safety grants for the Kercheval and McMillian intersection on Grosse Pointe Boulevard in front of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School.

# Historic district boundaries proposed

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Amid the City’s historic district study, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation at the end of 2020, which will provide a competitive chance for a 25 percent income tax credit for properties within local historic districts throughout Michigan.

The exploration into the potential of a historic district in the City is now well underway with the completion of an intensive survey of the homes within the potential boundaries and the first meeting of the Historic District Study Committee Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The survey of 102 properties, which can be found on the City’s website, concluded there are 92 properties within the proposed district lines, of which 56 meet the requirements to be considered. Three more may be added upon revisiting the survey, advised Kristine Kidorf, an expert historic preservationist, of Kidorf Preservation Consulting.

The recommended preliminary period of significance for the potential district by the consulting team is 1898, which is the date of the earliest house in the district, to 1940. Also, the potential district’s most prominent



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The boundaries, which have been found to qualify under state and federal guidelines, currently being considered for a potential historic district.

architectural styles are Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, Prairie and Neoclassical.

Although initially included, the lakefront properties on Elmsleigh, Stratford and Wellington no longer are being considered for the potential district because the homes are all post-1940.

Under the criteria laid out by the National Register of Historic Places, historic homes should be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; associated with the lives

of persons significant in the past; or embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, represent the work of a master or possess high artistic values.

While not every individual house does, the potential district as a whole meets the criteria because of its association with the early development of Grosse Pointe, when the city was transitioning from summer houses to permanent homes as an early suburb of Detroit; its association with various early residents in the district who

are an important part of the history of Grosse Pointe, Detroit and southeast Michigan; and its association with prominent architects, with some homes designed by George Mason, Albert Kahn, Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Robert Derrick and others.

“While these houses are maybe not the most notable designs by each of these architects,” Kidorff explained, “the collection of so many architect-designed homes in a district points to the importance of the original owners and defines the environment of the proposed district.”

With the preliminary photographic inventory and research now complete, the committee will work to create and adopt a preliminary report in February, before submitting it to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and planning commission for review within a 60-day period.

Following this, the committee tentatively plans to hold a public hearing and review a draft of the final report in April. In May, it could potentially adopt the final report and relay its recommendations to city council.

The committee’s next meeting is Monday, Feb. 15, via Zoom.

Michele Hodges said. “You, my colleague, have been tough in every way — tough enough to lead, tough enough to inspire, tough enough to transform ... tough enough to do so with decency, character and integrity and tough enough to march. So thank you, for making us proud.”

Poloni credited his accomplishments in both cities to the teamwork and support of his wife, Kathy, City Deputy Chief John Alcorn and Park City Manager Nick Sizeland, among others.

“I’ve never been afraid to share my faith,” Poloni said, “and the book of Proverbs says that those that bless others will be blessed and when you help others you’ll be helped and I’ve been blessed and helped both, and I hope I’ve done the same for you guys. So I thank you very much. I will miss you guys and I’m only a couple miles down the road.”

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ing in the Grosse Pointes; enhancing the cooperation and training with neighboring communities and mutual-aid partners; developing cost reductions and efficiencies within the department; and assuring the City remained the safe and friendly community it is known to be, as well as on the integrity and respect he brought to the position.

“I’d like to make just a quick remark about the professionalism exhibited by Chief Poloni, particularly last summer, when the City saw six protest marches,” City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. “Because of our chief’s leadership, sensitivity and humanity, those marches were conducted without incident. Since that time, I’ve had the honor to be in several meetings with the chief

when tough issues have been discussed and he has been objective, highly professional, extremely courteous and understanding and his leadership has been exemplary.”

Stating he accomplished everything he set out to do in the City when he was hired, Poloni led the transition to combining dispatch services with the Park and successfully supported the bond to build the department’s new building on Mack.

“We just want you to understand that you, as a chief for our city, performed one of the most transformative roles that any of us have ever seen,” City Councilman Chris Walsh said.

The Park’s resolution also commended Poloni for being the first head of public safety to oversee two cities and doing it successfully five years. The resolution further acknowledged that while serving the Park, Poloni

oversaw many initiatives that advanced the city, including new training initiatives, stronger cooperation, upgraded equipment, a new fire engine, new mobile radios and a new Next Generation 911 system.

“It’s hard to put into words how much I have enjoyed working with him,” Park Mayor Robert Denner said of Poloni as he closed the formal resolution. “I truly appreciated the professionalism that (Poloni) brought to the department. It was obvious to me right away that (he) was a great choice for our city. He effectively modernized our department ... in our approach to policing and our approach to interacting with our community.”

Members of the council further remarked on the professionalism and hard work exhibited by Poloni from day one.

“The word I see most shine through you is ‘tough,’” Councilwoman

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thing that everybody can be happy about the work product,” Seely said, “and I don’t want to

inhibit their ability to do that by being a distraction.”

The next meeting of the Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee is at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, via Zoom.

# The Week Ahead

### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communications Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Diversity and Inclusion Initiative meeting, 6 p.m.



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# Farms resident holds history close to her heart

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joan Frear Capuano’s love for history is evident in the passion with which she talks about Historic Elmwood Cemetery.

The oldest continuously operating, non-denominational cemetery in Detroit celebrates its 175th anniversary this year.

“It’s a tremendous gem in the city of Detroit,” Frear Capuano said. “It was founded in 1846 by six men who had just seen the opening of Mt. Elliott Cemetery and wanted to create a burial ground that was open to anyone.”

From the start, the fully integrated cemetery welcomed all, regardless of race, religion or economic status. Elmwood became the final resting place of many prominent Detroit and Grosse Pointe families, including the Sibleys, McMillans, Joys and Newberrys.

“When you come through Elmwood, you’ll recognize a lot of names of Detroit and Grosse Pointe founding fathers,” Frear Capuano said. “There are streets and buildings and counties named after people buried at Elmwood: Houghton, Stroh, Campau, Lewis Cass – Michigan’s first territorial governor.”

Elmwood is the resting place of 29 mayors, 11 U.S. senators, seven governors and more than 600 veterans of the Civil War; in fact, veterans of every war involving the U.S. are buried there.

And Frear Capuano loves being the voice to share their stories.



Joan Frear Capuano

Frear Capuano has served as executive director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation since it first was formed in 2006. The position was a perfect fit.

“My father was a lover of history and he instilled that in all of us as we were growing up,” she said.

Through educational initiatives and community events, the foundation raises awareness in the community, while also seeking grants, raising funds and managing restoration work.

Of all the tasks she oversees, Frear Capuano said she most loves community events. So much so, she added tour guide to her list of responsibilities.

“We have robust tours,” she said. “I’ve been leading them since 2010. It’s the one part of my job that permits me to interact with people and share Detroit history and Grosse Pointe history.”

In 2015, Elmwood became Detroit’s first certified arboretum. There are more than 100 species among its 1,450 trees, which sit on 86 acres just five miles west of Grosse Pointe. Its trees are one of several topics visitors are invited to learn about during self-

guided tours; other topics include African American heritage, political and business leaders and Elmwood’s role in the Underground Railroad.

As if the historical aspect wasn’t enough, Elmwood’s grounds also are home to an impressive display of monumental art. Frear Capuano can share the stories behind Jacob Merritt Howard’s intentionally damaged obelisk, how Zachariah Chandler’s obelisk — the tallest at Elmwood — made its way to the cemetery, why Albert Brush Ford’s memorial includes a propeller and the reason Horace Caulkin’s curved monument stands out from all others at Elmwood.

“It’s a great place for people to come,” Frear Capuano said. “I love that they come and that they come back.”

People also visit the historic grounds for the birding program Frear Capuano started a few years ago, when she teamed up with the Audubon Societies of Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

“People come for the birding and then get the history,” she added, noting all of Elmwood’s events are free and open to the public. At press time, Frear Capuano and Wild Birds Unlimited-Grosse Pointe Woods owner Rosann Kovalcik were embarking on their first virtual birding event with more than 120 registered participants.

On the business side, Elmwood sees between 400 and 500 burials per year, Frear Capuano said, though more families are opting for cremation. She estimated Elmwood can



One of Frear Capuano’s tour groups stops for a photo in front of the Detroit firefighters lot.

support active burials around 10 more years.

“Once we’re no longer having regular burials, we will continue to have events in our historic park-like setting,” she added.

Open seven days a week, the grounds already draw visitors, especially during spring and summer months, when guests come to walk, jog or bicycle the scenic landscape.

Being at the helm of such a significant piece of Detroit history wasn’t always in Frear Capuano’s plans. The 1977 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School initially set out for a career in international law. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and French from the University of Michigan in 1981, then went to paralegal school.

After taking the LSATs, she took a year off and worked for Ameritech. When her LSATs were due to expire, she contemplated going back to school, but decided to keep working, which she did until 1999.

“At that point, I had four children, so I decided it was time to stay home and raise them,” she said.

Accepting the part-time executive director post at Elmwood allows Frear Capuano to continue to spend time with her family. She and her husband, John, are parents to Melanie (Tim Shield), Alissa, Jake and Brendan, and recently welcomed their first granddaughter, Emory.

“Family brings me tremendous joy,” she said.

In her free time, Frear Capuano enjoys playing golf, pickleball, paddle tennis and bridge. She also is an avid skier and loves to read.

Additionally, Frear Capuano serves on the

board of the Detroit Industrial School, a private foundation established in 1857 that provides funds to non-profit programs that help underprivileged children in the tri-county area. She also is president of Ibex, a women’s art group established in 1932 to promote increasing knowledge and appreciation of the arts.

Previously, Frear Capuano was appointed to the Michigan Historical Commission in 2013 by then-Gov. Rick Snyder. She served four years.

“What people are doing with historic places throughout Michigan is extraordinary,” she said. “I applaud them. And I’m glad to do my part.”

Though currently Frear Capuano’s guided tours of Elmwood are postponed, she looks forward to resuming them soon.

“Detroit’s been hit hard by the pandemic,” she said. “Burials are up

because of the pandemic. Out of respect for the families ... we made a conscious decision to postpone events, even though they’re outdoors and people are masked. I hope things will lighten up here in Michigan and we’ll have spring tours and birding events again.”

Her family aside, sharing history with others is “certainly one of the best things that has impacted my life,” Frear Capuano said. “I really believe that knowing where you came from, knowing the history that precedes your time here, gives you a sense of being and sense of purpose. It’s important for children, to teach them about Michigan history and U.S. history so they can appreciate the freedom we have today and how we got to this point.”

“We need to know where we came from to really know who we are.”



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Visitors partake in Elmwood’s birding program.



Zachariah Chandler’s obelisk is the tallest at Elmwood.



Jennifer Palms Boettcher

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# Pointe officers next in vaccination priority

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Two weeks ago, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced COVID-19 vaccinations for priority level 1B, which includes first responders, school staff and those 65 and older, could begin as early as Monday, Jan. 11.

Since priority level 1A included paramedics and EMTs, officers in the Shores and some in the Park — the two Pointes run their own ambulatory services, while the others contract out to MedStar — were given the option to begin receiving the Pfizer vaccine in late December at a Wayne County facility and now are coming up on their second doses.

Approximately 20 of the Park’s 33 officers qualify as EMTs under 1A. While all of the Shores officers qualify, there are around five who have yet to begin the process.

None of the Pointe departments will require officers to get the vaccine at this time.

“Unfortunately, there are some who are not going to take it,” Shores Director of Public Safety John Schulte said, “and, for the life of me, unless it’s medically contraindicated, I can’t imagine why anyone would not want to receive a vaccine.”

The City, Farms, Woods and remaining officers in the Park department should have technically begun receiving vaccinations last week, according to Whitmer’s announcement, but have been told their turns may still be a couple weeks out.

Because Wayne County has received only up to 975 doses of the Pfizer vaccine each week — last week, the county suddenly began receiving the Moderna vaccine instead, to be used for new doses — it still is working toward completing priority groups in 1A.

“I got an email (Sunday, Jan. 10) from Wayne County saying they’re only halfway through 1A (and) they have approximately 4,000 more people to cover,” Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen

reported last week. “At 975 allocated doses a week, they think it’ll take approximately four weeks before it gets to 1B, which is our guys.”

The county ran out of the Pfizer vaccine Saturday afternoon, Wayne County Chief Health Strategist Mouhanad Hammami said in a press release Sunday, adding the supply shortage from the state continues to be a challenge. Prior to the switch to Moderna, the county requested the maximum allowable number of 4,875 Pfizer doses each week from the state, but has yet to receive more than 975.

“All this is tied to how many vaccines we get,” Woods Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said, “so the more vaccines we get, obviously the more we can do.

“And Wayne County’s fairly large,” he added. “Even for Detroit police, there’s over 2,000 officers there, plus support staff, so it’s going to take a little bit and we just have to bring our patience.”

## TRUCK:

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input of Lt. Quincy Lefurgey and Sgt. Joseph Provost, as he believed it was important for the people who use it daily to participate in its selection.

The truck, manufactured by E-ONE, is equipped with upgraded

technology, including a waterway built into the ladder, backup camera, two side cameras, a camera on top of the ladder and more. With camera capabilities, Kosanke said there should be few times when personnel will be required to climb to the top of the ladder to put out a fire.

“Since we bought the

other truck in 1990, there has been a giant leap in technology that we are now bringing to the city that will really help protect life and property in Grosse Pointe Woods,” Kosanke said.

Personnel will begin extensive training soon. Kosanke hopes to have the truck in service by the end of March.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Stolen Fuji bike

A silver and red Fuji Crosstown mountain bike, with lights on its front and rear, was stolen from a bike rack in the 16000 block of Kercheval between 6:20 and 6:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, when the 58-year-old Detroit owner forgot to lock it before going into an area store.

### Political feuding

After reporting social media posts Tuesday, Jan. 12, that called her a racist and bigot for attending a Trump rally, a 54-year-old Grosse Pointe woman was then found to be the target of bulletin board flyers, in two area businesses, that called her a terrorist and requested people drive by her address and harass her by honking and waving.

A 48-year-old Farms woman, who made the social media posts, is suspected.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Sleeping in the wrong direction

A 27-year-old Harper Woods man was found

asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle facing east in the westbound lane of Lakeshore Road at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Officers were able to wake him and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content was .23 percent, for which he was arrested.

### Raining bullets

A bullet shot into the air by an unknown person between 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, was discovered to have fallen into the passenger-side front door window trim of a Jeep parked in the 460 block of McKinley Avenue.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus  
Report information about crimes to Grosse

Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Park

### A third pirate

Another “porch pirate” was taken into custody Thursday, Jan. 14.

The 32-year-old Detroit man was the third suspect to be charged with seven different mail thefts occurring the week before Christmas.

Two other suspects already have been arrested and charged in the crime.

— Kate Vanderstelt  
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

No incidents to report as of press time.

— Kate Vanderstelt  
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OUR VIEW

Support our many local restaurants

As the economy staggers along through the pandemic, perhaps nothing stands as a better sentinel than local restaurants and the business perils they’ve endured since the state shut down in the wake of COVID-19 last March.

Indoor dining remains the last significant closure from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s toolbox of measures to combat the pandemic when it surged again in November. She has said she is aiming to resume indoor dining Feb. 1, although restaurant owners fear she may still waver — or impose even more restrictive distancing rules than those in effect when indoor dining was allowed for a while last year.

Many local restaurants, as detailed in a report in this week’s edition, have staggered on with varying degrees of success. The window of indoor dining allowed in the second half of 2020 was not necessarily enough to build up reserves, especially since it included mandates for limiting capacity, as did the generally successful patio service allowed during the warm-weather months.

Yet little in the past year, except perhaps the initial shock, has seemed as discouraging for many local restaurant owners as trying to operate during cold weather without indoor dining. Creative alternatives have arisen, to many patrons’ delight. Tents and igloos and fire pits have helped keep some establishments going, for example, although not everyone can manage the costs of new equipment and outdoor heat.

Local municipalities have pitched in, allowing much greater use of sidewalks and parking areas to accommodate the outdoor options. Grosse Pointe Park has probably gone the furthest, by also designating outdoor drinking zones and providing financial assistance through its Tax Increment Financing Authority. Some but not all local restaurants also have benefited from state and federal assistance programs.

Curbside service and delivery options continue, as they have since the earliest days. In some respects, the choices have never been more awesome, from restaurants specializing in family-sized meals to those offering their own specialty mixed drinks to go (a new option in Michigan that owes its existence to the pandemic).

That doesn’t make the next few months any easier. If Gov. Whitmer does allow indoor dining again Feb. 1, but imposes more restrictions, the already tight margins of the restaurant business may not hold up. And research still seems to remain scant about the dangers of indoor dining — relying more on modeling and behavior correlations rather than actual statistics achieved through contact tracing.

Still, the fact that eating and drinking require the removal of masks leaves indoor dining as one of the very few activities that can’t be regulated solely through distancing and face coverings. And even as schools, for example, invest in more and better air-handling equipment, restaurants do not usually have the wherewithal for continuous upgrades.

The arrival this month of vaccinations brings hope and the early demand suggests a good majority of Michiganders will embrace the vaccine.

In addition, Michigan case counts have come down dramatically since November, giving hospitals relief from patient levels that matched or exceeded those of last spring. Indeed, the strictest measures have always been about keeping the hospitals from being overwhelmed.

Now, Michigan’s numbers rank among the best in the nation even as its restaurant rules remain among the most restrictive.

Rising vaccination numbers combined with the countdown to warm weather should herald survival — for residents above all, but also for the local restaurants they so appreciate. Even when it means going out on a cold night for a curbside pickup, residents need to do what they can in supporting what their local restaurants have to offer.

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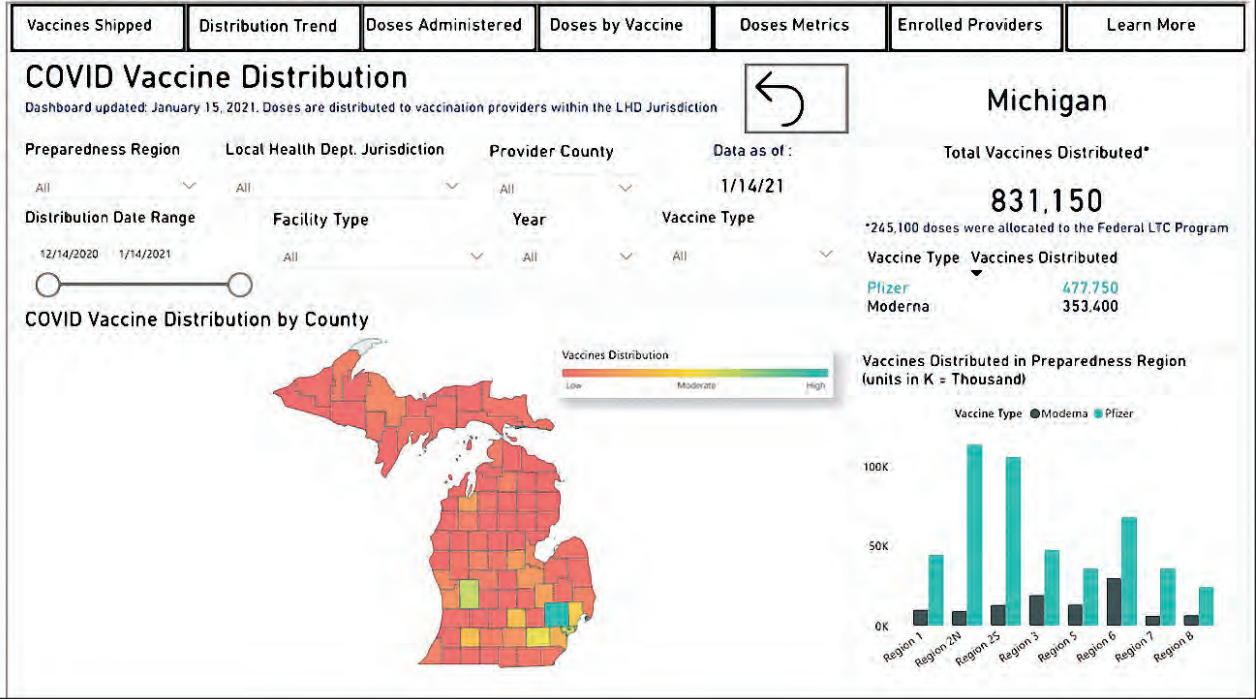
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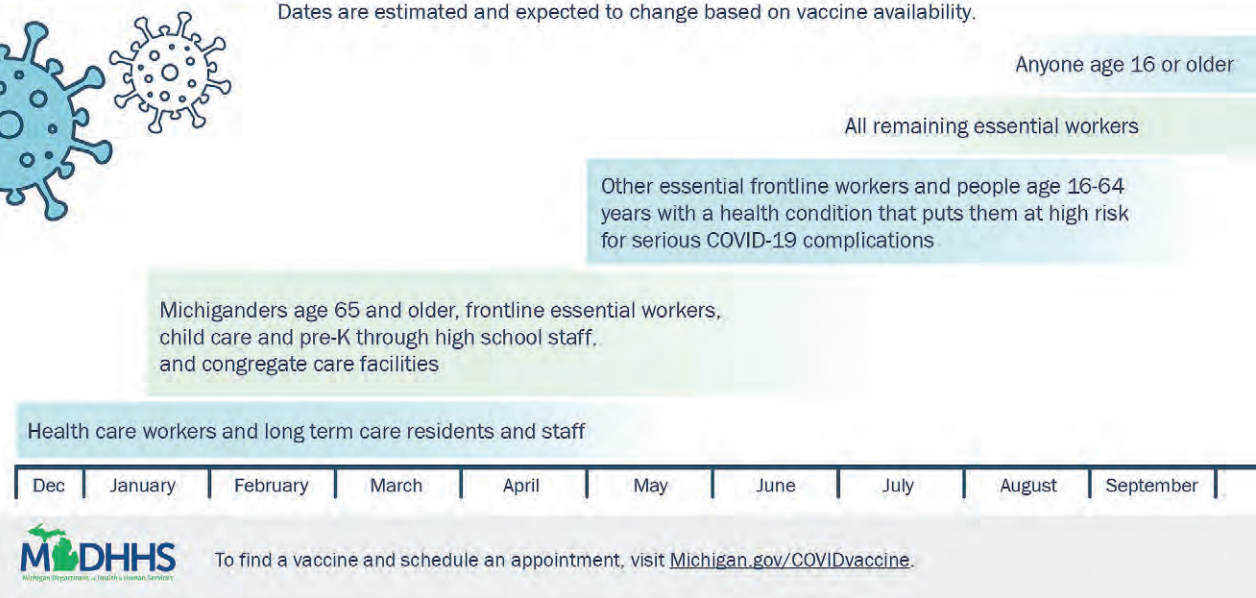
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COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard



With little notice — except for the informational graphic at the top of the Grosse Pointe News — COVID-19 cases in the Grosse Pointes surpassed 2,000 last week. The state entered phase 1B last week, allowing anyone 65 or older to get vaccinated. While we have heard a smattering of cases where relatives, friends, neighbors or coworkers have received their first shot or are scheduled to get one, progress remains painfully slow. The state of Michigan, above, currently projects students 16 and older will be allowed to get vaccinated just as school starts next fall — barely. Below, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reports the only county with a “High” rate of vaccine distribution is Oakland, followed by Kent. County, state and national health officials have to step up their game if we are to climb out of this pandemic sooner rather than later, saving countless lives and businesses.

Preliminary COVID-19 Vaccination Timeline



OUR VIEW

Herd to shepherd school board

Anyone who gains the confidence of a majority of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education deserves congratulations, given the divisive fall election campaign and the results — four new members on a board of seven.

That someone turns out to be Joseph Herd, the sole incumbent who survived the Nov. 3 vote, who Jan. 11 got the nomination and votes of his fellow board members to become board president. Mr. Herd was first appointed to the board almost exactly a year ago and in his straightforward way he has stood up for thorough and civil discussion even when some members seemed inclined to keep controversy at arm’s length.

Mr. Herd cites two major priorities that he wants kept at the forefront: the return to in-person classes throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the upcoming superintendent search. He has asked to have both topics updated at the start of each meeting for the foreseeable future. (Residents can view all meetings online by clicking on “Watch the Meeting” in the drop-down menu for the school board at the district’s website.)

With his appointment last year, Mr. Herd made

history as the first African-American board member — and makes history again as board president. That accomplishment merits applause, even as his ability to earn his fellow board members’ trust stands out in the current turbulence.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has one child who is a district student and two who have graduated and now attend college. He remains pleased with the education provided by the district while acknowledging problems exist.

In tackling various issues, Mr. Herd said he can draw on his experience as deputy chief of the U.S. Probation Office, which requires dealing with numerous constituencies from judges to those convicted of crimes, their families and lawyers. He’s determined to utilize the skills and experiences of his fellow board members, as he does among the people he works with, in order to maximize the potential for problem solving and civil discussion.

That attitude merits the community’s best wishes and support as Mr. Herd and the board embark on what will be a decision-laden year. His wisdom, along with all he can elicit from his fellow members, will be essential in meeting the challenges ahead.

LETTERS

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Thanks, Chief!

To the Editor:  
On behalf of myself, my family and each and every resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, I would like to thank Chief John

Schulte for his nine years of outstanding service to our community. When Chief Schulte joined our Grosse Pointe Shores family in 2012, he had already earned a distinguished record of

achievement and excellence serving in Grosse Pointe Park. He could have chosen the easy path and simply continued to oversee our public safety department in a status quo manner. Instead, he chose to burnish that legacy of achievement and excellence by continually updating and upgrading our operations to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. We live in an era where public safety departments around our country are besieged with scrutiny and criticism for their actions. But here in Grosse Pointe Shores, our

department is revered with the highest degree of respect and appreciation for their efforts. And that is due entirely to our public safety officers, who have been led and directed by Chief Schulte. He has instilled a sense of honor and dignity into each of them and that is reflected in how they serve and protect our residents. My family and I are so very proud to live in a community that has been guided by a man whose record of success is exceeded only by his level of integrity. I would like to wish See LETTER, page 7A



I SAY By John Minnis

# Looking back at lifetime of crises



I'm speechless. For once in my life I am at a loss as to what to write at this time. What encouragement I can offer.

As I write this Tuesday afternoon, I do not know what tomorrow will bring. I can only hope and pray that the events in Washington, D.C. — and the state capitals — will be peaceful and no one will be hurt and no property destroyed.

I guess I've had a sheltered life.

I was just 8 when John

F. Kennedy was shot, 12 when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated and 13 when Bobby Kennedy suffered his older brother's fate.

I was too young to get involved in the Vietnam war protests. They ended the draft shortly after I graduated from high school, so I did not have to worry about being drafted — at least not for very long. (I did register.)

I was 7 during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

I was a freshman in high school when the Pentagon Papers were published, a junior when the Watergate complex was burgled and just about a year out of high school when President Richard Nixon resigned.

I suppose the first crisis to affect my life as an adult was the 1973 oil embargo. I remember waiting in long lines to get gas, which was a problem because I was driving 45 miles from the farm in Yale to Fraser every day.

I remember double-digit inflation was the big thing in the 1970s while I was in my young working career. I didn't care. I was single and got COLA. I was getting a raise every quarter!

The good times ended, though, with the savings and loan financial collapse and with the Federal Reserve's ratcheting up of interest rates to get inflation under control. It put us into a recession not dissimilar

to the 2008 financial crisis three decades later.

I remember new subdivisions abandoned for what seemed like years. Paved streets just stopped in the middle of fields. A building boom was a pipe dream.

I was 30 years old when the Challenger space shuttle exploded Jan. 28, 1986. I remember I was having lunch with a former co-worker. His back was to the TV. I looked up and said, "OMG the space shuttle just blew up!" He didn't believe me until he turned around and looked for himself.

The stock market crash of 1987 occurred just a year before I started at the Grosse Pointe News. I was 32. The Dow Jones

index lost 508 points, 23 percent of its value. That was followed by the Junk Bond Crash of 1989, the Tequila Crisis of 1994, Asia Crisis of 1997 and the Dotcom Bubble of 1999.

All of these crises, however, paled in comparison of what was to come — the global financial crisis of 2008.

I was 53 years old and unemployed, trying to get by freelancing for the Detroit Legal News — a gig Andy Richner helped me get.

After freelancing two years, I figured a full-time opening would not be forthcoming. So we started a magazine. And wouldn't you know, the Legal News called and offered me a full-time

position.

Also during my hiatus from the Grosse Pointe News, my niece Lauren McGregor and I authored two Arcadia history books — one on the Michigan State Fair when it closed in 2009 and one on the Old Newsboys Goodfellows for its 100th anniversary in 2014.

(My wife, Terry, and I would author a third Arcadia book on Roseville, where she grew up.)

The magazine did well and I ended up again back at the Grosse Pointe News as owner in 2017. That lasted until COVID hit in 2020. I was 65.

On Jan. 6, 2021, the U.S. Capitol came under domestic attack.

GUEST VIEW By Ford Motor Company

## Ford spot 'Builders' promotes unity, strength, working together

Look to the builders. In times of strife and divisiveness, look to the people who don't give up on their principles, but build on them. Because this country isn't built on brick and steel — it's built on the strength of all of us, working together.

That message of unity is paramount in "Builders," the new spot in Ford's Built for America campaign, which highlights Ford's unique position as the top assembler of vehicles in America and largest employer of U.S. hourly autoworkers. The newest ad underscores Ford's solid 117-year history and the need for solidarity in the face of change.

"In tough times, Ford and our country have always come together and built things — vehicles, tanks, even relationships," said Kumar Galhotra, president, Americas & International Markets Group. "This spot shows from our perspective where our nation should focus — on the fixers, the builders, the ones who can bring us together."

The 60-second piece, directed by Stacy Wall and produced by Wieden+Kennedy New York, was aired Jan. 16 on Fox during college basketball. It also was seen throughout the day on CBS Sports, ESPN, Discovery and cable channels including Hallmark, HGTV, Nat Geo, The Food Network, DIY, Great American Country, The Science Channel and Motor Trend Network. The spot is narrated by award-winning actor Bryan Cranston. "Builders | Built For America | Ford" can be found on YouTube.

The spot comes on the heels of Ford's recent public call to action, a piece titled #FinishStrong created by acclaimed filmmaker Peter Berg, known for "Friday Night Lights," "Patriots Day," and "Lone Survivor." That spot, released at the end of 2020, was designed to offer inspiration to Americans doing their best to stay vigilant and protect themselves and others as the COVID-19

vaccine is rolled out across the country.

Ford has been a leader in COVID mitigation efforts since April 2020, and one of the first manufacturers to pivot toward making personal protective equipment. To date, Ford has manufactured 55 million masks and will hit 100 million masks for donations by mid-2021.

The company, in partnership with the UAW, has produced tens of millions of pieces of personal protective equipment to meet the strong demand. These include:

- ◆ 20 million face shields
- ◆ 50,000 patient ventilators
- ◆ More than 32,000 powered air-purifying respirators in collaboration with 3M
- ◆ 1.4 million washable isolation gowns

Throughout its 117-year history, Ford has stepped up in moments of global crisis, including creating iron lungs in the polio epidemic and leading the Arsenal of Democracy in WWII. Ford's latest effort builds on the company's support for those affected by the pandemic — from creating programs allowing customers to defer car payments to transforming its plants to make ventilators.

In collaboration with the UAW and Ford Motor Company Fund, Ford also has donated more than 50 million face masks to nonprofit organizations, state and local officials, first responders, schools and underserved communities in all 50 states. Details are available at FordFund.org.

"Ford's strong bond with America continues to grow stronger," Galhotra said. "We'll always speak up to let our customers know where we stand — and we'll always be in their corner."

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946  
75 years ago this week

**PILFERED POP PROVES POTENT:** Mrs. P.J. Vickrey Jr. of Beaconsfield called up the Park police Saturday night and reported that someone, presumably mischievous boys, had taken a bottle from the front window of her home. The bottle was labeled gingerale, but it had contained a medication far more potent than the popular beverage. She was anxious that the police locate the parties, as the contents of the bottle might be much too much for youthful stomachs. Officers P. Conlon and Boone scoured the neighborhood, but found only boys who were apparently in normal condition.

1971  
50 years ago this week

**NEIGHBORS AGAINST PLANNED TENNIS CLUB:** Plans for a proposed \$900,000 tennis club building on the site of the former DePetris Florists property, 230 Grosse Pointe Blvd., were brought before the Farms council at an unofficial hearing. It met with vigorous opposition by three couples living in the immediate area, who claim that other neighbors also were against the construction.

**PLANS DRAWN FOR BATTLE:** A capacity audience of interested citizens jammed the board room of the schools' Administration Building to attend the first meeting of the Grosse Pointe Study and Action Committee for Education. The session was convened to lay plans for an effective community-wide action program to combat portions of Public Act 100 which seriously limit local control of public education.

*Obituaries: Catherine E. Kelley, Alimna Fuller, Robert W. Crowther, William G. Moore, Margaret Regan, James A. Anderson, Sidney M. Harvey*

1996  
25 years ago this week

**KENWOOD FIRE CAUSE UNKNOWN:** After sifting through what amounted to a pile of ashes, Grosse Pointe Farms fire officials have concluded that the cause of the Dec. 17 fire that gutted the former home of Detroit Tiger Cecil Fielder on Kenwood cannot be determined. "Sometimes a house burns so badly that you cannot find a thing; there's nothing left to look at," Fire Chief Samuel Candela said.

*Obituaries: Ruth F. Fiehn, Marvin C. Allard, Charles James Alexander,*

*Ralph A. DeCender, Otis Roloson Wilcoxon, Dr. Donald Joseph Hogan DDS, Nancy Salamas, J. Harold Husband, Mabel Aileen McCrea, Dorothy Sperry Curtis, Marguerite Nagel*

2011  
10 years ago this week

**WOODS NAMES NEW DIRECTOR:** Andrew Pazuchowski, a veteran Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer, has been named director of the public safety department. Pazuchowski, who began his career with the department in 1986, replaces Skip Fincham, who has been doing double duty as city administrator and public safety director since July 2010.

**COUNCIL DENIES APPEALS:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council dimmed the last of the neon lights on Mack Avenue, voting to deny eight appeals by business owners who disagreed with enforcement of an existing city ordinance. The ordinance, enacted in 2002, bans the use of neon signs in windows along Mack. The enactment of the ordinance has been hampered by moratoriums and grandfather-clause exemptions.

*Obituaries: Gunnell Lindgren Ehrling, William Steele*

## LETTER:

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Chief Schulte the very best of health and happiness as he closes this chapter in his illustrious career and opens a new one in retirement that we hope is equally as blessed.

RAYMOND RAHI  
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# Star of the Sea open house Jan. 31

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

Families thinking about sending their students to Our Lady Star of the Sea School are invited to an in-person open house noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

Star of the Sea, which has hosted in-person classes since the start of the school year, with the exception of one week after Thanksgiving, welcomes new families to meet teachers and learn about the school during the timed-entry event.

“We are planning an in-person open house by appointment only,” Principal Meghan Carter said. “That way there won’t be big crowds.

They’ll take individual tours as a family, come and see the classroom their student is looking to join in the fall and talk to the teacher.”

Measures are in place for a safe open house, just as staff and students have been following all Wayne County requirements during the school day, Carter said. For example, in cases where students change rooms after each class, teachers are spraying down desks and chairs in between. Students also are staying in the same seating arrangements in each classroom so close-contact groups don’t vary from class to class. Masks are required at all times; disinfectant sprays are available in hallways and

classrooms; desks are spaced out; and teachers stay at the front of their classrooms.

“We’ve been blessed that we’ve not had any positive COVID cases among students and staff,” Carter said, “and only a handful of close contacts.”

Those in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID are required to quarantine 14 days, per protocol.

“Everyone is very cognizant of staying healthy and safe,” Carter said. “Our families here have done a great job of supporting the need for masks and social distancing. They’re cognizant of what they’re doing outside of school to keep stu-

dents healthy. The staff and the families really are the champions of keeping the school in person. And we’re definitely looking forward to having new families join us.”

Carter said Star of the Sea saw an enrollment increase this year.

“Many families wanted in-person learning,” she said. “We picked up students through all grades. This upcoming school year, we’ve already seen quite a bit of interest from families.”

“The goal of our parish and our school is to increase,” she added. “Now, we have one class per grade. Our goal is two classes per grade.”

Added Annie Schunior, director of communica-

tions and marketing, “This year, because of the interest and the positive reaction from parents who want in-person learning ... we’re ready to open up more classrooms. We’re ready to grow.”

Star of the Sea will showcase its excellence in education during the Jan. 31 open house, which is meant for new families only, to keep attendance down. Those interested should call the school office at (313) 884-1070 to make an appointment; appointments will be staggered every five minutes to prevent large groups from gathering. Upon arrival, each family will be ushered to the classroom in which they’re interested, have a chance to

speak with the teacher and then head to the gymnasium where applications and informational packets may be picked up before they leave.

“They’ll get the see the school as they walk through, but only visit one classroom,” Schunior said. “There won’t be any traffic going back and forth.”

Those hoping for a more in-depth look at the school are directed to a virtual tour on the school’s website — [starschoolgrossepointe.org](http://starschoolgrossepointe.org) — where they also may watch video messages from teachers. Applications also are available online.

Star of the Sea is located at 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, visit [starschoolgrossepointe.org/news/open-house-2021](http://starschoolgrossepointe.org/news/open-house-2021).

## Moretz reflects on unusual hockey season, Coach of the Year title

By Chuck Klonke  
*Guest Writer*

It didn’t take long for Paul Moretz to find out things were going to be different for the Grosse Pointe South hockey team in 2019-20.

The Blue Devils were coming off a 7-16-1-1 season in the tough Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and Moretz had taken over as coach during the summer.

South opened the season with a non-league win against Rochester

Unified, then went into the league opener against a University of Detroit Jesuit squad that is always among the top teams in the MIHL. The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead, but the Cubs rallied to cut the deficit; South held on for a 4-3 victory.

Moretz, who had coached high school hockey before an eight-year coaching stint with the Little Caesars AAA ’02 team, had to work as much on the mental aspects of hockey as the

fundamentals during his first meetings with the Blue Devils.

“The year before they had lost a lot of games,” he said. “One of the challenges we had was to change that mindset and have them understand they were going to face adversity throughout the season, embrace it and expect a positive outcome instead of what transpired the previous season.”

“They put trust in the process that we were talking about and they were willing to believe in it. They were patient enough to see it through.”

Moretz could see the culture changing during practices; however, the real test would come when South started playing games that counted.

“I don’t think anybody

in the building expected us to win (against U-D),” Moretz said. “We got off to a fast start. U-D started to come back. That was the adversity I had talked about with the team. Instead of caving in to the adversity, they believed in (the process). They kept doing what we were preaching and believing that we were going to find a way to be successful.”

“We found a way to win that game. You could see in the locker room after that game that they had all the confidence in the world.”

That was the springboard that sent the Blue Devils to a 22-6 regular-season record and a No. 2 ranking in the state Division 3 poll. South advanced to the state regional final before los-

ing 4-3 to University Liggett School.

Moretz was named boys hockey Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

He was quick to point out he couldn’t have achieved the honor by himself.

“It’s all about the players that allowed this to happen,” Moretz said. “The Coach of the Year is nice, but I’m more proud of the kids and the way they responded.”

This year there are some new challenges for Moretz and his players. The Blue Devils had heavy graduation losses, including Division 3 All-State first-team players Keegan Spitz and Will Strickler. All-State defenseman Jake Spitz returns,

but the COVID-19 pandemic has put the season on hold for nearly two months.

“It’s been odd,” Moretz said. “We’ve never really had a chance to get going. We had tryouts, two practices and were shut back down. It’s been an emotional struggle for players and coaches to hang in there until we get the opportunity to start again.”

“We have a lot of new faces, younger players coming in, which makes it difficult. We weren’t able (to practice) during the summer and develop that chemistry and rapport with every player. It’ll be a tough start trying to get everybody on the same page. We have good leaders coming back. It’s a fresh start. A new beginning.”

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The COVID-19 pandemic made traditional volunteering through the University of Mount Union’s Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement undoubtedly difficult. Yet, 196 individuals participated in at least one of seven community service initiatives during the university’s fall semester. Among them was Grosse Pointe resident Lily Adams, who volunteered for to help restore the fencing at the Alliance Dog Park.



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### HERD:

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making sure everyone on the board is heard, as well as taking advantage of their various life experiences and strengths.

Also elected to officer positions were former president Margaret Weertz — who nominated Herd for the position — as vice president, Chris Lee as secretary and Colleen Worden as treasurer.

Among the most significant work facing the board, the school district slowly is returning to a face-to-face hybrid approach to learning, where half the class will come to the school building for in-person learning one day and the other half the next.

Young 5’s through grade 6 and special education students began the approach Jan. 4, and grades 7 and 8 began Jan. 11.

Grades 9 through 12, which Herd said will be a challenge because the spread of the disease seems to be more prevalent among the higher grades, are set to begin hybrid the week of Jan. 25.

“That’s going to be a test to see whether or not we have some success,” he said, “so we’re going to try to operate the plan that we have and do the very best we can with monitoring and making sure that we can balance education and safety.”

While the district initially planned to resume a hybrid approach to learning in December 2020, the delay came at the strong recommendation of the Wayne County Health Department, which recommended a start date of Jan. 15, instead.

“We’ve, for the most part, been very successful in not having a lot of problems with that transition, but of course we’ll always be aware of everything that’s occurring,” Herd said. “... It really is a balancing act and the balancing act is between trying to move us forward to face-to-face, but at the same time, being safe. Safety comes first, so that’s why, up to this point, we’ve gotten to where we are.”

The district’s approach to COVID-19 and plans for learning can be found on its website, [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org).

The board itself will resume meeting in person, Herd said, as soon as the governor gives permission.

In the search for a superintendent, the other significant current focus, the board was set to interview two search firms during a special meeting Wednesday, after first exploring five firms among a subgroup made up of Herd, Weertz and Ahmed Ismail. The determined firm will then conduct the superintendent search with input from the board and public.

A timeline for the search firm’s period to bring candidates forward is yet to be determined, Herd said, and he has yet to hear of any names being proposed within the district.

The search will be conducted nationwide, but does not mean a superintendent may not be chosen from this area.

In terms of characteristics, Herd is looking for a superintendent who is dynamic, trustworthy to the public, can effectively communicate what the district is working to accomplish, is familiar with educational best practices, has a wide berth of exposure and “who understands and appreciates the excellence that has occurred in our district and is intent upon carrying forth that with the vision that they bring.”

The board will decide on firmer requirements for a superintendent once the search firm is chosen, so it can walk the board through those decisions as experts in the field.

Among these focuses for Herd is bettering the communication among board members, as well as between board members and the community.

During his time on the board, he said, members have not fully lived up to the level of communication with the community its ethics policy expects, but has certainly worked toward it.

One such approach to improving communication is at least touching upon significant community concerns — such as getting kids back to in-person learning and the superintendent search — at the beginning of each meeting, so the public does not feel the issues are being ignored. He also plans to ask administration to give an update during an upcoming meeting of some of the steps the board has taken, with which the public can become reacquainted.

“I wholeheartedly believe in this district and the reason I believe in this district is my experience with my own children,” Herd said. “My children, in my opinion, have received a first-class education here. ... With that said, there’s always room to improve, but the education that we’ve received here, I’m extremely proud of and I’m proud of this school system.”



# Employee Assistance Grants

Employee Assistance Grants were made available by Senate Bill 748 and are designed to provide support to employees impacted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s Gathering and Face Mask Order that took effect Nov. 18.

Applications are open for submission now through 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25. Those who are eligible to apply for Employee Assistance Grants include employees of restaurants; hotels, motels, B&Bs and resorts; bars; food trucks; bowling alleys; theaters; nightclubs; golf courses; banquet halls; caterers; casinos; cafeterias; and other impacted industries.

Eligible recipients meeting all criteria — including personal and employer information, and proof of employment — and providing complete and accurate applications will be awarded assistance up to \$1,650. The award is taxable, but will not count against unemployment as income.

Emails confirming or denying applications will be sent no later than Friday, Feb. 26. Payments will be mailed from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury.

Employees from impacted industries may apply for the grants at [mrlaef.org/money](http://mrlaef.org/money) by clicking the “apply” button.

To receive help with the application process, call (855) 953-7396 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends. For more information, call (517) 377-3938 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or email [grants@mrlaef.org](mailto:grants@mrlaef.org).

*Information provided by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce*

# PPP assistance

The Paycheck Protection Program provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Small Business Association currently is offering PPP First Draw Loans for first-time program participants, as well as PPP Second Draw Loans, which began Jan. 13, for certain businesses who previously received a PPP loan.

For those who have questions, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce member Alan Lowenthal is offering 30 minutes of free consulting. He may be reached at his law office at (313) 618-7447 or [alan@lowenthallegal.com](mailto:alan@lowenthallegal.com).

# SUCCESS:

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boards are filled with cheese, charcuterie, fresh fruit, dried fruit, a signature dip, olives, nuts and sweets. Sizes include COVID-friendly minis, picnic boxes, small, medium and large. Custom boards are also available.

“Cheese + honey social media includes Instagram @cheeseandhoneymi as well Facebook at cheese + honey. You can reach me through direct message on Facebook or Instagram. ... An order request can be submitted by clicking on the link tree in my bio on both social outlets.”

## THE DOORMAT GALS

**Kenady Multer and Bianca Czarnocki**

Facebook & Instagram @TheDoormatGals (269) 924-8547

“(We) decided to start The Doormat Gals in November 2020. One night we were having a



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**Bianca Czarnocki, left, and Kenady Multer**

fun craft night and ended up making our own custom doormats. When we shared what we had made with our friends and family, they were requesting we make them one too. It was a hit!

“I’ve never been so crafty. With being home and not being able to do our normal activities, we definitely found new hobbies we could do to be safe, especially this.”

“This is now our fun side hustle that we love to make customized for each

and every customer. It is so fun to see the creativity within each mat. Kenady works full time in sales and Bianca in design. We make a fun team and spend a few nights a week or weekends getting your orders complete. It is a fun hobby for us that we love doing together. We have made custom doormats for businesses around the area, Realtors for closing gifts and many others to make their front porch a little bit more fabulous.”

## Special offer

Cute Sugar Boards and cheese + honey are joining together Valentine’s Day weekend for the ultimate valentine boards. Available Feb. 12 to 14, customers may enjoy the sweet and savory charcuterie boards together. Orders may be placed through cheese + honey’s link tree order request form or through direct contact. See Facebook or Instagram for the launch. Orders will be taken until Feb. 3, or until the number of available boards is reached. The 10.5-by-10.5-inch cheese + honey board with a 5-by-5-inch insert from Cute Sugar Board costs \$95.



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**Michelle Nix of cheese + honey and Ashlynn Dennis of Cute Sugar Boards hold a charcuterie board that combines sweet and savory treats, a special promotion just for Valentine’s Day.**

# OPEN:

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Facebook.

“It’s been great,” Mui said. “People are really happy that we have so many different choices and so many different styles of food. I’ve never heard anything negative and hopefully I don’t.”

Many members of the community have taken advantage of the new restaurant opening, even if

it is limited to carryout.

“A lot of the neighborhood people have come by and introduced themselves,” Mui said. “They have come here to say, ‘Hey, we’ve been here four or five times already.’ (In the) first week, some guy came here three times.”

Michigan restaurants currently are set to reopen for indoor dining Monday, Feb. 1.

When asked what he was most excited about

by opening for in-house dining, Mui said: “To see faces.”

Alma Kitchen’s indoor setup is fully equipped with movable “COVID shields” — devices crafted by Mui himself — so tables may be rearranged. The restaurant also will offer a full-service bar.

Alma Kitchen is located at 15402 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Call (313) 771-0771 or visit [mialmakitchen.com](http://mialmakitchen.com).

# Grosse Pointe News

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## CONTEST DETAILS

Artists, please submit by February 1, 2021 at 5:00pm:

1. Three photos of recent sample works
2. A CV or professional bio
3. A description of up to 250 words regarding your vision or intention for your contest submission.

Submission forms available online.

10 Finalists will be chosen (and notified by February 8th) to receive \$500 for materials to create their submission piece.

Finalists will submit photos of their completed works on April 30th, 2021 by noon. A winner will be announced on May 20, 2021 in the Grosse Pointe News.

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To be considered, please submit materials at: [www.grossepointenews.com/art](http://www.grossepointenews.com/art)





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## A taste of the outdoors

### Local restaurants get creative amid dining option restrictions

By Patrick J. Andrzejczyk  
Special Writer

Restaurants in the Grosse Pointes and beyond are finding creative ways to safely serve customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using outdoor dining options like patios and terraces, as well as partnering with delivery services, businesses from Kercheval to the Nautical Mile are giving diners the chance to enjoy eating out again, even if it isn't indoors.

Del Sagnes of Red Crown Restaurant in Grosse Pointe Park said he converted the parking lot to a patio last year.

"We have an uncovered patio section," Sagnes said, "and we have a fire pit dining area. We also have 20 tables that are under a roofed tent."

The tents, he said, are heated with patio heaters or radiant heat from above.

In addition to outdoor dining, he also said Red Crown has been experimenting with family meal packs and holiday dinners for takeout.

"We have regular family meal packs that feed four for order on our website," he said. "And coming up



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The domes on the patio at WaterMark Bar and Grille glow in the evening.

we'll do packs for Valentine's Day.

"We did holiday family meal packs for Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day," he added. "They were very successful. There's definitely a demand for it."

Not all area restaurants have met the challenges of the pandemic with the same strategy. Cadieux Café closed in March 2020, opened again in July, then closed yet again in November, owner John Rutherford said.

Those previous shutdowns last year gave him

the opportunity to do extensive renovations, like restoring the cafe's original 1920s maple hardwood floors and its feather-bowling lanes.

"We added an outdoor bar (The Garage Bar)," Rutherford said, "and a 5,000-square-foot biergarten, with ample room for social distancing."

"On top of that, we have 10 propane heating devices and four large fire pits."

Rutherford said he plans to reopen with a full menu when government mandates allow.

"The community has been very supportive," he said, "and we look forward to serving full capacity in the future."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Gatherings and Face Mask Emergency Order mandating the closure of indoor dining at bars and restaurants throughout the state was set to expire Jan. 15, but was extended to Feb. 1, meaning businesses that have struggled during the coronavirus outbreak will have to wait longer to reopen their kitchens and bars for diners and partiers again.

Atwater in the Park

President Mark Rieth said the state restrictions have hampered business.

"It makes it very difficult, but we adapt and plan on having a great second half of the year."

For now, Rieth said there is no limited menu for takeout orders and for thirsty patrons Atwater offers a heated outdoor bar and biergarten under a tent.

"We have a heated tent and a heated outdoor bar with seating as well," Rieth said. "We also offer carry out with online ordering."

Other restaurants are finding it more difficult to adapt to the changes brought by the state shutdown mandate. Louie Rapotos, owner of Mack Avenue Grille, said they're in survival mode.

"It's still the fear of the unknown," Rapotos said. "We don't know what's going to happen."

Regular Grille patrons might remember the business had a patio for use last summer.

"We did have outdoor dining on a patio back in the summertime," Rapotos said.

He was not able to put up a shelter for winter, he said, but he did manage to secure two plastic igloos from a generous donor.

"We do have an igloo put out there on Monday (Jan. 4) as a dry run," he said. "We have one igloo



Customers toast the New Year in a heated tent at Red Crown.

that holds up to six people on the patio in front of the restaurant and there is room for one more."

Rapotos said customers should visit mackavenuegrille.com to reserve 90-minute time slots in advance, as space is limited.

"(Outdoor dining) is another thing to make sure that people don't forget about us, another potential revenue source to have our waitresses rotate to try to make some income," Rapotos said. "We've gotten nothing through Paycheck Protection Program. It's difficult. It's getting dire."

On a more positive note, Rapotos said he's partnered with a local delivery service provider, DinnerAtYourDoorstep, to keep things running.

DinnerAtYourDoorstep is owned by Justin Awdish, a certified chef with 30 years of experience in the restaurant industry.

"We currently have over 40 restaurants that we deliver for," Awdish said. "We're constantly adding more."

Awdish, a resident of Grosse Pointe, said DinnerAtYourDoorstep only works with locally owned restaurants and doesn't deliver for corporate chains or franchises unless the franchisee is local to the area. Customers can place order at dinneratyourdoorstep.com/.

Like Rapotos, Dave Harden of the Butter Run Saloon in St. Clair Shores also opted to use igloos for outdoor dining.

"We've got four igloos; they aren't heated at the present time," he said, "but we have some on back order and I hope to have them in soon."

As for whether it gets chilly in the igloos, Harden said a few people have canceled, but also

many customers find once they get inside the 12-foot diameter shelters, their body heat makes it more comfortable.

For outdoor diners or takeout customers, Harden said Butter Run has the same menu.

"We were doing first come, first served for a while, but after 3 p.m. you do have to have reservations," he said.

He's not optimistic about the indoor dining mandate being lifted, but for now, Harden said he and his staff are making do.

"We're doing OK on the weekends, but we're probably down 75 percent from where we'd normally be this time of year."

Charlie Brown, owner of Cellar 313 in Grosse Pointe Park, said the shutdown has affected his business as well.

"We have absolutely been impacted," Brown said. "We are doing our very best to stay afloat and hope we are able to open our wine bar and dining room soon."

He said Cellar 313 expanded its outdoor patio and offers fleece blankets and heaters for customers.

"We also offer curbside pick-up of our entire menu — wine and cocktails too," he said.

The shutdown has forced Brown and his team to get creative.

"We launched charcuterie boards in cardboard pizza boxes at the start of the pandemic and it's gone very well," he said. "We also catered a small corporate event over the holiday."

The Bricks Pizzeria's executive chef Trenton Chamberlain said while it does not have outdoor dining currently, it does have convenient takeout times from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

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Da Edoardo's patio is open 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations are required for a table under the heated tent on the patio. Customers are allotted 90 minutes per reservation.



Dr. Deb Wright, City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge and Will Ethridge dine in a dome at City Kitchen.



Customers of Atwater in the Park may dine and drink in a heated tent in the establishment's biergarten.

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# Mini Picassos faces closure

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

*“All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” — Pablo Picasso*

Providing children a place to explore their creativity is a joy for Grosse Pointe Park resident Katy Wereley. However, the owner of Mini Picassos in Harper Woods is close to shuttering the art studio, which has faced lean times since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now is when art classes should boom, Wereley said, as art is a creative outlet that helps children deal with trying times.

“Art is a way for children to express what they’re feeling and how they are feeling without having to verbalize it,” she said. “It releases all that tension, anxiety, anger. Now more than ever it’s needed in the current climate with all we’re going through. ... It’s important not only to have a creative outlet, but a way for kids to get together with other kids who are like-minded and creative, where they get to confer and challenge each other.”

Mini Picassos, which started in 2015, offers afterschool art classes at



Katy Wereley is all smiles behind her mask during a Mini Picassos class.

*“Others have seen what is and asked why. I have seen what could be and asked why not.” — Pablo Picasso*

the studio and most of the elementary schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as well as painting parties, art camps, birthday parties and other workshops. Pre-COVID, the studio hosted 15 to 18 children per class; since

the pandemic, classes have been limited to eight students at a time. Wereley hasn’t hosted art in the schools, which welcomed around 30 students at six buildings, in nearly a year.

“We were shut down for a really long time and not able to host camps,” she said, noting typically 10 to 12 camps occur in the summer. “We only hosted two this summer, but we had to find outdoor space and we hired extra people to be on top of the kids to make sure they were socially distanced.”

Wereley saw a glimmer of hope right before the start of the school year, but camps were shut down four weeks in, she said.

“I’m at the make-or-

break point,” she added. “I’ve lost 90 percent of my revenue. ... We’re at the point now if I don’t get enough kids in classes, I’ll have to close the doors.”

Under current restrictions, Mini Picassos can teach up to 10 children per class and Wereley said she’s adding more classes to the studio’s repertoire. She said she understands why people are hesitant to participate due to health concerns.

“We follow protocol,” she said. “We wear masks and are spaced apart. We’re in a smaller space, but we can properly distance the kids with 10.”

The studio’s next round of classes is scheduled to begin in February. Both in-person and virtual options are available, as are one-day workshops for families who want to test the waters.

*“Everything you can imagine is real.” — Pablo Picasso*

## Current classes

- ◆ Painting Club — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Feb. 6 to March 13, for kindergarten through eighth grade. Cost is \$150 per child.
- ◆ Tuesday or Thursday Art Club — 4 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 2 to March 9, or Thursdays, Feb. 4 to March 11, for kindergarten through fifth grade. Cost is \$145 per child.
- ◆ Valentine Making Workshop — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, for kindergarten through eighth grade. Cost is \$20 per person.
- ◆ Zoom Art Parties — Cost is \$20 per person and includes kits for each partygoer. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve a date.

Registration is required a week in advance of each class. To register, visit [minipicassosstudio.com](http://minipicassosstudio.com).

mother, Heather, who was an art teacher more than 30 years.

“When you have a small business, it’s like a kid; this is my fourth child,” she said. “... I really hope we can get back to normal soon. As small business owners, there are people aching. It’s all coming to a head, not just for me, but for a lot of small businesses.”



Masked Mini Picasso students show their creativity during class.



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A Mini Picassos student masks up for class.

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# Victorian valentines spread messages of love, kindness

In the days of social distancing and limited gatherings, when family and friends connect through video conferencing rather than a hug or handshake, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society has devised a unique way to share with that special someone they're missed, loved, valued.

The society is selling Victorian valentine kits, available at Rainy Day Art & Framing, 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"They're a way of passing love to each other in these dismal times," said Izzy Donnelly, who helped create the kits with society President Ann Eatherly, Secretary Sue Lewandowski, past board member Kay Burt-Willson and volunteer Victoria Szambelan. "They're cute and lovely and people get to be creative. It takes their mind off what's going on in the world."

The kits sell for \$15 each and contain six envelopes, six cards and an assortment of Victorian-themed stickers, bows and doilies.

"We created these Victorian valentine kits for kit-buyers to make valentines to send to people they love — or to people they just like a little bit," Eatherly said, adding that she and Donnelly came up with the kits while brainstorming a way to bring joy to people during COVID-19 restrictions.

"Izzy is the genius behind all this," Eatherly said. "She designed the cards and sourced the materials."

Not only will the sale of the kits bring revenue to the non-profit Historical Society, "but we hope it brings traffic to Rainy Day," Donnelly said.

A limited supply of kits is available, just in time for Valentine's Day.

"It's just an idea people can



Example of a Victorian valentine.

use to say hello to other folks without being in the same room," Eatherly said. "It can be used as a springboard for making valentines to send to people they think could use some sweetness or kindness ... a way to say 'I love you.'"

For more information, call Rainy Day at (313) 881-6305.

— Jody McVeigh



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From left, Grosse Pointe Historical Society President Ann Eatherly, past board member Kay Burt-Willson and Izzy Donnelly share the love with Victorian valentine kits.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Marie Horak and Adrien Carlier present "Surviving WWII and working in the Belgium Underground." Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for

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information. To join the meeting via Zoom, email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### The Helm

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

- ◆ Art and Wellness: Acrylic Painting Class, via email, Wednesdays, Feb. 3 to 24, with instructor Michelle Nunley of On the Gogh Studio. Cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Registration is required.
- ◆ Medicare counseling, free to members and non-members, via telephone or videoconferencing. Email [mfrench@helmlife.org](mailto:mfrench@helmlife.org) to

### Toastmasters

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

### NAMI

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

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# OBITUARIES

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## Gertrude Mae Bruce Nickerson

Gertrude “Trudy” Mae Bruce Nickerson (nee Estey), of Prescott, Ariz., passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, in her sleep.

Trudy was born Nov. 10, 1929, in St. Helena, Calif. The youngest of five children, she grew up at the tail end of the Great Depression. Her father built the house in which she spent her childhood years, in Paso Robles, Calif. The Esteys felt the Depression as hard as many, but Trudy’s father always made sure the family survived together, working farms, livestock and building bridges. Trudy was impacted greatly during those formative years and was always a frugal person who could make a dollar stretch further than one could imagine. This served her throughout her life, as the Bruces always lived in service to others and, while they worked hard, they were only ever wealthy in friends and family.

Trudy was predeceased by her two oldest brothers, John Erno Estey and Duke Estey; father of her children and loving husband of 44 years, from 1947 to1990, John “JB” Bruce; second loving husband of 29 years, from 1991 to 2020, Paul Nickerson; and great-

granddaughter, Vivian Lake Cotton. Trudy is survived by her two older sisters, Lutha Owens, 97, and Aileen Edwards, 96; three children, Sandy Calhoun (Art) of Prescott, Shery Bruce Cotton of Grosse Pointe Park and Edward Bruce (Doris) of Metamora; seven grandchildren, Heidi Calhoun Rathbun, Ian Bruce (Samantha), Jon Cotton, Michael Cotton (Lisa), Nathaniel Bruce, Sean Cotton (Nancy) and Strad Calhoun; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Trudy married her first husband, John “JB” Bruce, in December 1947. JB enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941, and served as a World War II fighter pilot in the Pacific theater. Trudy and JB met after the war at La Sierra University, where JB attended college on the GI Bill. The son of sharecroppers, JB was part of the first generation in his family to attend college. Trudy and JB were married less than three months after they met and almost immediately started a family. They settled in Ridgecrest, Calif., where JB worked as a civilian physicist for the U.S. Navy and later as a high school math teacher when he felt the calling to teach for the Adventist Academy.

The Bruces were staunch Christians in the Seventh Day Adventist Church that was the cen-

ter of their life. Trudy loved the church community, which was very important to her, and served in several capacities of church life over the years. With family and friends as the most important parts of her life, she loved life to the fullest. Her favorite days were spent playing games with her church family, inviting everyone over on Saturdays. She loved to laugh and make people feel welcome in her home.

Trudy is missed by her family and friends and remembered with love and fondness.

## Christine Marilyn Nicholl

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Christine “Chris” Marilyn Nicholl (nee Dosmas) passed away suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. Born Feb. 25, 1951, she was 69.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Charles Nicholl; children, veterinarian Dr. Laura Nicholl of Hawaii and Jonathan Nicholl of Cleveland; stepchildren, Kim Nicholl Kusch (Chris) of St. Clair Shores and Samuel “Rob” Nicholl (Sara) of Grosse Pointe Woods; grandchildren, Abby and CJ Kusch, Delilah Nicholl; brother, Douglas Dosmas (Kathy); nephew, James Dosmas; and grandnephew, Benny.



Gertrude M. Nickerson

Chris also is survived by her infant grandchild, Ryder, born Dec. 18, 2020. She was predeceased by her parents, Orlo Dosmas and Helen Dosmas (nee Runner).

Chris graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1968. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Michigan State University in 1972, and became a registered nurse. She later attended Wayne State University, where she earned a Master of Science in Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing and Administration degree in 1985.

Chris worked at several hospitals in the Detroit area, as many consolidated over time, including Deaconess Evangelical Women’s Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Sisters of Mercy Hospital and Grace Hospital. Her many positions included head nurse, director of medical/surgical nursing, director of education services, director of clinical programs and director of human resource services. In 1992, Chris found her home at Henry Ford Health System Home Care, where she served in many positions, finally as director of clinical



Christine M. Nicholl

cal services and quality systems. Chris loved HFHS because of the people with whom she worked. Although she retired in 2018, she continued to work part time at HFHS Home Care.

Chris loved her children, attending all their school events and games and offering her opinions and cheers from the stands. Later in her children’s lives, she talked to them almost daily. She also loved to read, cook, play golf with her husband and vacation at her condominium on Crooked Lake in Northern Michigan. She spent many happy weeks there in the condo and on the lake.

In addition, Chris loved her gardens. Her backyard in the Farms was covered in colorful flowers from spring until fall. Her tomato garden supplied enough tomatoes to last through the next season. Her Up North garden added color to the lake and more tomatoes. She also grew zucchini, beans, lettuce, strawberries and herbs. Potted plants were brought into the house to add cheerful color during winter.

Chris loved the Detroit Athletic Club and attended many events with her husband, Charlie, in more than 45 years of membership.

Her family said Chris was a strong, independent woman who greeted everyone with a smile, kindness, good humor and a twinkle in her eyes; she will be missed by many.

Memorial donations may be made to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, ltbhs.com; or Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, ffgppl.org; or Alanson Area Public Library, joomla.uproc.lib.mi.us/alanson.

## Elizabeth Eleanor Marsh

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Elizabeth Eleanor Marsh (nee Kerr; Köcsis) died suddenly Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, nine days shy of her 80th birthday, due to a severe head injury sustained in a fall Christmas Eve.

Eleanor was born Jan. 21, 1941, in Giffnock, Scotland, to Frank and Rose Kerr. In 1949, she emigrated with her parents and older brother, Peter, to Frankston, Australia, where her sister, Rosemary, was born.

After graduation from high school, Eleanor worked as a teller at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. She then attended nursing school and became a registered nurse at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Melbourne, where she worked in the neurosurgical unit with Dr. Frank Morgan and colleagues.

Eleanor moved to Sydney in 1963, where she was a ward sister in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital under Matron Nelson and worked for Dr. Frank Mills’ team in the general surgery D4 surgical unit. There, in 1965,



Elizabeth E. Marsh

she met and married Dr. Harold Michael Marsh, the true love of her life.

After the couple lived several years abroad during Michael’s residency at the Mayo Clinic, they returned to Sydney, where their three children were born. In 1974, Eleanor and Michael moved to Rochester, Minn., where they raised their family on Cairnbrae Farms. In Rochester, Eleanor worked briefly as a registered nurse before going into arts management. She managed the Rochester Civic Theater and served as general manager of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, succeeding her good friend, Marianne Segura, and aiding Maestro Jere Lantz, its artistic director and conductor.

When Michael moved to Detroit in 1989, Eleanor remained in Rochester to close their affairs and aid their youngest daughter, Lexie, in completing high school, and moved to Grosse Pointe in 1990. Eleanor and Michael made their home in Grosse Pointe more than 30 years, twice as long as Eleanor had lived anywhere else.

In Detroit, Eleanor again was active in civic affairs and the arts. She served as board president and later advisor at The Greening of Detroit; president and member of Ibex; member of the Daughters of the British Empire; board member of the Ecology Center; avid supporter of Planned Parenthood; and numerous other clubs and organizational committees.

Eleanor’s wide circle of acquaintances among Michigan arts and foundation executives, many of whom had also worked in Minnesota and met her there, served her well in all aspects of aid to her chosen organizations.

Eleanor is survived by her devoted spouse of 55 years, Michael; loving children, Dr. H. Nicholas Marsh (Dr. Julia Brain), Libby Marsh (Adam Sopko) and Lexie Marsh (Bob Regan); adoring grandchildren, Hannah and Libby Regan, Xavier Marsh and Beatrice and Nora Sopko; and siblings, Peter and Rosemary.

Eleanor was a force to be reckoned with and leaves an enduring legacy of strength, courage and persistence to those who knew her, her family said. They will remember her always as a true light for justice, compassion and love.

Due to COVID-19, a small family ceremony will be held in coming days, followed by a larger celebration of life gathering when circumstances allow.

Donations in Eleanor’s honor may be made to The Greening of Detroit, greeningofdetroit.com; or Planned Parenthood, plannedparenthood.org; or an organization of the donor’s choice that Eleanor supported.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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## Kenneth Arthur Koch

Kenneth Arthur Koch, 67, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2021. He was born November 22, 1953 in Detroit to Arthur and Dorothy Koch (née Stöff).

Ken grew up in East Detroit and was a long-time resident of St. Clair Shores. Ken was a graduate of East Detroit High School and the University of Michigan, where he studied engineering and graduated with a degree in Economics and Finance. Ken worked at his family’s business, Michigan Wire Die Company, which his grandfather founded in 1931. Ken enjoyed working with his father and sister Karen, as well as cousins and uncles, throughout his tenure. When Ken’s father passed in 1994, he continued to work at Michigan Wire Die under new ownership (MNP Corporation) until his retirement in 2012. He and a friend also had a landscaping business for many years.

Ken was devoted to his family and cherished spending time with them. He had a deep love for his wife, Cindy--they were together for 38 years. He was so proud of his son Jeff, daughter-in-law Lisa and his adored granddaughters, Sylvia and Annika. When he spoke about his granddaughters, his face and eyes lit up. He treasured spending time and holidays with them, especially Christmas when they helped decorate the tree, hang ornaments, and, for a prize, searched for the off-colored light on the tree. He smiled ear-to-ear while showing off his big colored lights and giving the history of the Santa collection.

His sisters, Kathie and Karen, were precious to him, and he was so supportive of them and their children. Everyone’s go-to guy, they trusted his wise advice. He would always help and share his knowledge patiently with all, especially his nieces and nephews. They came to him for financial planning assistance, and afterwards he and Cindy treated to tacos and beer at a local eatery--it was always a special time. He loved family parties and talking with everyone, and with such a wide variety of interests, he could speak articulately about any topic.

Ken was knowledgeable about so many things. He always wanted to learn and made time to do it. His tremendous intellect and quick wit held everyone captive and laughing. His stories and comments are legendary--people call them “Kenisms”. Cindy would say “I’m glad you think you’re so funny”, and he would just keep laughing. When Ken walked into a gathering with his cooler of Yuengling or Miller High Life, everyone

knew the party was about to begin!

His interests included cars (he loved to work on them with his buddies, and he even tricked out his mom’s red Mustang without permission when she was away for a weekend!), golf (including guys’ trips to Arizona and the Carolinas), landscaping, cooking, rock music, jigsaw puzzles, and working in his tool room, building and fixing just about anything.



Ken shared interests and maintained a special bond with many very close friends; they have stayed in contact across years and miles (many had been friends since childhood). In later years, retirement provided him with more time for his hobbies, and he truly enjoyed his special time with Cindy watching Hallmark Christmas movies (even shedding a tear most times!)

Ken was an avid Detroit Lions fan; his season tickets had been passed down from his Grandpa Koch to his father and then to him (since 1934). Watching the games, he sat on his dad’s knee when he was five years old and had been a committed fan ever since. He had some of the best seats on the field. He looked forward to attending the games with his buddies, and they watched many of the away games together.

Ken loved to plan and travel with Cindy; he researched each location’s history before every trip. They had a goal to see the country’s beauty and visit all of the National Parks--they made it to 47. Florida was a favorite winter spot to visit special friends and relatives. He especially liked Key West where he made dear friends and enjoyed renting bikes to get around town. Family trips to Higgins Lake were always a summer treat; in more recent years, he enjoyed spending time there with the Manninos, Jeff, Lisa and the girls. He treasured summer trips to the Adirondacks in New York to visit

Cindy’s cousins, working on the family train that surrounds their property, refurbishing a late 19th century home, and sitting at the bonfire near the lake, planning the next day’s events and enjoying the stars for hours on end.

Ken loved the water so much so that he and Cindy chose to live in a condo on Lake St. Clair with a beautiful deck. All winter, he looked forward to spring when he could resume sitting on his deck in the early morning, listening to WJR, reading his finance magazines, and chatting with neighbors. When the wind would pick up, he would leave and see if the neighbor needed assistance with the flower garden. He loved working around the condominium complex doing landscaping tasks and making repairs, and he always helped so humbly. People would remark that he always looked handsome and well put-together, even in his t-shirt and flip flops. Ken was always a gentleman, holding Cindy’s hand when they walked, encouraging his family, and ready to help anyone in need. He loved so many, who will miss him greatly--his memory and the impact he made will live on in their hearts forever.

Ken is survived by his beloved wife Cynthia (nee Carron), son Jeffrey (Lisa), granddaughters Sylvia and Annika. He is also survived by siblings Katherine (Edward Mannino) and Karen (John LoFrano), as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and very close friends. Ken was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Dorothy.

The Carron family was also an important part of his life; he was predeceased by his father-in-law Patrick Carron and is survived by his mother-in-law Genevieve as well as Cindy’s brothers and sisters: Ronald (Pam), Deborah (Greg Nelson), Brian (Jane), David (Mary), Richard (Macaire), Patrick (Sarah), Anita (Paul Schmitter), and Michael (Gretchen).

Uncle Ken was loved by his 39 nieces and nephews, and 13 great-nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass is taking place on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM at our Lady Star of the Sea church in Grosse Pointe Woods Michigan, for family and close friends. Due to COVID-19, there will not be a viewing prior to Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed at www.olsos.org. Interment will take place at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207, www.solanuscasy.org.



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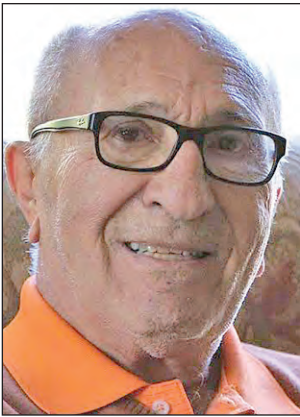
Robert John Valice, D.D.S.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Robert John Valice, 82, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021.

He was the beloved husband of 58 years to Irene (nee Kuznia); loving father of Steven (Tammy), Brian (Julie), Dr. James (Kim), Linda Heslop (John) and Dr. Robert (Amanda); proud grandfather (“Papa”) of Nick, John, Matt, Jack, Cassie, Bella, Evans, Alex, Kyle, Frank, Chris, Jimmy, Nicholas, Steven, Lucas and Charlotte; dear brother of the late Margaret Rossi; dear brother-in-law of the late Edward Kuznia (Suzie), John Kuznia and Raymond Kuznia (Maria); and loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Florence and Frank Valice, and parents-in-law, Irene and Edward Kuznia.

Robert proudly served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He later graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School, specializing in endodontics. He practiced dentistry 43 years, opened many offices in the metropolitan Detroit area and retired at 71.

“Doc” Valice had a passion for golf and played



Robert John Valice, DDS

in tournaments and for fun around the world. “Coach Valice” coached many excellent hockey teams several years for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

He was a former member of The Children’s Charity at Adios, Essex Golf & Country Club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Fiddlesticks Country Club in Ft. Myers, Fla., and Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was a 25-year member and past president of the St. John Hopsital and Medical Center Guild.

A private service for Dr. Valice was held. A Celebration of Life service will take place at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Special Olympics, specialolympics.org; or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, stjude.org.

Share memories with the family online at [guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com](http://guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com).



Catherine Delozier-Auld

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Catherine “Kate” Delozier-Auld died unexpectedly Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, in Boynton Beach, Fla. Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, she was 45.

Kate is survived by her husband, David Auld; brother, Donald “Chip” Delozier (Elaine); aunts, Barbara Burke and Mary Kate Stephenson (Rick); uncle, Thomas O’Connor (Susan); and many cousins. She was predeceased by her parents, Margaret “Peggy” Delozier and Donald “Rip” Delozier.

Kate attended Monteith Elementary School, Parcels Middle School and Our Lady Star of the Sea School. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1993.

As a child, Kate appeared in the 1983 sports drama film “Tiger Town,” the first television film produced for the Disney Channel.



Barbara Jean Flood

A 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University, Kate earned a degree in public relations. She moved to Chicago and pursued a career first with Ralph Lauren and Gucci, then in fine jewelry with Tiffany & Co. and Cartier.

Having always wanted to live by the beach and sunshine, Kate moved to Florida and pursued her passion for cosmetology. She attended the Boca Beauty Academy and was a cosmetologist at Cloud 10 Blow Dry Bar & Beauty Salon in Delray.

From city to city, Kate had an endless number of friends. She lived life to the fullest and said she built her life by design. Kate’s laughter was constant and contagious. She had an adventurous spirit and a great sense of humor.

Kate loved her family and friends deeply; her friends were her family.

A small celebration in Kate’s honor will be held this summer.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to [kevinssong.org](http://kevinssong.org).

Barbara Jean Flood

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Barbara Jean Flood, 85, passed away Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at Advantage Living Center in Harper Woods. She was born Aug. 25, 1935, in Detroit, to David C. and Jeanne Ann (nee Pendlebury) Lowe, both now deceased.

Raised in Grosse Pointe, Barbara was a proud graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. She attended Colby-Sawyer College and the University of Michigan, where she ultimately earned a bachelor’s degree.

A homemaker who cared for her family and raised her children, Barbara embarked on her career as a successful Realtor after her children were grown. She was the Women’s Council of Realtors’ 1988 Member of the Year and member of the Prudential Grosse Pointe Real Estate Million Dollar Club from 1989 to 1994. She also achieved a success rate of 95 to 98 percent in the leasing of housing units at Harbortown.

Barbara participated in many organizations, including the Women’s Council of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Board of

Realtors, Grosse Pointe Women’s Club, Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Assistance League, Older Wiser Learning Still, a/k/a O.W.L.S., and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Volunteer Program.

Barbara enjoyed reading, cooking for her family, playing bridge with friends and spending time in her garden. In warmer months, she enjoyed lying in the sun by the pool.

A woman of many talents and accomplishments, Barbara will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

Barbara was the loving mother of Jennifer Flood, David Flood, Elizabeth Cocozzo (Rich), Pamela Flood and Christopher Flood (Kell); dear grandmother of Andrea (Andrew), Sarah, Nicole, Jayne, Katie, Sara, Michael (fiancee Elise), Kyle, Lubov, Kaija and Keegan; beloved sister-in-law of Anita McCarty; and aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Donald McCarty.

Private services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Barbara’s name may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).

Arrangements are entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park.

DINING:

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Tuesdays through Saturdays.

“(We don’t have) delivery service as we really try to focus on having customers pick up the pizza as soon as possible,” Chamberlain said. “Our pizza is best eaten 5 minutes out of the oven.”

Despite being takeout only, Chamberlain said business is OK. “We’re making the best out of the coronavirus.”

“The Bricks was built on a plan that really is an experience when you eat here,” he added.

Unlike The Bricks, Chick Taylor of City Kitchen in the City of Grosse Pointe said his restaurant does offer outdoor dining.

“We just recently put up dining pods,” he said. “They’re clear, plastic domes that are heated and can fit up to six people.”

At WaterMark Bar and Grille on the Nautical Mile, manager Cindy Methric said the establishment has installed similar outdoor dining facilities for customers.

“We have igloos that are outside on a patio deck that overlooks the water,” she said.

Seating up to six people, they are heated, she said, but recommends customers dress for the weather, since the igloos aren’t room temperature inside.

“There’s 90 minutes allowed in the igloos,” Methric said, “because we use the other half hour to sanitize them. You can go to [watermarkigloos.com](http://watermarkigloos.com) (to book online).”

While outdoor dining has been a useful way to keep customers’ options open, being on the waterfront presents unique challenges during the winter.

“Being down here on the water,” Methric said, “there’s an old, 1950s stigma that everything is closed now. We’re trying to turn that stigma around. We are open all year round. It’s just as beautiful in the winter with the snow coming down over the water as it is in the summertime.”

For a full list of local restaurants offering outdoor dining and other special services, visit [grossepointechamber.com/business-districts/restaurants-pickup-delivery/](http://grossepointechamber.com/business-districts/restaurants-pickup-delivery/).

The Back Lot: A dining destination

For those planning a northern getaway, whether going on a weekend ski trip or planning to spend winter at the cottage, there’s a spot in downtown Petoskey that shouldn’t be missed.

The Back Lot offers a full lineup of draft beer, wine and cider, as well as an extensive craft beer menu and all the spirits and cocktails one can handle.

The establishment, owned by former Grosse Pointe residents David and Missy Meikle, proudly supports Michigan-made beers, ciders and spirits.

Its outdoor beer garden is complemented by an assortment of food trucks, each offering its



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Plenty of outdoor seating is available at the Back Lot in Petoskey.

own street food and picnic-style menu.

“You can keep warm by the cozy fire with a hot chocolate or a spicy jalapeno margarita,” Missy Meikle said. “We also have the best beer lineup in town!”

Winter bar hours are noon to 9 p.m. Thursday

through Monday; it’s closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Visit The Back Lot at 425 Michigan St., Petoskey, MI 49770.

For more information, call (231) 881-9933, email [info@backlotpetoskey.com](mailto:info@backlotpetoskey.com) or visit [thebacklotpetoskey.com](http://thebacklotpetoskey.com).

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# Comics

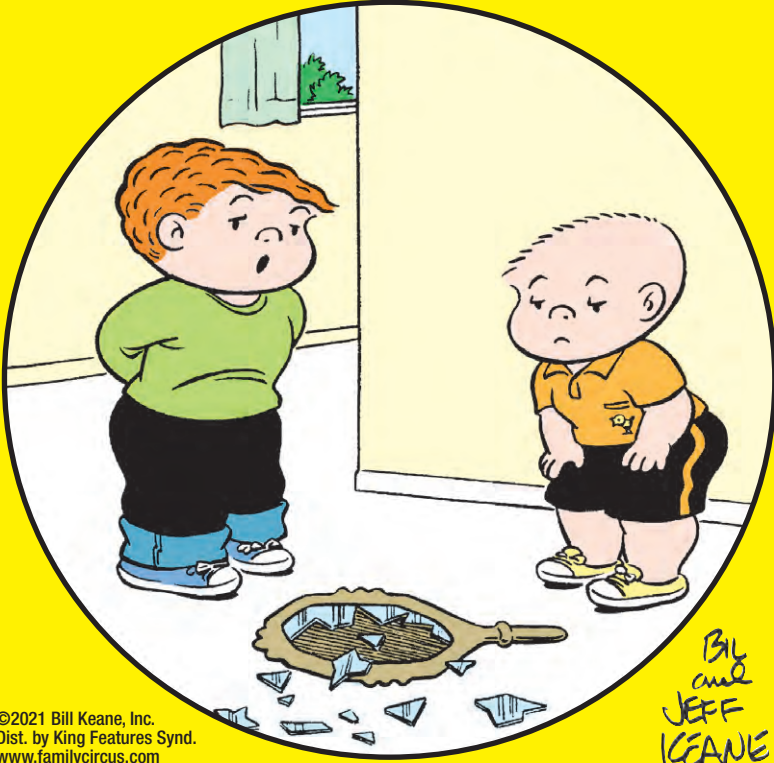
Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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"Y'know, I think one of us is gonna end up in our room over this."

Dilbert

Scott Adams



Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



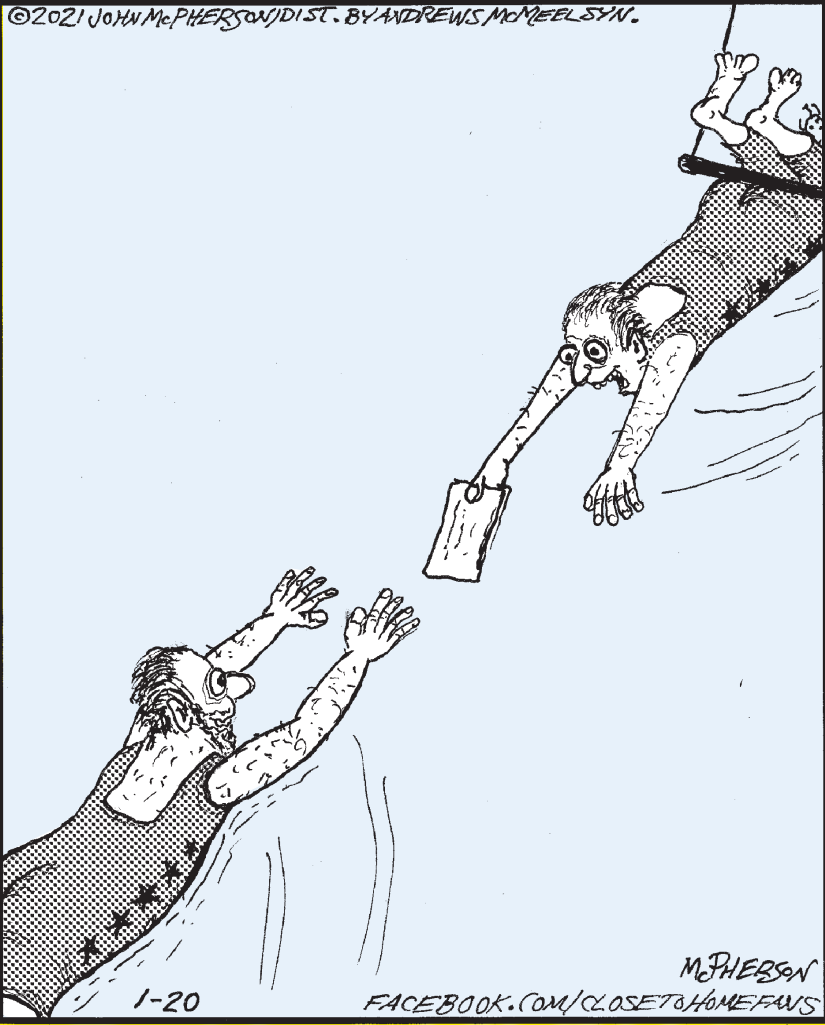
Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Close To Home

John McPherson



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"Sorry to have to do this, Nick, but... you've been served!"

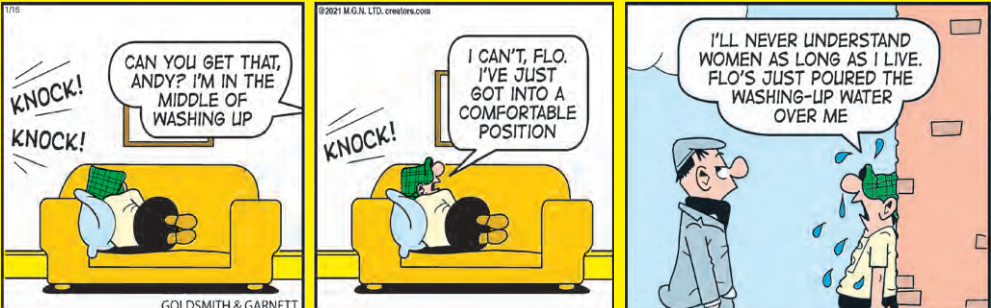
Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



Marmaduke

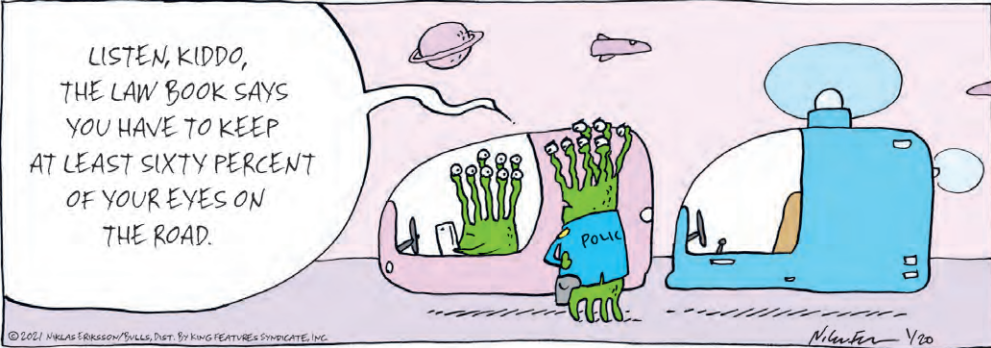
Paul & Brad Anderson



"Dog years does not mean you get seven birthday parties every year."

Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



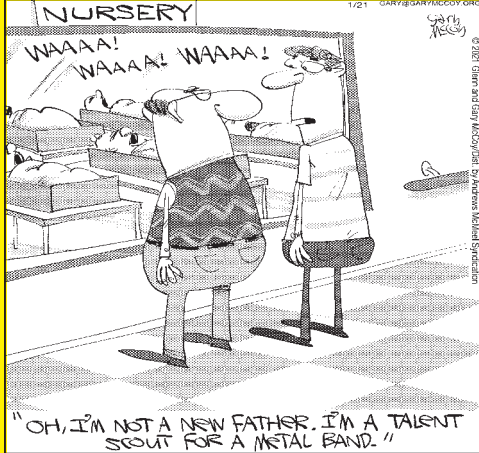
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Flying McCoys

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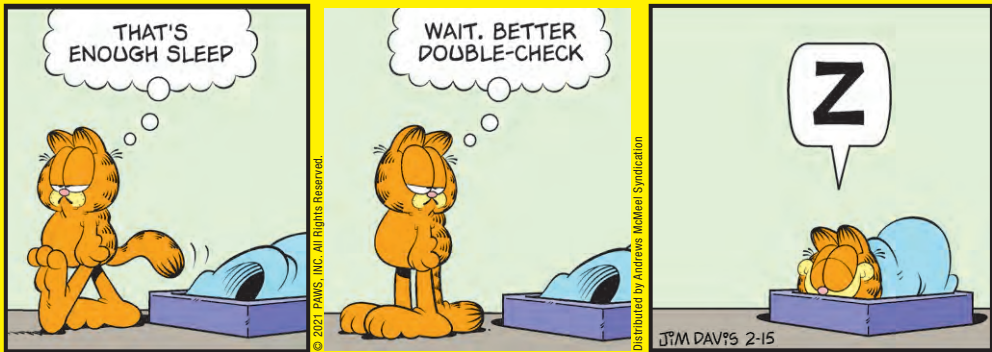




# and Puzzles

## Garfield

Jim Davis



## Hagar The Horrible

Dick Browne and Chris Browne



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



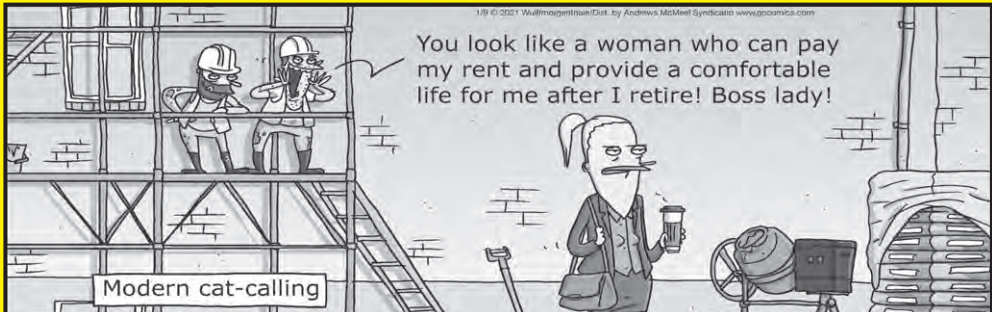
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Tony Carrillo



## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



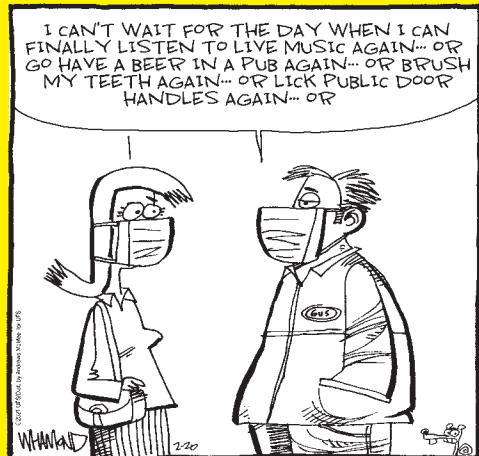
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Mike Peters



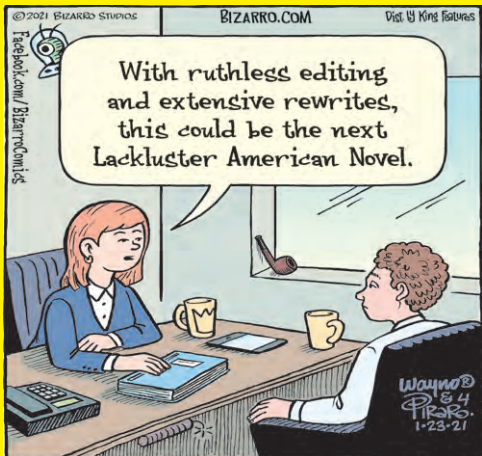
## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

### Previous puzzle solution

8	1	6	7	3	2	4	9	5
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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 21, 2021

### ACROSS

- Flat-topped hills of the Southwest
- Band with a museum in Stockholm
- Device downloads
- Put forth, as effort
- Troubles
- Chowder chunk
- Speak vaguely
- Adobe abode, perhaps
- See
- 38-Across
- Title boxer of a 2001 biopic
- Election participant
- Fragrant purple shrub
- 5, for 125
- Barry with the hit song "Mandy"
- Stereotypical mathlete
- Unskilled
- In an unfriendly manner
- Amt. based on 100
- With
- 20-Across, first National Leaguer to hit 500 home runs
- Twitter symbol
- Hollywood's "Norma"
- School commencement?

- Greatest Hits song, often
- Air spray targets
- Martial art with throws
- Marriage partners
- Yahtzee, e.g.
- Take into the family, as a shelter dog
- Wharton who wrote "Ethan Frome"
- Harvard Univ. neighbor
- Seine substance
- Risks money at the track
- Sushi-eating implements
- Current craze
- California (Mexican state)
- Entered a poker game
- Gobs and gobs
- Declined
- Iraqi port

- Numbskull
- International agreement
- Greek author of the "Republic"
- Sporty '90s Toyota
- Brainy
- Texas home of Baylor University
- "Nice job!"
- Half a kissing couple?
- However
- Joins forces
- Composer Bartok
- Speechless performer
- Sagacity
- Tai
- Possibilities
- Pet owner, for one
- Hardy's Miss Durbeyfield
- Alan of "Bridge of Spies"
- Twosome

- Social elites on the go
- Bits of butter
- Actress Messing of "Will & Grace"
- Embodiment of perfection
- Gas station name
- Texted image with an attitude
- Tablet for surfers
- Fed. food and farming agency
- "Big Brother" network
- Computer in "2001: A Space Odyssey"
- Bar bill
- \_\_\_ jiffy

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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## Knife Skills by Lynn Lempel

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