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## Director John Alcorn is new City PS director

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the next stage in a career spent entirely within the City’s public safety department, John Alcorn was sworn in as director Monday, Jan. 25. His father, Mark, a retired Detroit police officer, pinned on his badge during the ceremony.

“My dad was a police officer in Detroit for 36 years and it finally just dawned on me late in college that I wanted to be like him,” Alcorn said of his decision to enter law enforcement, “and probably more than being a police officer, I just wanted to be like him, so I turned my eye toward that.”

Starting his journey in the City as a public safety officer in 2001, the new director has served as a detective, field training officer, fire marshal, sergeant, lieutenant and, most recently, was promoted to deputy director in 2018.

“I’m thrilled that John

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IMAGE COURTESY OF SEAN COTTON

## Winter wonderland

Johann Culverhouse’s oil painting “Winter Skating — Central Park,” reminds us of the joy that can be found outdoors, regardless of the weather.

## Contact sports start date pushed back

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer gave a new order at a press conference Friday, Jan. 22, that included further delay in

the start of high school winter contact sports. The message was delivered a little more than one week before the sports’ practices and competitions were set to begin.

The Michigan High

School Athletic Association had not been in contact with the Michigan Department of Health at the time of the order. The MHSAA released a statement regarding the new delay.

“We did not anticipate

this delay in winter contact practices and competition and today’s announcement has created many new questions,” Mark Uyl, executive director of the

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## Werenski named director after three decades in Shores

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The last 34 years, Kenneth Werenski has worked exclusively in Grosse Pointe Shores, beginning with a part-time job at Osius Park when he was 19 and transitioning to a stint with the department of public works through college, before entering a 28-year career in the public safety department.

Exactly a week prior to the departure of nine-year Director of Public Safety John Schulte Tuesday, Jan. 26, city council unanimously approved Werenski’s appointment to the position.

“He’s always had attention to detail and to taking care of the residents, pro-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Kenneth Werenski was selected to replace recently retired Director of Public Safety John Schulte.**

viding exceptional service and, in that regard, he has really earned the position,” Schulte said. “I couldn’t be happier about his appointment ... (and) I feel the department is in excellent hands as I depart.”

Cross-trained as an officer, firefighter and EMT, Werenski held the position of public safety officer, sergeant and patrol supervisor before being promoted to lieutenant

See **WERENSKI**, page 5A

## Expenses frozen while financials are automated

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A freeze has been placed on unessential expenses in the Shores, as the city’s finance department transitions from manual to electronic reporting.

The change is set to make city hall more transparent by allowing it to report more detailed information than it was able to before, such as in the case of water billing, where high rates have raised significant concern.

“This will benefit the efficiency of the whole department and also streamline its interactions between other departments,” Councilwoman and Finance Committee Chairwoman Sandra

Cavataio said, adding that currently, reporting from other departments to the finance department is done manually.

The software to automate the department has been in place, she said, but not used to its full capacity.

Expenses needed to run the city will continue to be incurred, but those that are not 100 percent necessary, such as recently requested funds to improve communication within the city, currently are on hold.

“Because of the new improvements we’re making, the needs might be different,” Cavataio explained, “so we don’t want to go ahead and make expenses when we might not be needing those expenses or that

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Helena Haney

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores North student selling customized beanies to support women’s shelters



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# Date Skate in the Park

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The Park’s first ever Date Skate occurs 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Patterson Park’s ice rink.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig said the city had been looking to host a safe winter activity and Valentine’s Day sparked the idea for the Date Skate.

“The idea came from the fact that I saw some other cities doing fun ‘special events’ with their ice rinks,” Craig said. “We had also done some fun family skates in the past, but they fizzled out after a few years like some programs do. I thought, seeing how it’s close to Valentine’s Day and we’ve been wanting to try some winter programming, this would be a fun and safe way to do so.”

Though the event is called “Date Skate,”

Craig said it will not be limited to couples celebrating the day of love. “The great thing about this event is it is for all ages,” Craig said via email. “Married couples, grandparents and grandchildren, mom and son/daughter, older sibling, etc. ... Whatever works best, as we all know everyone’s situations are different.”

Tickets are \$12 and should be bought online through [recpro.grossepointepark.org](http://recpro.grossepointepark.org). Each ticket includes skating, glow sticks, hot chocolate and one dozen doughnuts from The Little Donut Shop.

The event is open to Park residents only. Residents who do not buy tickets will not be allowed to skate during the event; however, all are welcome to stop by the park and buy concessions.

— Kate Vanderstelt



Jarod Jones is pinned after being sworn in as a City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Jarod Jones was sworn-in by City Clerk Julie Arthurs at the department’s new building Monday, Jan. 4.

## Sworn in



Right, City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Austin Giarmo was sworn in by City Clerk Julie Arthurs at the department’s new building on Mack on Monday, Jan. 4. Above, also there to support Giarmo were his mother, Kelly; father, Frank; grandparents; girlfriend, Erin Fallon; and other family.



# Participation encouraged in master plan visioning session

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Grosse Pointe Park will hold a virtual master plan visioning session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, via Zoom.

The Park’s visioning session is being hosted in an effort to engage

the community as the city moves forward with the project of updating its master plan.

“This is an important first step in the planning process and will provide residents with the opportunity to share

their ideas for how they would like the community to be moving forward,” city administrators said in a press release.

Administrators defined a master plan as follows: “A master plan

creates policies and recommendations on land use, redevelopment and capital improvements and is the guiding document to help the community make decisions for the next 5 to 10 years.”

Council members and public attendees of recent council-related meetings have stressed the importance that this virtual visioning session be well-attended by Park residents.

The session will take

place on Zoom at [tinyurl.com/zoomgppmaster](https://tinyurl.com/zoomgppmaster) plan with the passcode 223021. More information on the meeting may be found via the city’s Facebook page.

— Kate Vanderstelt

## DINE-IN:

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efforts we have made together to protect our families, frontline workers and hospitals have

dramatically reduced cases and we have saved lives. Now, we are confident that starting Feb. 1, restaurants can resume indoor dining with safety measures in place.”

Reopening at 25 per-

cent capacity feels like a slap in the face to some restaurant owners, including Louie Rapotos of Mack Avenue Grille, who now will have to bring back front-of-house staff, such as servers and bus people, while only welcoming a small margin of customers and therefore not having enough volume to make a profit.

“Being in the restaurant business is my livelihood,” Rapotos said. “If it doesn’t make sense financially, we’ll just go back to carryout.”

Still, some owners such as Dan Lemanske of The

Village Grille, are happy dine-in service is resuming at all.

Being limited to 25 percent won’t have as big an impact on his business, he said, because the restaurant has a big footprint and has been fairly successful with carryout. “I wish it was 50 percent, but it is what it is,” Lemanske said. “... Our revenue’s half of what it was last year, year ending. (From) 2019 to 2020, our sales were in half.”

With more than 700 employees of The Joe Vicari Restaurant Group — the operating partner of The Hill Seafood & Chop House — currently laid off, the order will allow approximately 70 percent to be brought back to work. If capacity

rises to 50 percent, President Joe Vicari said, all 100 percent will return.

“We’re just excited to get all of our employees back to work,” he said.

While The Hill Seafood & Chop House was set to reopen Feb. 1, following its remodel, Vicari said, the restrictions will need to be lifted to a minimum of 50 percent for it to make financial sense to open. “We’re looking tentatively right now to a March 1 opening,” he said, “and we’re hoping that the restriction of 25 percent is lifted to a minimum of 50 percent and we’re hoping the restriction goes to at least 11 o’clock for dine-in service.”

Many breakfast, lunch

and dinner restaurants are not terribly concerned about the 10 p.m. curfew, The Bricks Pizzeria executive chef Trenton Chamberlain noted, but bars will be in a tough spot, because they don’t start getting busy until around then.

“For dine-in restaurants, we have checked with the health department and our understanding is that everybody that’s there has to be seated and their order has to be taken before 10 o’clock,” Vicari said, “and then they can stay through eating their dinner, but at 10 o’clock, there’s no more alcohol served and all the orders have to be in to the kitchen by 9:45.”

Staff Writer Kate Vanderstelt contributed to this report.

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# Gratitude remains as Schulte departs

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — After a 42-year career in law enforcement, with 32 years in the Park department and nine in the Shores, Public Safety Director John Schulte’s time with the city in an official capacity has come to an end.

A proclamation to honor Schulte during his last council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, highlighted his selfless generosity exemplifying the meaning of loyalty to one’s community, his dedication personifying the meaning of being a person of others and the positive impact he made during his tenure.

“I just want to thank the chief for his service and we’ve all felt very



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**John Schulte recently retired after a 42-year career in law enforcement.**

safe under his watch,” Councilwoman Sandra Cavataio said. “I want to thank him for leaving the

department in such great shape and with such capable staff and I wish him well in his retire-

ment.”

The director’s long record of accomplishments include re-evaluating and rewriting the department’s policies, procedures and manual of rules, such as updating the use-of-force policy to restrict certain holds; upgrading patrol rifles and radios in all vehicles, as well as ballistic vests, scout car cameras and second-generation in-car computers; and purchasing the department’s first body cameras.

He also was integral in the initiation of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Special Response Team, serving as its first tactical SWAT commander in 1988.

“As a fellow director, I can speak for the other directors ... and tell you that John has been the

consummate professional,” said Stephen Poloni, who assumed the position of city manager Monday. “We got through some difficult times together. Our mutual-aid group, I think, is stronger than it’s ever been (along with) our cooperation between the departments (and) our training. I think John has exemplified the chief’s position there and encouraged us and helped us all the way around.”

After receiving dozens of cards and letters from residents expressing their gratitude, Schulte’s last day with the city was Tuesday.

“This has been a great, great end to my career,” he said. “I couldn’t have asked for anything more from this wonderful community. The residents, the officers, the

staff, it’s just been wonderful and I want to thank each one of them. Thank you and God bless you all.”

Council voted to extend a conditional offer of employment for the public safety director position to Kenneth Werenski, who has been with the department 28 years, during the meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19; he was sworn in Wednesday.

“There is nothing more gratifying for a chief or a director than to put key people in place and I can tell you right now that your command staff and your patrol staff are the finest individuals that I could find,” Schulte told council. “They serve this community with their heart, with compassion and, frankly, I’m extremely proud of each one of them.”

# Little League approved to install banners as fundraiser

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — At the city council meeting Monday, Jan. 4, the Woods-Shores Little League was approved to hang banners on the fields’ fences at Ghesquiere Park as a fundraising effort.

The proposal for the fundraiser was brought to the council by Little

League President Paul Summers. His team came up with an idea to raise funds for field improvements by selling banners, which could act as advertisements, to interested companies and sponsors.

The council’s approval of the proposal was contingent upon certain restrictions, such as banner size and number of banners permitted. They asked that banners not

exceed 3 feet by 9 feet and that no more than 120 banners between the four proposed fields be allowed.

Additionally, all banner designs are to be approved by City Administrator Bruce Smith to ensure no obscenities are used.

The league also will be subject to a certain time-frame in having banners posted.

The banner fundraiser has potential to greatly assist the Little League program for years to come. Summers expects to charge \$500 per banner. With a hope of selling 40 to 60 the first year, the fundraiser could bring in \$16,000 to \$24,000 for the league. If the group could capitalize on the 120-banner limit and bring in that many advertisers, it could be looking at a total profit

of \$48,000.

For reference, it would cost around \$10,000 to fix one infield, which is the first desired improvement, Summers said.

Though the repairs to enhance the experience of Little League participants are costly, Summers is looking forward to the

opportunity to work with the community on this project.

“I’m very expectant that the community is going to step up and help us out,” Summers said.

All interested sponsors should contact Summers at p\_d\_summers@yahoo.com or (248) 709-7716.

# Little League OK’d to use Kerby Field

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Following the significant investment put into Kerby Field by both the Farms and the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League, the two entities signed an initial 10-year agreement in December, clarifying responsibilities and prioritizing use of the field for the league.

Included is a lease agreement in which the league now will pay the city an annual maintenance fee of \$3,000 the first five years. The fee then will increase by \$1,000 every five years, in the event the agreement is extended through 2039.

The league also will need to cover insurance requirements.

“We feel, both Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League and the city, that it’s incumbent that we have an agreement that outlines certain responsibilities of the parties (and) what the expectations are,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside explained, “really to ensure that the fields and area are maintained to a level of our satisfaction.”

City responsibilities



PHOTO BY JACK RYAN/SKYVIEW AERIAL PRODUCTIONS

**The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League recently signed a 10-year agreement for the use of Kerby Field.**

include landscape maintenance, cleaning Orten Fieldhouse bathrooms each morning, supplying utilities, daily trash pickup and any repairs or maintenance to the Playscape area.

The Little League’s responsibilities include keeping the area free of litter, maintenance of infield areas including maintaining the irrigation system at Kerby Field and operating concessions from the Orten Fieldhouse concession area if it so chooses.

“Kerby Field is a jewel,”

Councilman John Gillooly said. “... This is an important agreement because it really spells out the duties and responsibilities, not only of the city of Grosse Pointe Farms, but of the Farms-City Little League in terms of maintaining and preserving this asset while they’re using it.”

The agreement does not make Kerby Field all-inclusive to Farms-City Little League.

The league will submit a schedule of use of the field to the parks and recreation department for approval no later than

April 15, of each year. Outside of those times, local residents may continue to use the field.

“In the event that there are other organizations that want to use fields, the city would consider that based upon scheduling needs primarily of Little League,” Reeside added, “by making combinations that are reasonable and coming up with mutually agreed upon fees for any third-party uses that would be approved by city council, (which) again would help offset maintenance costs for that area.”

# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, FEB. 1

- ◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe board meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 2

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 4

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 4 p.m. via Zoom.

## FINANCES:

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personnel once we have everything in place.”

Experts have been brought in to execute the transition, but because the scope of the work and how far the city needs to take it still is being determined, it is unclear how much the project will cost. This is one reason for the expense freeze, Cavataio said, so city

staff can determine how much the transition will cost before committing to other expenses.

“We will be very conscious, obviously, of how much we spend,” she added, “but I think this will be having a great payback at the end and the department and the city will be able to run a lot smoother.”

While the budget still is being prepared, city staff also anticipates a deficit for fiscal year 2020-21.

In March 2020, the city finance officer anticipated a deficit of around \$320,000 because of revenue funds, such as fines and penalties, impaired by COVID-19, Mayor Ted Kedzierski said, but some of that was offset since the Osius Park pool was not operated for a full season and certain city staff positions weren’t filled.

The anticipated deficit also can be attributed to benefits increasing at a

higher rate than the city’s revenues, Cavataio reported, adding city officials are working to find ways of cutting costs without cutting services, which is another reason for the finance department’s transition.

“We’re all working very hard to make city hall a more vibrant place, a more efficient place and continue with the same high level of services that we have been providing all along,” she said.

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High school, hats and a helping hand

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

With just a sewing machine and an idea, Grosse Pointe North student Helena Haney started a business selling beanies with customized patches in November, donating 30 percent of the proceeds to local women's shelters. With the rest of the proceeds going toward funding supplies, the 17-year-old Shores resident has sold approximately 340 beanies to date. "I just have always loved to help people and I think women's shelters, that's not really a big thing I hear about people helping," she explained. "I always hear about people donating to different illnesses (but) not to women's shelters. "It was just something that I felt passionate about and I love to sew. I've always sewed since I



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Helena Haney is hard at work in her kitchen, sewing patches on the custom beanies she sells. A portion of the proceeds go to charities.

was in third or fourth grade and so I randomly came up with the idea in my head. I (also) love beanies, so I just thought other people would buy them."

For her first donation in mid-December, Haney chose the shelter First Step, where women and children stay, and purchased around \$600 worth of toys, games and sports equipment for Christmas presents, as well as clothes for women and essentials

such face wash. Instead of receiving Christmas gifts from her own parents this past year, Haney asked them to put the funds toward the project, so more items could be purchased. "I like to try to find (shelters) that are not already hugely supported," she explained, "because I don't want to donate to one where it's like, 'OK, this will be nice, but it's not going to make a big difference. It's not going to make an impact.' I want to be able to find one that's not hugely supported and that actually needs the help." Orders may be placed through Haney's Instagram @hatsbyhelena and typically range from \$15 to \$18 per beanie. If a more expensive patch is requested, the price can rise to around \$20. Those who order can

choose between a pink, green, black or white beanie, as well as the patch or patches they'd like on it. Planning to continue this effort for the foreseeable future, Haney is considering incorporating other items with personalized patches such as masks, bucket hats and/or baseball caps, since it's unlikely people will wear beanies in the summertime. "I'd have to get creative with it," she said. "I hope I can continue it as long as I can. That way I can get more money for women's shelters." Her affinity for coming to the aid of others has bled into her professional plans for the future, as well, as she plans to become a lawyer. "I love helping people (and) ... I want to be able to do something like that," she said, "helping innocent people."

E-R district restrictions extended

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — With the six-month moratorium on demolition and new building permits in the estate residential district set to expire Jan. 20, city council unanimously voted to extend the restrictions another six months during its meeting Monday, Jan. 11. Although included under the initial moratorium, homes on Elmsleigh, Stratford and Wellington were excluded from the extension, as they are no longer being considered within the potential historic district boundaries after the historic resource survey indi-

cated there are no homes on these streets built before 1940. Under the moratorium, demolition of a home or new construction of a home, coach house or garage is not allowed. "We've had several requests within the past six months that fall under one of these categories and as such, we feel that that threat of harm to historic assets or the integrity of the district continues to exist and that an extension of the moratorium is warranted," City Planner Julie Connochie said. Any repairs to an existing building still are permitted. With the process of considering the adoption

Pools at Lake Front Park to undergo filter change

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The filters at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park are due for a change for the first time in around a quarter of a century. The pool system uses sand-based filters, which consist of sand that fills four cells for the main pool. The sand has yet to be changed during current Parks and Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart's time. "We are able to get 20 to 25 years out of the sand use," Gerhart said. "As you use the sand every year, it gets dirtier

and dirtier, so you end up having to backwash more and more. You know that you need to change your sand when you have to backwash more." Gerhart said it wasn't imperative the sand change happened now; the department just wanted to get ahead of any problems that could arise from not changing the filter. The new sand was set to fill the cells Tuesday, Jan. 19. Aquatic Source was scheduled to complete the job. "There's only so many pool companies that can work with our size of a pool," Gerhart explained.

Gerhart and her team opted to take a lower bid from the company, saving them approximately \$13,000 but requiring them to remove the old sand on their own. "Our department of public works has been very vital in the process," Gerhart said. The department has been working to remove the old sand since mid-December. Regarding the public, Gerhart assured that the change would be seamless. "That's the way that you want it," she said. "That's stuff they shouldn't have to be worried about."

ALCORN:

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was appointed chief after a diligent search process," former director Stephen Poloni said. "Obviously, he was the best candidate, which I thought all along that was the case. We had a succession plan for years and John performed very well during that whole process and we're just thrilled that he will take the department forward. He was the right man for the job and I couldn't be happier." In many ways, Alcorn has been preparing for his new position since 2011,

when former director Jim Fox retired. A sergeant at the time, Alcorn applied to be director before Poloni was hired. Since then, he completed the Northwestern University Staff and Command School for supervisory training in 2013, a graduate program for criminal justice leadership at Madonna University and multiple advanced police and fire trainings, even being selected to attend the four-month intensive and prestigious FBI National Academy in July 2020 — the department has not sent an officer since Fox around 25 years ago — before COVID-19 halted the program. He remains on the list and may still attend in the future. Since Poloni began his joint position in the City and Park in 2015, Alcorn also received unique opportunities to learn the job, at times helping run the department while Poloni was occupied in the Park. Along with his extensive training and experience within the department, Alcorn is bringing 20 years



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mark Alcorn, right, pins a badge onto the shirt of his son, City Public Safety Director John Alcorn.

of relationships with residents, victims of crime and businesses to the position. "There's a lot of people that are going to see an article about me in the paper and they're going to smile, glad to see me in this position," he said, "and there's going to be people that I've arrested and I've worked on cases against them and they're going to grimace, because they know I take all the roles I've had very seriously and I try to do them to the best of my ability. That will continue on as

chief." Named Officer of the Year twice, in 2005 and 2017, Alcorn is responsible for the initiation of multiple community outreach and officer training programs, including SALE, or Seniors and Law Enforcement, in which officers volunteer to be paired with seniors in the City to check in and offer help with concerns or special requests, and PANDA, or Protect and Nurture During Academics, in which officers periodically visit schools to get the know the children along with the layout in the case of an emergency. In December, officers read stories to the children over Zoom. Alcorn also is heavily involved with keeping the department up to date with current police and fire standards, as well as training programs in the

new fire training tower and the department's VirTra Simulator, which offers advanced virtual training for real-life situations. "Training is something that I've been interested in for a long time," Alcorn explained, "and I want to head down the path of making sure that we're the best on both sides, police and fire, that we have such an advanced level of training in both those fields (and) that our guys are really comfortable in everything they do. Even when we come across those really rare fires and police runs that only come up once in a blue moon, I want to make sure everyone's well prepared for it." Beyond leading the department in the latest standards, Alcorn plans to keep it on its current path, including hosting training for mutual-aid partners, remaining in communication with the NAACP and forwarding relationships with neighboring communities. Because the position was brought back after roughly 18 years on a limited basis to help Alcorn prepare for this transition, no officer will be promoted to deputy chief at this time. "Maybe one day in the future when I'm 90 and I decide I'm going to retire, then we might bring someone back to make the transition smooth again," Alcorn joked.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Helping themselves

After grabbing gift bags from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 6:55 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, an unknown man and woman were seen walking around the store and placing other items in the bags.

When confronted by an employee, the couple ran from the store and drove away.

Displaying model behavior

Two unknown suspects stole three iPhones and one iPad, totaling \$3,250, from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 4:51 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

The items were display models; the suspects cut off the security cables before fleeing in a white four-door sedan.

Raining bullets, part three

For the third time in recent weeks, a bullet hole was discovered in a Pointe resident’s vehicle Thursday, Jan. 21. In this instance, the bullet hole was found in the hood of a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 900 block of Lincoln Road and the owner never heard shots fired.

In the other two instances, officers believed the bullets came from New Year’s celebrations where weapons were fired into the air.

Green light to jail

After driving through a red light at Jefferson Avenue and Lakeland Street 11:29 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, a 43-year-old California man was

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pulled over and arrested for operating while intoxicated. He refused a preliminary breath test, for which he also was cited.

— *Laurel Kraus*  
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Steak thief

A 22-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, after placing a \$20 steak in his pocket and attempting to walk out of a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue.

Home invasion

An unknown suspect used a ladder to access the basement well of a home in the 100 block of Lothrop Road, before breaking the window lock and stealing various electronic items at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22. The residents were not home at the time.

Crime prevention

After being pulled over for having tinted windows, at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, a 30-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a felony warrant. An unregistered, loaded, high-capacity handgun was found in his vehicle.

— *Laurel Kraus*  
*Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe*

*Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.*

Grosse Pointe Shores

High speed crash

A 34-year-old Holly man under the influence of drugs was traveling more than 80 mph in all lanes of traffic on Vernier Road at 10:34 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, before crashing into a tree.

Narcan was administered when officers arrived to find him unresponsive and he was transported to an area hospital.

Leading by example

While attempting to pick up her son’s vehicle out of impound, a 40-year-old Southfield woman was arrested Thursday, Jan. 21, because her license was suspended and she had no insurance.

Birthday in jail

After being seen drifting across lanes with fluctuating speed, a 33-year-old Warren woman was pulled over at Lakeshore Road and Fairlake Lane at 2:09 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22.

The woman admitted to having drinks for her birthday and a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .18 percent, for which she was arrested.

Speeding without a license

After driving 56 mph in

a 35 mph zone at Lakeshore Road and Weber Place, a 35-year-old Seattle man was arrested at 2:34 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, for not having an operator’s license on his person.

A gun, for which he could not produce proper concealed licensing paperwork, was then found in the center counsel of the rental car.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Suspended license

A 22-year-old Royal Oak female was cited for driving on a suspended license at 9:32 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.

The driver was stopped for an expired license plate at Harper and Allard. Her insurance was deemed invalid and her registration had expired in September 2020.

Vacation vandal

A resident of the 2000 block of Hawthorne vacationed from Friday, Dec. 18, to Monday, Jan. 18.

When the resident returned home, he found his garage window busted. His two Yamaha four-wheelers, valued at \$8,500, were missing.

Detectives are reviewing neighboring surveillance video. No suspect has been identified at this time.

Gift for church

A resident of the 500 block of Hollywood received a text message at 12:44 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, from someone claiming to be a priest, who instructed her to buy a \$300 gift card for the church.

The woman went to Kroger and bought the \$300 gift card. She told the priest she would not be able to bring the gift card until the next day.

The priest asked her to take a picture of the gift card and send it to him, at which point the resident became suspicious.

After contacting her local parish, she found that no priest from the church had requested a gift card.

The suspect is still unknown in this case.

No ‘Aunt Jenny’

An employee in the 19000 block of Mack found a 5-foot, 10-inch Black man in his 30s in one of the business offices at 3:48 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

The man was wearing a mask and black jacket. When asked what he was doing, he explained he was looking for “Aunt Jenny.” He was escorted to the main desk.

The employee whose office it was later discovered her wallet missing from her purse. Her wallet contained \$15, a driver’s license, Social Security card and credit cards.

It is unknown how the man got into the back office, as entry requires a key card.

The suspected man is

still unidentified.

— *Kate Vanderstelt*  
*Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.*

Grosse Pointe Park

Storage bins snagged

An Amazon package containing two storage bins was taken from a residence in the 15000 block of Hampton at 7:26 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

The loss totaled \$15. The suspect has not been identified.

Identity theft

A resident of the 800 block of Barrington noticed two new accounts opened in his name, but had not opened them. The accounts were with AT&T and Citizens Bank.

The victim reported the identity theft at 2:38 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, and closed the accounts.

There is no suspect at this time.

Speeding and swerving

A 44 year-old Detroit man was found speeding and stopped for improper lane use at Mack and Buckingham.

He was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:49 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

— *Kate Vanderstelt*  
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Library reading challenge extended to new seasons

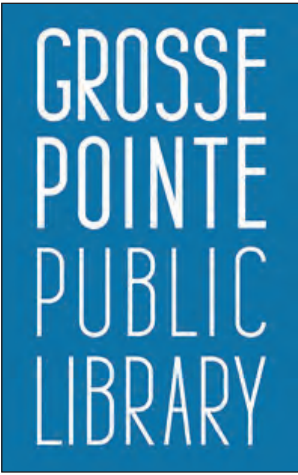
By Kate Vanderstelt  
*Staff Writer*

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a reading challenge each summer where kids in the community are challenged to read every day in order to win a prize at the end of the season. The onset of COVID-19 disrupted the normal interaction students received in school. The library system decided to extend the summer challenge to other seasons in hopes that students learning from home would feel more engaged.

“It’s been an extraordinary year,” youth librarian Melissa Rizer said. “We’re just trying to keep people engaged — trying to keep kids reading and support our local schools with something fun.”

Kids up to age 18 are invited to participate in the challenge. Each day a child reads for 20 minutes, they are eligible to cross off one box. After doing this five times, they will receive a virtual ticket.

Tickets also may be earned through activity badges. Two activity badges are up for grabs throughout the challenge. A badge can be earned by completing five activities listed, including things like: “deliver a kind note



to a friend or neighbor,” “write a fun message in the snow for passersby to read,” “imagine you are made of snow, write about the adventures you will have,” “offer to help a neighbor to shovel their snow” and so on.

Virtual tickets will be

drawn at the end of the challenge for prizes. Fifteen winners will be selected to win a \$20 gift card of their choice to Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Google Play or Amazon.

Rizer said there has been positive feedback about the extra program thus far in the community.

“Parents are just glad to have something positive just to keep a little bit of structure,” Rizer said. “(We’re) just trying to encourage kids to be reading and get outside.”

The program began in January and runs through the end of February. More information regarding the program and its signup process may be found at grosspointelibrary.org under the “Youth” section.

WERENSKI:

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eight years ago, when he began to run day-to-day operations such as planning, scheduling and training.

“That’s when I really dialed in and said, ‘If I’m going to make this happen, it’s got to be now,’” he said of his efforts to become director. “It doesn’t happen overnight. You’ve got to put in the time and effort.”

As is the case with new City Manager Stephen Poloni, with whom Werenski worked 18 years before Poloni’s move to the City, the director feels the relationships he has cultivated within the community are his greatest strength as he enters the position.

After 28 years of experience in the department, he also is confident in his knowledge of the current path it’s on, its vision and

what will be needed in the future.

“It is just something that I always knew I wanted to do, even as a little boy, thinking about cops and robbers,” Werenski said of his career in law enforcement. “And when it was time to go to college, that is when I really knew, this is what I’m going to do with my life. I’m going to go to school for criminal justice. I’m going to be a policeman. And I was fortunate to work here through college years, where I saw this operation and just knew then this is

where I want to work.”

Along with the safety of the community and the best interest of the men and women in the department at the forefront of his goals, Werenski plans to continue with the department’s long-standing tradition of customer service for the residents.

“When you need something from the public safety department, we’re there,” he said, “and I don’t care if you need a lightbulb changed or a ride to the hospital, we’re going to take care of it for you.”



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OUR VIEW

School board gets to work

Even as the Board of Education chose a superintendent search firm Monday night, the challenges facing the district came into even sharper focus.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has lost 526 students this school year, according to figures provided in the first major budget update for 2020-21. That contrasts with the 200-student loss that was estimated when the budget was approved just before the school year began.

The district had 7,630 students in the 2019-20 school year, as reported to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Grosse Pointe is not the only district to lose students as the COVID-19 pandemic upended education and most other institutions since last March, and the state Legislature has taken steps to cushion schools from any dramatic financial consequence. But the district clearly needs, for the next school year, to win back students who have left to get access to full-time, in-person teaching at private or parochial schools.

Full reopening of schools in March

The board did take one major step in that direction, by asking the administration to prepare for the full-time reopening of schools in March. Students are now on a hybrid system, which means roughly half of them are in their buildings at one time.

The new plan calls for students through fourth grade to go full time March 1, and fifth through 12th graders to return to full time March 15. That will be a particularly dramatic change for high school students, who just this week are in their buildings for the first time since schools shut down last March.

That plan, which the board will vote on at its Feb. 8 meeting, drew some fire during the board’s comment period, including from the district’s four unions. Their leaders asked for more collaboration, along with specific steps such as more robust screening.

OneGP Virtual learning will continue as a separate online district, set up for the entire school year for students whose families knew they would not want to risk in-person learning. It has no secondary-level openings, but may be able to accommodate a few elementary students whose parents do not want to participate in the March 1 transition to full-time, face-to-face teaching.

A full-time return is not without risks, of course. Mask rules will remain in effect, but distancing requirements among students and staff will drop from six feet to three feet. Secondary students, lacking sufficient indoor space for everyone to eat lunch, may have to eat outside in tents or, in the case of high school students, may leave school grounds.

Meanwhile, the district is developing a rapid testing plan in conjunction with Wayne State University and pursuing vaccinations for its personnel and options for improved air handling.

Superintendent search firm hired

And, of course, the next big step includes choosing a new superintendent, as current Superintendent Gary Niehaus plans to exit at the end of the school year. The board chose School Exec Connect, a firm based in Oak Park, Ill., to run the search. It will begin next month with the firm helping board members develop a profile of what they want in a superintendent, followed by a nationwide search, interviews and candidate selection by the end of April.

The ability to turn around this year’s enrollment decline may or may not have taken hold by the time a new superintendent arrives and that may still be problem No. 1. But the district remains in a long period of declining enrollment, as the number of kindergartners each year fails to keep up with the number of graduating seniors.

Solutions, depending on the board’s direction, may go beyond just promoting the community and the schools. Options include developing an

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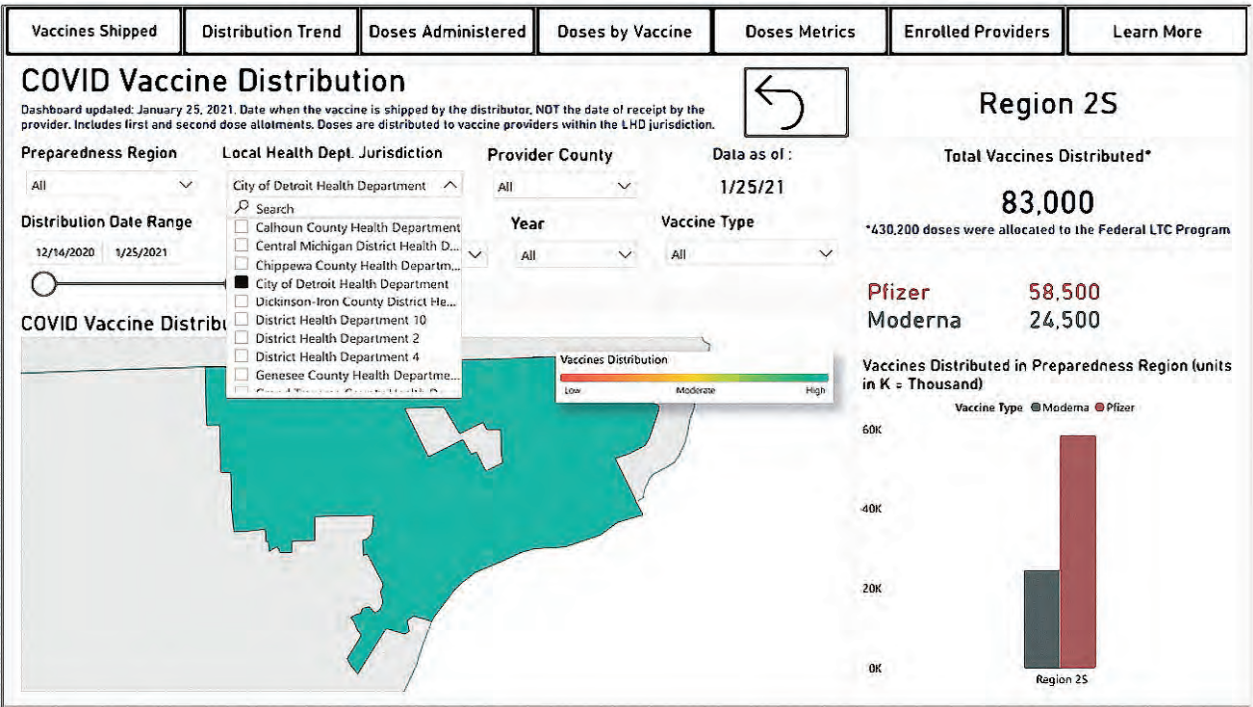
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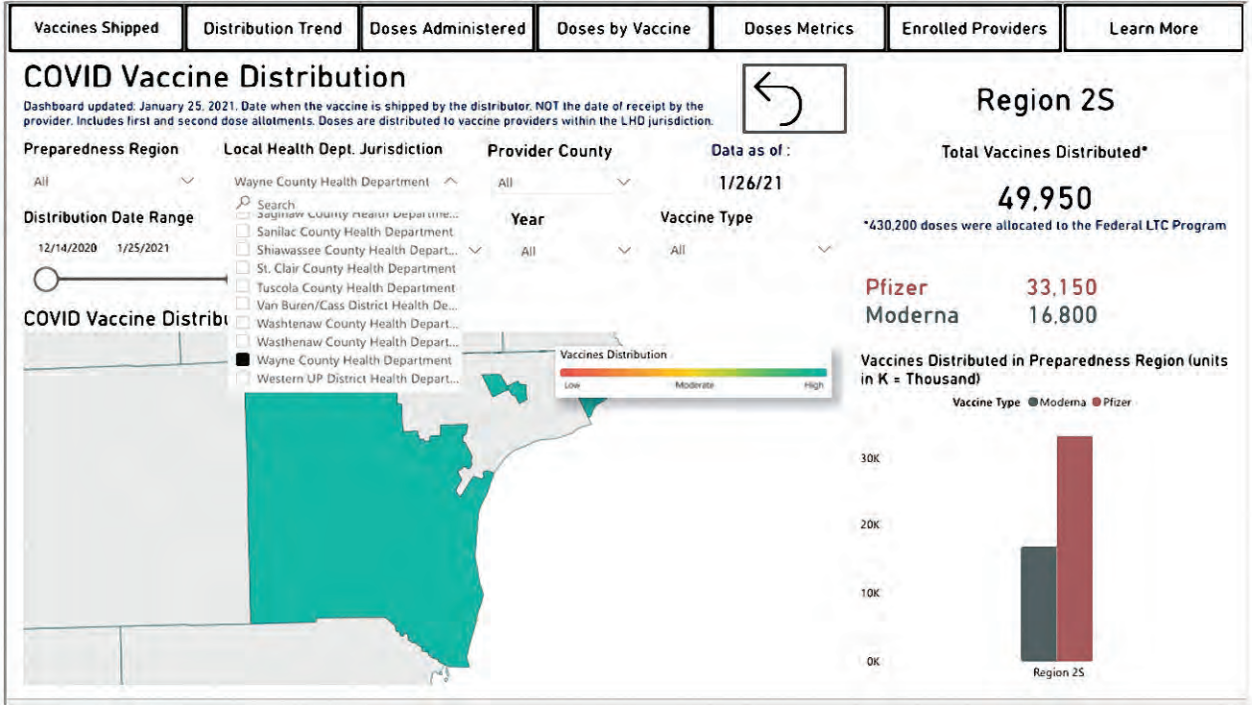
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COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard



According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services’ COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, Detroit, which makes up 30 percent of the county’s population, received 1 1/2 times the number of vaccines than did the rest of Wayne County. The MDHHS told the Grosse Pointe News the reasons for the higher number of vaccines sent to Detroit include the number of large health care facilities in the city; the department also uses a vulnerability index that correlates with high-risk populations.

COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard



OUR VIEW

Vaccination musical chairs

Michigan continues to stagger under the hardships of COVID-19, even as vaccinations get underway and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has lifted more of the restrictions she imposed last November when the pandemic threatened once again to overwhelm hospitals.

Case numbers have fallen considerably, both statewide and locally, but some restaurants are struggling with how to handle her requirement that they reopen at just 25 percent capacity. Many high schoolers and their parents are chafing at her delay of the winter competition schedule, at least until Feb. 21, for sports that involve contact: basketball, hockey, wrestling and cheer.

Vaccination road-trips

And folks in this corner of Wayne County are feeling particularly neglected because the Wayne County Health Department is focusing solely on first responders and then essential workers, scheduling shots through municipalities and employers, and not responding at all to individuals.

That leaves local residents at the mercy of their hospital affiliations — and they appear to be at sea, for now, if they don’t have a hospital link.

On top of all that, the hospitals that serve the area — the ones most residents have ties to — are holding their shot clinics rather far afield. Beaumont Grosse Pointe patients are generally going to the system’s service center in Southfield. Ascension St. John patients are getting called to a site on 12 Mile Road in Macomb County.

That means Wayne County looks especially bereft when the state publishes vaccine distribution numbers.

Vaccine distribution uneven

While both the city of Detroit and Oakland County have gotten doses corresponding to roughly 9 percent to 10 percent of their populations, respectively, Macomb County has gotten doses equal to about 5 percent and the Wayne County Health Department, which excludes Detroit, has gotten only about 3 percent. (Calculations are based on July 2019 population estimates from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and bridgemi.com’s COVID-19 dashboard as of Monday afternoon.)

The main difference, as it turns out, is in what goes to hospitals. For example, based on figures provided via the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services’s COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard, above, of the 83,000 doses sent to the Detroit Health Department, 62,800 went to hospitals and of the 49,950 for the Wayne County Health Department, 31,125 doses were allocated to hospitals.

All of this means that many local residents’ vaccines are showing up in other places — Oakland County for Beaumont patients, Detroit for Henry Ford and DMC patients, and so on.

Some of this may change as hospitals finish up with medical workers and expand even more into other populations, including first responders, a widening list of essential workers and those age 65-plus.

“You will begin to see a shift in allocations over the next several weeks as we get further into vaccinating these priority groups,” because vaccines will be allotted in relation to the size of those groups, according to an email from Lynn Sutfin, state MDHHS spokesperson.

Social Vulnerability Index

The department also is using a Social Vulnerability Index to help allocate vaccines, Ms. Sutfin wrote. It “correlates with the communities hardest hit by COVID-19 this spring,” she noted.

Most media reports suggest that no vaccine administration group, including Wayne County, is getting as many doses as each could deliver. Demand clearly exceeds supply.

But the state, the counties and even the hospitals could do a far better job of explaining how they are rationing their vaccine supplies. People with no hospital affiliation need to hear how and when they will get on someone’s roster for vaccination. And it is not too much to ask that at least one vaccination site be set up in this corner of Wayne County.

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

# Finally fits in a football family



I’ve not been a football fan very long. Growing up in an all-sports-loving family, I first took to watching baseball as a child, then hockey as a teen. I loved the Red Wings way before their championship stretch, but those Stanley Cup-winning years solidified my love of the sport. I did give football a try a few times — my dad and brothers were huge

football fans; it seemed like there was always a game on TV — but I just couldn’t get into it. After I got married, I would find a quiet corner in which to read while my husband and his sons would cheer, scream and curse their ways through Sunday football games. I actually felt sort of bad when the kids moved out and John had to watch by himself; I know he missed those afternoons with the boys. At first, I’d just watch the Lions with him; I think he appreciated those few hours together, where the empty nest didn’t seem

so empty. And then one day the strangest thing happened. I started to understand what was going on. And, even stranger, I started to care. And then I didn’t want to break away from the action to find something else to do. Instead, I ordered The Red Zone, so we could keep an eye on every game on any given Sunday. That said, I’m not going to pretend to be super well-versed in football. I’ve been watching quite a few years, but I’m still learning. I don’t know everybody’s names and their corre-

sponding jersey numbers. I can’t rattle off stats and standings with nearly as much efficiency as my husband. But I do love the action. Of course, the Lions are my favorite team. I can’t help it. I’m loyal to our Detroit sports teams, regardless of their records. My favorite Lion? Matt Prater. Kickers win games. Especially Lions games. As the daughter of a Milwaukee native, I was really hoping to see Aaron Rodgers and the Packers return to the Super Bowl this year. I’m still perplexed as to why he didn’t at least try to run the ball in for a

game-tying touchdown instead of settling for a field goal with 2 minutes left in the game. Plus, am I the only person tired of seeing Tom Brady in the main event? Enough’s enough, Tom. Give someone else a chance! I am, however, excited to see the Chiefs return to the Super Bowl and I hope Patrick Mahomes helps bring another title to Kansas City. **Puppy Bowl** No matter who wins, the game is sure to bring excitement into many homes Feb. 7. In preparation for this year’s game, the Grosse Pointe

News plans to print a special Super Bowl section next week, complete with squares, kids’ games and a few favorite recipes, among other features. Here’s where you come in. We’re planning to host a virtual Puppy Bowl, so we need photos of your cutest pooches dressed in their gridiron best. Also, we’d love to feature some of your children’s best football-inspired drawings. Puppy Bowl photos and football drawings may be emailed to [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com). As for the big game, may the best team win. And go Chiefs!

## OUR VIEW

# Parent volunteer develops COVID dashboard

In another signal of dissatisfaction with Wayne County, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has created its own COVID-19 dashboard. The dashboard, created by Geoff Horst of Grosse Pointe Farms, aligns more closely with the Centers for Disease Control model. Mr. Horst has a background in science and data; he found flaws in the county’s design of its dashboard, along with some outright errors, according to an introduction by Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean. The new dashboard has three major indicators: the number of cases in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods over the last 14 days, the testing positivity rate for the county as a whole and the district’s ability to mitigate risk — a positive rating based on the intermediate school district’s approval of Grosse Pointe’s plan to keep students safe. Secondary measures include whether case counts are trending up or down and how many beds are available regionally in hospitals and in their intensive care units. The dashboard will be on the district website ([gpschools.org](https://gpschools.org)) and updated each Wednesday or Thursday as fresh data becomes available, generally on Tuesdays. As of now, the district intends to use the dashboard “holistically, not relying too much on any one metric,” according to Mr. Dean. That’s because the district also needs to account for factors such as the availability of substitutes or whether one school is affected more than others by absences. The district is affected by another statistic that only it can keep: the number of staff and students isolating themselves because of exposure, who may or may not get ill. Along with the dashboard, the district will keep a running count of staff and students who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus or are quarantining because of exposure. That grid also will be available online. Residents who want a particularly close read on community spread may take interest in the district’s new tools. Certainly they offer better guidance than Wayne County’s, which gave out letter grades from A to E and offered little guidance to a school district covering six municipalities. Mr. Horst, a district parent, worked up the new dashboard entirely on a volunteer basis and merits a round of applause from the community. Thank you!

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**International Baccalaureate school** or other choices that would allow tuition-paying students to attend from outside the district — an idea that may hold more appeal now. So a superintendent skilled in enrollment issues would be an asset, as would someone with practiced communication abilities. Knowledge of how to apply lessons from remote learning may be useful, and it goes perhaps without saying that the finalist must be steeped in how to handle a district with high-performing students who want advanced placement options and have their eyes on the full range of college admissions. The search and the challenges posed by COVID-19 give the school board a lot to juggle in the second half of the school year. Members need the community’s support — and its input — as both reach crucial points in the next few weeks.

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

# 1946

75 years ago this week

**FARMS POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS:** Police Chief Joseph Trombley of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms tendered his resignation to the trustees Monday night. Chief Trombley plans to spend some time in Arizona. He has suffered some bad effects from his service in World War I, when he was gassed, and believes the Arizona climate will improve his health. *Obituaries:* Annie de’Carteret, Adolph P. Verdonckt, Aloysius Chauvin

# 1971

50 years ago this week

**START WORK ON ST. JOHN’S NEW ICU:** St. John Hospital has announced the construction of a new intensive care unit. Work began on the new unit Jan. 25, with

opening planned for late spring. The project is part of St. John’s \$2 million 1971 expansion and development program and carries a price tag of approximately \$350,000. *Obituaries:* Lovell Lawrence Jr., Hilda Veit, Agnes Breon, Amedeo Marco, Joseph C. Pallenberg, William I. Trader, Marietta Allard, Margaret M. Mitchell, Paul Charles Bastien, Florence I. Keegin

# 1996

25 years ago this week

**POPULATION DIPS BUT JOBS BOOM BY 2020:** By 2020, there will be fewer of us living in Grosse Pointe; however, more people will be working here. This is according to a study developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The report, “2020 Regional Development Forecast,” says that the seven-county region comprising southeastern Michigan will gain 13 per-

cent more people and 18 percent more jobs over the next 25 years. **PARK O.K.S BEACONSFIELD PARKING:** The Grosse Pointe Park City Council decided to settle the matter once and for all when its members unanimously approved building a parking lot at the mouth of Mack and Beaconsfield. The decision was the result of a request filed last June by local tavern owner Marge DePuys, who requested council permit outdoor service outside Marge’s Bar for the duration of the NHL Stanley Cup series. *Obituaries:* Alice Packard-Nix, Alberta E. Burns, William J. McEntee, John R. Pear DDS, Herbert R. Bumpus, Ellen Marie Clancy, Annino R. Papa, Thomas Eugene Harris Sr., Olive S. Niemeyer, Charles W. Bolton

# 2011

10 years ago this week

**CHIEFS ADDED TO STUDY TALKS:** The five Grosse Pointe public safety directors met this month with the city managers to talk about sharing, consolidating and piggybacking services. **PARK BUILDING APPROVED:** Private backers of a public building planned for construction at one of the Shores’ municipal parks have raised almost all the money needed to break ground this spring. **UNIFIED TEAM BREAKS RECORD TWICE:** In its best week of competition to date, the Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics team broke the school record team score last week at Troy Athens, then scored an even higher total the next night against league rival Fraser. *Obituaries:* Robert A. Howes, Justine Olson Kulka, Mary Suzanne Roehm, Edna S. Newnan, Anthony J. Skomski, Melbourne S. Stander, Jennifer Clayton Stenger, Mary Ellon Driscoll, John Tallerico Sr., Pauline Mikula Thomas



PHOTO BY HOLLY RYAN

# Pure Grosse Pointe

Holly Ryan, mother of our summer photographic intern, Jack Ryan, sent the above photo to us last Thursday, Jan. 21, with the following note: “I was walking into the Farms market tonight and the sun was hitting the tower at Grosse Pointe South in just the right spot. The tower looked like it was glowing. I thought with the kids going back to in-person learning next week you might like the photos. I took a few angles. It is almost like the tower was saying to the kids, ‘Welcome Back.’” We agree, and thanks for sharing, Holly. Now we know where Jack’s good photographic instincts come from!



# Girls varsity hockey teams take to the ice

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Special Writer

The pushback of high school sports competitions in the Grosse Pointe community, as well as all communities, has been a challenge for coaches and players alike. However, rather than allowing this unorthodox season to defeat their spirits, teams are coming up with new ways to stay motivated and engaged despite an unsure outlook on the future of competitions. University Liggett School varsity girls hockey head coach Greg Paddison believes this is his most challenging season yet as a coach due to the “rollercoaster of emotions.”

“As we continue non-contact practices, my coaching staff and I are working to find a balance between staying prepared for the season to start, while being cog-

nizant that our girls haven’t played a game since March of 2020 and burnout is a very real concern,” he said. “To this end, we’ve been heavily reliant on our captains, Gabrielle Anusbigian, Kendall Zinn, Ally Doppke, Madeline McKee and Natalia Dragovic. They have been keeping a close eye on team morale and the incredible job these girls have done in this respect cannot be overstated.”

Grosse Pointe North varsity girls hockey coach, Casey Quick, feels this is a crucial time to bring new elements into practice.

“We have a very young team and many of these girls are still learning the fundamentals of the game,” Quick said. “The non-contact practices have given us a chance to focus more on skills.”

Quick mentioned that his team always has four



University Liggett School Head Coach Greg Paddison, pictured during his first year with the girls varsity team in 2019.

nets on the ice and the players are broken up into separate stations to maintain distance.

“We are teaching them the basics of shooting

and stick-handling, similar to an ADM practice. We are also having them compete in team relays to keep their competitive edge.”

Quick commented that his team was “thrilled to be back together” Jan. 16, when practices began.

“The girls are so happy

to be back together,” he said. “For them to socially interact with one another again on and off the ice has greatly boosted their morale.”

While all players and coaches want to resume competition, teams are working each day to stay focused on their goals and keep players engaged.

Paddison commented, “We are all disappointed by the delays and are anxious to start competing, but at the same time recognize that the health and safety of our players, staff and fans is the No. 1 priority.”

“Perhaps this is the silver lining, that our players develop a greater appreciation for the importance of the community in sports,” he added, “and when we finally come out on the other side, our girls will be closer than ever — figuratively speaking of course.”

# South’s Johnson, Srebernak named All-State

By Chuck Klonke  
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South’s football team surprised a lot of folks when it was in contention for the championship in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division until the final weekend of the season.

It was the Blue Devils’ first year in the MAC Red after winning four

straight MAC White titles.

Two of the reasons for South’s success as the smallest school in the history of the MAC Red were junior Will Johnson and senior Luke Srebernak. Both players were selected to the Associated Press Division 1 and 2 All-State team selected by a panel of sports writers representing every area of the

state.

Johnson was selected to the first team defense. Srebernak received honorable mention on defense.

“Will is an elite talent,” South coach Tim Brandon said. “Hands down, he’s the best skill position player I’ve ever coached. He has length. He has speed. He has the hips. He’s the complete package.”

Johnson seldom left the field, making an impact on offense as well as defense.

“Playing corner he does one of two things” Brandon said. “Depending on the opponent, he locks down the best receiver or we can leave him on the side and we don’t have to worry about that side of the field the entire game.”

“He’s unbelievable offensively as well. He gets double-teamed nearly every play. Almost every team we played put a corner in his face and a safety over top. It made it challenging to get him the ball on occasion.”

Srebernak played the critical safety position for South.

“Our safeties and ‘Mike’ linebackers are probably the most important players in our defense,” Brandon said. “They have both run and coverage responsibilities. Luke was one of those ballhawk-type kids. Whether it was run plays or pass plays, he was always in the area of the

ball.”

Srebernak had seven interceptions in seven games.

Johnson and Srebernak each excelled in South’s 21-17 upset of Chippewa Valley. Srebernak had an interception and also knocked down a pass in the end zone when the Big Reds were making a bid for the winning touchdown in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

Brandon installed the “Wildcat” offense for the Chippewa Valley game with Johnson taking the direct snap from the center. He scored one touchdown and set up another.

“Watching film from last year, I found out that Chip Valley had a tough time defending (the Wildcat) so we installed it that week with Will running it,” Brandon said.

Johnson has been attracting scholarship offers from major colleges ever since he put on a Blue Devils uniform. He has narrowed his choices to a final five — Michigan, Ohio State, Oklahoma,

Arizona State and USC — from more than 30 offers.

Both players are from football families. Johnson’s father, Deon, was a starting safety for Michigan.

Srebernak’s father, Joe, played for South and has been Brandon’s defensive line coach since he took over the head coaching job 13 years ago.

South’s season ended with a disappointing loss to Oak Park in the first round of the state playoffs, but Brandon had nothing but praise for the Blue Devils’ accomplishments this season.

“I was real proud of the kids,” he said. “If anyone had told us we’d be 3-2 and vying for a MAC Red championship, I’d have said, ‘That’s nice, but let’s not hold our breath.’ Our kids took (the move to the Red) as a challenge. We weren’t happy when we got moved from the Blue to the White, but we figured it out and won the White four years in a row. Our kids aren’t afraid of anything.”

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## SPORTS:

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MHSAA, said in the statement. “That being said, we are currently working to obtain further information on the MDHHS order.”

The order impacts all high school winter contact sports, which include competitive cheer, wrestling and girls and boys basketball and hockey. The sports are permitted to partake in non-contact practices until the order lifts, a date tentatively set for Sunday, Feb. 21.

Though the MHSAA has not provided athletic departments with a specific plan for the winter season, there has been talk of potentially delaying the spring season to give winter athletes a full season, condensing both seasons or letting the winter and spring seasons overlap.

“It’s overall been a really difficult year,” Grosse Pointe South Athletic Director Chris Booth said. “We’re in a situation where we’ve redone the schedule for winter sports so many times. I don’t know what the MHSAA is going to do.”

With having to redevelop a schedule for the season multiple times, athletic directors around the Pointes have struggled with this new order.

“It’s definitely been a management challenge to schedule and reschedule and schedule and reschedule,” Grosse Pointe North Athletic Director Michelle Davis said. “My main priority is always to keep kids safe and my coaches safe. I am hoping that that was their intention (with the new order).”

Though disappointment looms, the athletic directors are hopeful and want to keep their players’ best interests in mind.

“Our players want to compete and our coaches want to coach,” University Liggett School’s Director of Athletics Alan Parish said via email. “So, while we are disappointed by the delay to the start of winter competitions, University Liggett School adheres to all COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the state. We look forward to the day when we can hit the ice and the court for games.”

With sports being an important part in students’ mental health, athletic directors are sympathetic.

“It’s easier for adults to adapt to the ever-changing requirements; it’s harder for kids,” Davis said. “I think there are some that understand it’s to keep them safe. Some just really want to play. I think it’s difficult for them to adjust. It’s the mental stop and start for them that I think is the hardest.”

Davis offered advice to her athletes wishing to play:

“Hold on. It’s coming,” she said. “Hold on and trust the fact that we’re doing everything we can to help them and make it safe for them.”





First grade language art students are masked and ready to learn.



Social distancing reminders are posted in each hallway.



All students and staff were given masks and safety signs are posted throughout the school.

# Safe at St. Paul

Students at St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms have been learning face to face since the beginning of school in September. Administrators have implemented several measures to keep students and staff safe. Hallways are marked with directional signs, letting students know which way to walk; posters remind students to stay socially distanced; bathrooms are regularly disinfected; lunch is eaten in each classroom, where students stay throughout the day to limit contact with other students; and the playground is zoned so classes stay together and each class has its own playground equipment. Additionally, temperatures are checked upon entry, masks are required

and disinfectant wipes and sanitizers are available. “Our success is due to a great deal of planning, together with a team effort by the entire school community to adapt to the new rules,” Principal Tina Forsythe said. “Over the summer, we developed a back-to-school plan, incorporating directives from the CDC, the Wayne County Health Department and the Archdiocese of Detroit, together with the protocols we felt necessary to bring our students back to the building. While, thankfully, we have not had to use the distance learning portion of that plan, we were able to rearrange classrooms, implement our safety protocols and have been consistent in following that plan.”



Drinking fountains are covered at all times.



St. Paul Principal Tina Forsythe shows kindergardener Ronan Forrest where to put his wrist for the temperature check.



Above, an isolation room for anyone not feeling well and/or showing symptoms of COVID-19. Left, lockers are color-coded to keep students spaced apart as only one color at a time goes to their locker.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Charlotte Nicholson** of Grosse Pointe Woods has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at the University of Vermont. She attends the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

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**Rachel Sexton**, the daughter of Frank and Filomena Sexton of Grosse Pointe Woods, recently was named to the Dean's List at the Peabody College of Education and Human Development. A sophomore, she is majoring in cognitive sciences.

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**Samuel Salisbury** of Grosse Pointe Woods, **Mary Reinman** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Calyx Turco** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's List at Belmont University for the fall 2020 semester.

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Grosse Pointe resident **Natasha Boelstler** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience from the University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences. She was recognized during a virtual commencement ceremony in December.

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**Gabriel Kirck** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List at Olivet College for the 2020 spring semester.

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**Jessie Trube** of Grosse Pointe Park recently was named to the Dean's List at Slippery Rock University for the fall 2020 semester.

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The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Lawrence

Technological University: **Keith Johnson**, **Adrian Kelmendi** and **Thomas Lombardi** of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Meredith Bruni**, **Daniel Duquet** and **Jonathan Frasier** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Jacqueline Albo**, **Ethan Flannery**, **Brandon Kreuter**, **Nicholas Muccioli**, **Brittany Rizzo** and **Jackson Walkowiak** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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**Tanner Belanger** and **Riley Francis** of Grosse Pointe Farms, and **Sophia Liolli** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List at Alma College for the 2020 fall term.

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**Madeline Ulku** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List at the University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences for the fall 2020 term.

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Grosse Pointe resident **Will Strickler** was named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University for outstanding achievement during the fall 2020-21 semester.

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**Keagan Mulcahy** of Grosse Pointe has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Curry College. She is majoring in business administration.

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Grosse Pointe resident **Emily S. Reed** has been named, with honors, to the fall 2020 Chancellor's Honor Rolls at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Grosse Pointe Woods student **Peter Loch** was

named a new Albion College Fellow at the end of the fall 2020 semester. Loch is majoring in social studies-secondary education with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. Loch is the child of David and Katherine Loch and a graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

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Grosse Pointe Woods student **Katherine Flynn** was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Flynn is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Grosse Pointe Woods student **Colin Gudenau** was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Gudenau is majoring in finance with a minor in psychology. He is the son of James and Allison Gudenau and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Grosse Pointe Woods student **Rachel Stander** was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Stander is majoring in biology education with a minor in psychology education, with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development and a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Douglas and Debra Stander and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

## 21 students nominated to military academies

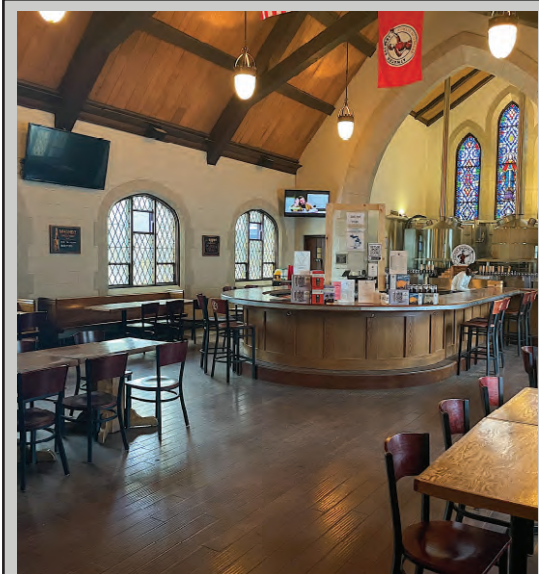
U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow recently announced she has nominated 21 students from southeast Michigan for admission at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

“Michigan is fortunate to have so many exceptional students who want to serve our country through military service,”

Stabenow said. “Having demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence in and out of the classroom, I am confident they will represent Michigan and our country well.”

Among Stabenow's nominees are Keelin Dailey of Grosse Pointe Farms, seeking admission to the Navy; Tarun Jarial of Grosse Pointe Woods, seeking admission to the Air Force; and Charles Rulison of Grosse Pointe Park, seeking admission to the Navy.

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative or the Vice President. Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a highly competitive application process that included interviews by veteran, military and community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.



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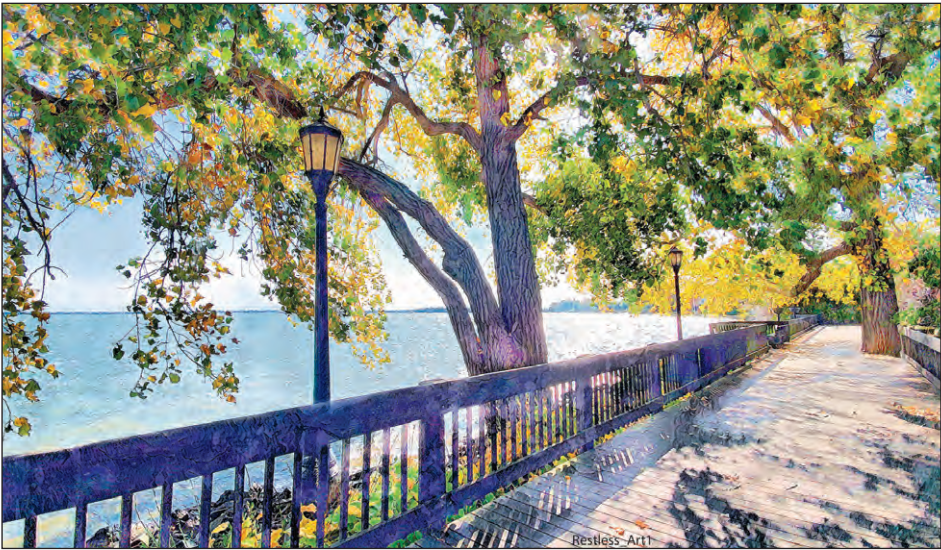
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To be considered, please submit materials at:  
[www.grossepointenews.com/art](http://www.grossepointenews.com/art)



“In the Light” by Will Schippert.

# Digital artist making waves

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Park resident Will Schippert was studying for an art degree at Central Michigan University when he decided to make the switch to business. For 12 years, he used his MBA and CPA background on a few small business ventures, until the black cloud of COVID-19 came along.

A trip to see the national parks last year reignited his love for art. Between the pandemic and the country’s political unrest, Schippert decided to create one piece of art each day for his own peace of mind.

“The pandemic destroyed my business,” he said. “What made me happy last year was creating art based on national parks and seeing things that have never been seen before that are right here.

“Instead of traveling West, I focused on Michigan,” he added. “I created a book for the Upper Peninsula to introduce people to things they’ve never seen. I wanted to share with people things they’re potentially missing or they’ve never seen, or refresh their memories of things they have seen and give them a new perspective.”

While the national parks first inspired him to return to the art world, he said the 1960s and ’70s slogan “See America First,” really got him thinking.

“It’s easy to get behind the national parks, but consider the beauty right here,” he said. “I moved to the Park in 2015, but before that I considered myself an international traveler.”

After spending time in Europe and South American, he said, “It occurred to me I’d never seen my own country. I’d never spent time in the Upper Peninsula. What I’m passionate about is the bliss I feel when I’m sitting in front of something that seems impossible.

“I hadn’t spent much time in state parks,” he



COURTESY PHOTOS

Will Schippert’s “Happy Place.”

continued. “There’s no feeling like it in the world. ... It’s an addictive feeling. I really wanted to show people that. ... We should see our own country before we need to see anywhere else.”

Schippert has created several books on different subjects that inventory his work, which he creates in a digital medium.

“I’ve created techniques to make photos look like paintings,” he said. “It’s like what Impressionists would have done. ... It’s like creating a painting, but doing it on a screen. It can’t go back to being a picture. I’ll spend six to eight hours on one to get it just right. It’s not photography, but it starts with photography.”

He uses his own photographs in his work, which he believes is therapeutic.

Schippert’s work has appeared locally, most recently at Posterity Gallery in The Village and the Junior League Show House in Indian Village. Exhibitions that were lined up pre-pandemic were canceled.

Schippert said he looks forward to a long career in art, though currently he’s focusing on creation

rather than commerce.

“Fifteen years ago I decided if I ever do something worthy, I’d love to have my own stuff on my walls rather than the masters, like Van Gogh or Picasso,” he said. “I think it would be really neat to have my own stuff on my own walls. What’s more mind-blowing is that I’ve talked to people who are interested in having my stuff on their walls.”

Schippert’s work may be viewed on his Instagram page, @restless\_art1.

He’s received positive feedback about his work, which he hopes people find cathartic.

“If I could share one thing with people, it’s that you need some kind of creative outlet, no matter what it is, to get your mind off the variety of things going on these days that cause stress,” he said. “I’ve gotten myself mentally better than I have been in a long time. ... Everything I do now is healing art. We all need some kind of healing right now. All art should make us feel something, not just be something on the wall.”



Will Schippert’s “Spirit Watermark.”



“Anyone Can Dream” by Will Schippert.



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Defying winter doldrums  
Embracing the season, indoors and out

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After 10 months besieged with statewide shutdowns and restricted access to social activities, many Michiganders may be tired of staring at the same four walls. Add a winter chill to the mix and this season may seem endless.

But there's a world of possibilities welcoming guests in fun, educational and safe environments. Whether looking for a way to burn off stress or something to stimulate the brain, here's a sample of what's available to those looking for an escape from the winter doldrums. Of course, masks and social distancing are required.

Outdoors

◆ Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

Those looking to stretch their legs and breathe in the fresh winter air are invited to walk the Detroit RiverWalk and Dequindre Cut, which are open daily 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Those looking for a little more adventure are invited to check out Winter at Valade, at Robert C. Valade Park, 2670 E. Atwater. The winter weekend events include oversized fire chimneys, warm drinks, marshmallow roasters, the Sled Shed — which offers free sleds when it snows — synthetic ice curling and more. Winter at Valade hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays, noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 7 p.m. Sundays.

Special events are scheduled at the park, including an ice-carving festival Jan. 29 to 31, and carriage rides and valentines Feb. 12 to 14. For more information, visit [detroitriverfront.org](http://detroitriverfront.org).

For young visitors to Valade Park, GoodVibzYoga offers free fireside meditation



Robert C. Valade Park hosts a variety of activities and special events throughout the winter months.

for ages 7 to 17, from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 6 and 20. Young people will gain tools to deal with anxiety, bullying, social and emotional health. Participants receive a free marshmallow-roasting kit. Registration is required at least one week in advance.

The park also hosts Snowga, with Urban Solace Studio, at noon Sundays, Feb. 7 and 21. More information may be found at [detroitriverfront.org](http://detroitriverfront.org).

◆ Eastern Market

Detroit's Eastern Market continues to welcome guests 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays year round. A southeast Michigan staple since the 1800s, Eastern Market offers fresh and nutritious food to visitors. This historic commercial district is bordered by Gratiot, Mack, St. Aubin and I-75. For a list of vendors, visit [easternmarket.org](http://easternmarket.org).

◆ Campus Martius

One cannot talk about winter in Detroit without mentioning The Rink at Campus Martius, open seven days a week. Those planning a visit should know tickets are limited



The Detroit Institute of Arts, open by appointment, currently hosts a variety of exhibitions.

and must be purchased in advance; walk-up tickets are not available. Admission is \$11 for adults, \$9 for children; skate rental is an additional \$5. Call (313) 963-9393.

◆ Huron-Clinton Metroparks

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks offer a variety of winter activities, from snowshoeing and sledding to cross-country skiing, ice fishing and more. Family friendly events also are planned at each park, from family hayrides at Kensington to

winter bird hikes at Oakwoods and "Exploring Nature Through the Seasons" at Lake St. Clair. With 10 parks from which to choose, the opportunities abound. Learn more at [metroparks.com](http://metroparks.com).

Indoors

◆ Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Advanced reservations are required to visit the DIA, which is operating under reduced hours to allow for additional cleaning. Guests are wel-

come 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. High-risk visitors are admitted early, 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Currently on exhibit at the DIA, "Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950-2020" runs through June 27. It includes 12 coupes and sedans that highlight significant achievements in style and technology. The vehicles are complemented by drawings, photographs, paintings and sculptures that highlight car design.

"Russ Marshall: Detroit Photographs, 1958-2008" also runs through June 27, and features more than 90 black-and-white photographs inspired by Detroit streets, architecture, music and factory workers. Marshall, who freelanced for local and national labor and trade magazines, paid homage to Detroit's labor force with portraits and candid imagery of workers shot alongside the assembly

lines and machinery in factories, shops and plants throughout metro Detroit and other locales.

Coming soon to the DIA, "Experience & Expression" is a small selection of works divided into three sections: abstraction and figuration, experimentation with traditional and novel materials, and the definition of self and others. This runs Jan. 30 to Oct. 3.

In addition to its exhibitions, the DIA hosts the Detroit Film Theatre, which currently is showing the documentary "Through the Night," as well as the Czechoslovakian science fiction film "Ikarie XB-1."

For more information, visit [dia.org](http://dia.org).

◆ Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit

The Detroit Historical Museum, like the DIA, is open with limited hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, which should be purchased in advance, are for 90-minute time slots.

The museum features a selection of signature exhibitions, including "America's Motor City," "Detroit: The Arsenal of Democracy," "Motor City Music" and several others. A selection of changing exhibitions also are open, including "Automotive Showplace," "Detroit 67: Perspectives" and "Detroit's Jazz Festival," among others. Visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org) for more details.

◆ Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle, Detroit

Also under the umbrella of the Detroit Historical Society, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum is open with limited hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Advanced tickets are encouraged. This museum also offers a variety of signature and changing exhibitions. For more information, visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org).

◆ The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation is open daily 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., as is its latest exhibition, "Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes Exhibition," which runs until Jan. 31. Timed visits are required and the museum strongly sug-

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Deer spotted on the nature trail at Lake St. Clair Metropark.



The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is located on Belle Isle.

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gests reserving tickets in advance of arrival.

Also, Ford Rouge Factory tours began again Jan. 20. To learn more about what else is in store at The Henry Ford, visit thehenryford.org.

◆ **The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit**

The Charles H. Wright Museum hosts the exhibition “Voting Matters,” through May 9. The long-term exhibitions “And Still We Rise,” “Detroit Performs!” “Stories in Stained Glass” and others also currently are open. Timed tickets are available. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Find more details at thewright.org.

◆ **Fowling Warehouse, 3901 Christopher, Hamtramck**



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**The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History offers timed entry to its exhibitions.**

It’s been nearly 20 years since the game of fowling was invited; in no time it grew from an accidental tailgate experiment to finding its first home in a 14,000-square-foot warehouse in Detroit. Its Hamtramck location opened in 2014 and has seen overwhelming success, drawing visitors from the heart of the city to the outskirts of the

suburbs.

Fowling — a combination of football, bowling and horseshoes — may sound intimidating to the newcomer, but the Fowling Warehouse website offers official rules and options of play, making it accessible to seasoned and novice players.

Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck currently offers reservations

online. Cost is \$80 for two hours with a maximum of six people per lane. For more information — including a virtual warehouse tour and a peek at its three bars and 175-seat beer garden — visit fowlingwarehouse.com/hamtramck-mi or call (313) 264-1288.

◆ **Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills**

Cranbrook Institute of Science is open to the public, though reservations are required. Open Wednesday through Sunday, the venue offers a variety of interactive exhibits, a world-class collection of objects and artifacts, special events, a planetarium and observatory and more.

Upcoming events include “Amulets of Ancient Egypt” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11; “Hearts All Around” at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13; “A Conservation on American History” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11; and “In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb” at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 13.

For more information or to register, visit science.cranbrook.edu.

◆ **Michigan Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit**

Michigan Science Center, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, offers more than 220 interactive exhibits, lab activities and live science demonstrations — and that’s just with a general admission ticket. Sold separately are reserved seats for “Backyard Wilderness” in the Toyota Engineering 4D Theater or reserved seating for “Superpower Dogs” in the IMAX Theatre.

Coming soon, the center offers its Community Free Day, “Step into the Limelight,” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The day includes special exhibits, activities

and science demonstrations about photosynthesis. Additionally, Axalta will display its 2021 Global Automotive Color of the Year, “ElectroLight.” Tickets are free, but reservations are required in advance for Community Free Day. For tickets, visit bit.ly/3oapuJY.

Curious minds of all ages are drawn to this discovery center, where exploration is encouraged and the appreciation of science, technology, engineering and math is developed. For more information, visit mi-sci.org.

◆ **LEGOLAND Discovery Center Michigan, 4240 Baldwin, Auburn Hills**

LEGOLAND Discovery Center offers limited two-hour playtimes and tickets must be purchased in advance at a maximum of six tickets per party. Even though the LEGO City Play Structure and Café remain closed, there’s still plenty more fun to be had. LEGOLAND offers more than 10 experiences for children, including Merlin’s Apprentice, Meet LEGO Stars, Kingdom Quest, LEGO 4D Cinema and the Great LEGO Race VR Experience.

For a rundown of what to expect during a visit to LEGOLAND, visit legolanddiscoverycenter.com and book your tickets now.

A few more options

Another family-friendly option just down the road is the Ford Drive-In, 10400 Ford, Dearborn. The theater offers double features seven days a week. Some of its current offerings are “Wonder Woman 1984,” “News of the World” and “Freaky.” Get tickets and more information at forddrivein.com.

The newly opened Monroe Street Drive-In Powered by Emagine, located at 32 Monroe Street in Detroit, welcomes carloads of moviegoers for \$20 per vehicle. Advanced ticket purchases are recommended. Shows begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday; gates open at 6 p.m.

Currently, the drive-in is showing “Jurassic Park” and “Shrek.”

On-site concessions are available offering popcorn and snacks, as well as coffee, hot cocoa, soda and water. Outside food is permitted or patrons may have food delivered to their vehicle from a local restaurant,

using a preferred food delivery app.

There are some rules and regulations asked of drive-in patrons, so check out emagine-entertainment.com/theatres/monroe-street-drive-in for details.

For those who’d rather not brave the cold, but are missing the arts and culture scene, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra offers virtual concerts, including “Schubert’s First Symphony” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, “Struggles of Love & Faith” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Prokofiev’s Classical Symphony at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, and Brandenburg No. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. For tickets and a list of upcoming performances, visit dso.org.

Additionally, Theatre and Dance at Wayne has pivoted its 2020-21 season to a digital platform and offers several virtual experiences, including streaming and recorded performances, a virtual book club, “Five Minutes to Places” podcast, Movement Matters dance symposium and its Apple Discussion Series, where audiences will hear from actors, designers, managers, producers and others from the American theater, including Broadway talents.

On tap for Theatre and Dance at Wayne is “Campaign Zero,” a Songs for Change virtual cabaret performance, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. The Apple Discussion Series presents “A Conversation with Set and Costume Designer Alexander Dodge” 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, followed by “A Conversation with Producer Joey Moda” 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Information about each program and tickets for the Production Series are available for purchase online at theatreadanceatwayne.com.

For those looking to roam beyond the metro area, visit michiganbackroads.com to explore festivals and special events statewide, like the Plymouth Ice Festival, slated Feb. 12 to 14; the 15th annual Dam to Dam Ice Fishing Tournament in Newaygo Feb. 13; or the ninth annual Dogman Challenge Fat Bike Race in Charlevoix Feb. 20.

Due to COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions, check specific event websites for the latest information before making a road trip. More information also may be found at travelinmichigan.com.

PAATS fees waived for riders through April

Effective Monday, Jan. 25, Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, or PAATS, has suspended fees for all rides through April 30.

PAATS riders must reside in Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes and be at least 60 years old or a disabled adult. It is a curb-to-curb service. Passengers are picked up at their home, taken to their appointment, picked up and brought back to their home. All buses are sanitized before and after each pickup and at the end of every day. All riders and drivers must wear a mask while in the bus. Physical distancing is maintained within the bus as well.

The PAATS service area is any location bounded by 11 Mile Road, Gratiot Avenue, Alter Road and Jefferson Avenue. Additionally, PAATS will take passengers to appointments at Ascension St. John Hospital Health Center and the Shores Professional Building on 12 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores, Henry Ford Main Campus,

Detroit Medical Center, VA Medical Center, Detroit City County Building and The New Center.

Additionally, PAATS is now operating its “Shop the Gratiot Loop” service every Friday until further notice. Riders are picked up at their home and brought to their choice of five stores in the Gratiot shopping corridor.

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- ◆ Walmart at 12 Mile and Gratiot;
- ◆ Meijer at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Kroger at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Macomb Mall at Masonic and Gratiot;
- ◆ Target on Gratiot north of 14 Mile.

All appointments must be made at least two days in advance. To reserve a ride, call (313) 343-2580 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Winter Vegetable Soup

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Most of us look for ways to incorporate more vegetables in our diet, especially at the start of the New Year. This recipe has loads of them. It is based on my favorite soup that I would find in the bistros in Paris. I use home-made bone broth for the extra protein and nutrients from the bones.

But you can absolutely make this with vegetable broth or chicken stock. It's a smooth and hearty soup that each one of my kids devour, which is always a mom win. I've included my recipe for homemade bone broth below.

### Winter Vegetable Soup

1 small butternut squash, peeled and diced

2 leeks, washed and sliced

½ Sweet onion, diced  
1 clove of garlic, chopped

2 zucchini, chopped

1 large carrot, chopped

1 celery stalk, chopped

2 Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and chopped

1 tsp. chopped rosemary

2 Tbsp. olive oil

6 cups chicken or vegetable stock

Fresh parsley, chopped

Sweat the onions, leeks and garlic in olive oil for 5 minutes. Once they are soft, add the remaining vegetables



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### Winter Vegetable Soup

and rosemary. Give them a stir and add in stock. Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Using a blender or immersion blender, puree until smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste. A sprinkle of fresh parsley adds flavor and a nice look.

### Homemade Slow Cooker Bone Broth

The benefits of bone broth are countless. It helps with gut health, inflammation, joint pain and bone strength. This method is a weekly staple at our house. I always save chicken bones and freeze them. But most local butchers

will get you bones if you call ahead. The vinegar helps extract the minerals and nutrients out so the final result, when cooled, is gelatinous liquid gold.

All you need is a crock pot. Usage is endless.

3 lbs. chicken bones  
1 large carrot  
1 onion, cut in half  
2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

Enough water to fill the pot

Add all ingredients and simmer on high for 12-24 hours. Strain out the bones. Can be frozen up to three months.

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Studies have shown that most middle and upper middle class people do not consider themselves well off. The reason? People tend to spend what they make and live from paycheck to paycheck no matter their level of income. Resolve to shop with a list and resist impulse or boredom shopping; budget and save for large-ticket items.

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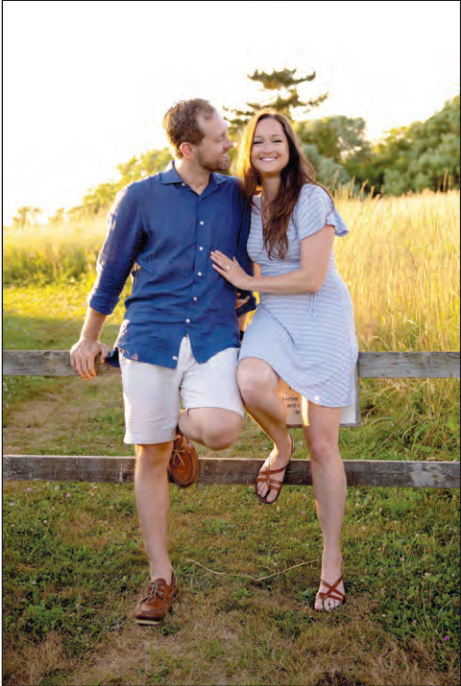
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# ENGAGEMENTS



Thomas Stirling and Lauren Doyon



Leann Decker and C. Allen Brooks

### Doyon—Stirling

Gary and Grace Doyon of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Doyon, to Thomas Stirling, the son of David and Fenton Stirling of Winchester, Mass.

An August 2021 wedding is planned.

Miss Doyon graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2009, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Rowan University in 2013. She is a group account director for Intouch Group in Boston.

Mr. Stirling graduated from Winchester High School in 2007, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and information systems from the University of Vermont in 2011. He is the owner and CEO of Stirling Brandworks in Winchester.

### Decker—Brooks

Mark and Lisa Decker of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Leann Decker, to C. Allen Brooks, the son of Tim and Stacy Brooks of Williamston, S.C.

Miss Decker is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Tiffin University and a Master of Arts degree in school and community psychology from Wayne State University. She is a school psychologist for the Greenville County School System in South Carolina.

Mr. Brooks is a 2007 graduate of Palmetto High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information technology from the University of South Carolina. He is a senior software engineer at Kopis Technologies in South Carolina.

An October 2021 wedding is planned in Greenville, S.C.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Dr. Dorothy Jean Akin Jens

Dorothy Jean Akin Jens passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at her home in the Brandon Wilde community in Evans, Ga. She was born Feb. 28, 1923, in Evanston, Ill., to Howard James Akin and Dorothy Johanna Smart Akin.

Dorothy attended Evanston schools and Beloit College. She earned degrees from Northwestern University, Purdue University and Wayne State University.

Dorothy and Wayne Henry Jens were married Jan. 26, 1946. The couple lived in Grosse Pointe Park and Presque Isle before they retired to Lake Keowee, S.C., and then Brandon Wilde. Dorothy and Wayne celebrated their 71st anniversary prior to Wayne's death in January 2018.

A licensed psychologist in Michigan, Dorothy practiced as a school psychologist in St. Clair Shores and spent her career helping children. She received awards from the National Center for Learning Disabilities and the Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan.

The couple had four children, Dr. Kathryn Jens of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Martha Bale (Dr. James F.) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Emily Walker Doubler (Jerry) of Plymouth, Mich., and Andrew Akin Jens (Amber) of Herndon, Va. Dorothy had 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

To reunite with her husband, Dorothy's interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan, 200 Museum Dr., Suite 101, Lansing, MI 48933.

Dorothy's full obituary may be viewed at [plattsfuneralhome.com](#).

## Barbara Eletta Ketterer Bangs

Barbara Eletta Ketterer Bangs, a longtime resident of the Grosse Pointes, passed away Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at the home of her daughter, Martha, in St. Clair Shores, where Barbara lived the past seven years. She died peacefully with Martha at her side after she enjoyed one final Christmas season — her favorite time of year.

Barbara was born March 30, 1925, in Detroit, to Edward A. and Gertrude E. (nee Kraft) Ketterer. She grew up on Lincoln Road in the City of Grosse Pointe, attended Grosse Pointe public schools and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. She held a position in the invoicing department at Chrysler Co., until she married and started her family.

Barbara loved playing piano and singing; she also studied ballet many years. During World War II, Barbara volunteered at Hostess Co. events.

Barbara met her future husband, Donald C. Bangs, through the St. Columba Episcopal Church young people's group, "Marinots." They were married May 5, 1951. The couple built their home in Grosse Pointe Woods, where they raised two daughters and were active members at St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Barbara stayed home to raise her children and returned to the workforce part time when the girls were teenagers; she ultimately retired as a teller at Comerica Bank.

Throughout her life, Barbara was a dedicated volunteer in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Girl Scouts and The Little Thrift Shop at St. Michael's. Her family and faith were always at the center of her life. She

showed kindness and generosity to many through the years, in times of need and at times unexpected. Barbara was a devoted and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend.

Barbara was predeceased by her beloved husband, Don, in 1992. Don's sudden and unexpected death necessitated big changes in Barbara's life. She took the opportunities presented to develop new interests and friendships. She was active in golf and bowling leagues and elections in Grosse Pointe Woods. Barbara volunteered at Pierce Middle School in home economics and life skills. She also was a surgical lounge volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital and helped with book sales at the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. Well into her 90s, Barbara continued to volunteer at The Little Thrift Shop receiving department and helped with special projects and crafts at ShorePointe Village Assisted Living.

In addition to volunteering, Barbara enjoyed accompanying her daughter, Martha, on trips for business and leisure.

Barbara's life was well lived and in service to others, her family said. Her loving spirit, positive attitude, sense of humor and enjoyment of life's simple things will be missed.

Barbara is survived by her loving daughters, Elizabeth and Martha, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Adele Segerlund, Edward F. Ketterer and Gertrude E. Munro.

Due to pandemic restrictions, a memorial service will take place at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, where Barbara was an active member the past several years, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, dona-



Dorothy J. Akin Jens



Barbara Ketterer Bangs



Mary June Black

tions in Barbara's memory may be made by check, payable to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, with "Music Fund" or "Flower Memorials" written on the memo line, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Crossroads of Michigan, [crossroads ofmichigan.org](#); or the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, [macsshelter.org](#).

## Mary June Black

Mary June Black (nee MacPhee), 82, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021.

She was born June 5, 1938, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and remained a Canadian citizen all her years. A resident alien in the U.S., Mary called the Grosse Pointes home most of her life.

She attended McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Mary had a successful career in Grosse Pointe as a financial advisor, first vice president and branch manager at First of Michigan Corp., and then Morgan Stanley, and opened its Grosse Pointe branch on The Hill.

Mary was a great lover of animals. She had 10 dogs, most of which were rescues, and one cat known as the infamous Fred; she also helped birth two litters of puppies.

She took great pleasure in entertaining and was most happy in the kitchen, where she made all kinds of delicious food for family and friends. Always well-read and informed on current events, Mary loved "Book TV" on C-SPAN. During cocktail hour, she was always counted on for spirited debate on all topics ranging from film to politics to

history.

Mary kept a lake house in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada, where she cooked, watched her family on the water, took her dogs for walks and enjoyed sunsets over Lake Erie.

Mary will be remembered as a dedicated and loving mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Arabella, Benjamin (Jody) and Nicolas (Teresa); and grandchildren, EJ, Chip, Chase, Teddy, Mimi, Lucas, Evelyn, Sydney, Sophia and Alex.

Share a memory with the family at [guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com](#).

## Thomas J. Sees Sr.

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas J. Sees Sr., 77, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. The second of four boys, he was born Sept. 16, 1943, in Philadelphia, to John Francis Sees Sr. and Helen Sees (nee Connelly).

Tom was a 1961 graduate of Father Judge High School in Philadelphia. At Drexel University in Philadelphia, he earned a bachelor's degree in 1971 and an MBA in 1976. He completed pre-doctoral studies at Wayne State University.

Tom worked in the Office of the Registrar at Drexel University from 1962 to 1985. While an associate registrar at Drexel, he was offered the position of registrar at WSU. In 2003, Tom retired from WSU as associate vice president for student affairs.

Tom met Sandra "Sandy" Fisher at Drexel University in 1963. They married in 1966, and had two children, Sandy Marie in 1967, and Tom Jr. in 1970. In 1968, they moved from Philadelphia to New Jersey so their children would have "open space" in which to play. In 1985, they purchased their home in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tom and Sandy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Savannah, Ga.

Tom enjoyed the tradition of reunions with his family each Thanksgiving, starting in 2010 at Disneyworld, then Cancun in 2011, Ireland in 2012, a Caribbean cruise to St. Thomas and St. Maarten in 2013, Turks and Caicos in 2014, another Caribbean cruise in 2015, Punta Cana in 2016, the Bahamas in 2017, a Disney cruise in 2018 and a Western Caribbean cruise in 2019.

Tom loved to travel with Sandy, his lifelong friend and spouse. They vacationed in Hawaii, Ireland, Italy, Greece and the Greek Isles, Mexico, South America, the Bahamas, the Eastern and Western Caribbean and throughout the U.S.

Tom served as a technical sergeant in human resources in the U.S. Air Force Air National Guard in Pennsylvania from 1964 to 1975. He told interesting stories about his flight to Panama with the Pennsylvania ANG.



Thomas J. Sees Sr.

Although he loved the military, he resigned from the service in 1975 due to family commitments, a decision he regretted until his death.

Tom was very active in his community. In New Jersey, he was a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician at the Sewell Ambulance Co. He also served as secretary on the Mantua Township Planning Board, co-chairman of the Gloucester County Planning Authority, zoning board officer, president of the Sewell Fire Co., and president of the Mantua Township Fire Association. He also taught Catechism classes at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Pitman, N.J.

In Michigan, Tom was active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, where he served as exalted ruler in 2008-09, secretary from 2009 to 2011 and trustee from 2012 to 2014. Tom joined the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey in 1971, and transferred to Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 7780 in Michigan in 2002. He served as the Knights of Columbus' financial secretary beginning in 2010. He was granted fourth-degree rank in the Knights of Columbus March 5, 2011, from the St. Paul on the Lake Council in Grosse Pointe Farms. In 2012, Tom joined the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. Tom also volunteered as an AARP tax aide several years. Together, Tom and Sandy served as secretary couple for The Villagers, a dinner-dance group of about 100 couples. Tom was bestowed the Outstanding Elk Officer of the Year Award for 2010-11 and honorary membership in Phi Beta Delta International Scholars in 2000.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandy; children, Tom Sees (Mollie) and Sandy Marie McGuire (Jim Selfridge); grandchildren, Megan Rose (Cortez), Erin Michelle, Shannon Marie and Gregory James; brother, Bill (Cathy); and many beloved nieces and nephews. Tom was predeceased by his parents; son-in-law, Gregory James McGuire Sr.; brothers, Jack and Fran Sees; and sister-in-law, Mary.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Jan. 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at the church's columbarium.

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## Jake Zbigniew Pennar

Ordinary words will never do justice to the extraordinary life lived by our beloved son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend; Jake Zbigniew Pennar. A saint on Earth, Jake was born on December 31, 2011 in Mesa, Arizona. He peacefully took Jesus' hand on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. In his nine mighty years, Jake lived a life full of faith, love, joy, courage, and service. During the last two years, as he fought his courageous battle with a malignant brain tumor, we were blessed to witness and learn from his physical and spiritual courage. He taught us how to show up loving every day and how to show up strong. He inspired us to never quit and to never give up. Even in his hardest days, he showed us the beauty of putting others first. He showed us true faith. Jake prayed everyday but never for himself, his prayers were always for the other children at the hospital, especially those without their mommies and daddies. His life is an incredible gift and he exemplified grace in his every step. He never thought of himself as less fortunate. Whether it was raising money to fight pediatric cancer or donating toys to kids at the hospital, he thought of himself as fortunate to be able to help.

Jake loved to play baseball, build Legos, cook, and ride his bike. He loved spending time with his family and friends, and his beautiful, lov-

ing heart will forever stay with us, as will our memories of him being a kind friend, a great confidant, a dedicated teammate, a neighbor and a classmate at Monteith Elementary School.



His passion for life, and his heart of service, kindness and love moved people to want to do extraordinary things for him. But it didn't matter to Jake if you were a Major League baseball player, cartoon producer, someone with a sign asking for help on the side of the road, the kid at school with the most friends, or the kid with the least amount of friends;

Jake cared and wanted to be your friend for who you were. He had a wisdom and love beyond his years.

The magnitude of the illness he so bravely fought opened doors to unique opportunities for which we will forever be grateful. He received incredible support from his hometown Tigers and Red Wings. Jake was featured as a character in two LEGO Ninjago episodes. He celebrated on the field when the Atlanta Braves won the 2019 pennant and had his Little League jersey hanging in the 2020 post season locker room. He was sworn in as an honorary Navy SEAL and took his oath with incredible pride.

Jake repeatedly said: "I'm not worried, God's got this." We are comforted to know that God's got Jake now and we are blessed to have Jake's imprint in our hearts forever. The most important memory we carry is his incredible smile.

Jake's spirit is carried on by his parents, Amy and Krzysztof, his sister Stacey, and extended family and friends in Michigan, Arizona, Poland, and around the world.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating a new toy to the Children's Hospital of Michigan. Donations can be left at Whistle Stop Hobby and Toy in St. Clair Shores. Donations in Jake's name can also be made to The Rainbow Connection ([www.rainbowconnection.org](#)) and Angels of Hope ([www.angelssofhope.org](#)).



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Charles R. Campbell II

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Charles R. Campbell II, of Ortonville, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. He was 81.

Chuck was the beloved husband of Margy for 56 wonderful years; loving father of Kathleen Mermiges (Dr. Demetrios M.D.) of Grosse Pointe Shores, Karen Romkema of Clarkston, Kristen Suran (Michael) of Ortonville, Richard Campbell (Nichole) of Ortonville and Gary Campbell (Chastity) of Grand Blanc; and cherished brother of Thomas Campbell (Jill) of Grosse Ile, William Campbell (Joanne) of Florida and Judith Starrs (the late Michael) of Grosse Pointe. He also is survived by 29 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many loving extended family members and friends. Chuck was predeceased by his sister, Linda Jablonski (Richard) in 2004.

Born Sept. 3, 1939, to Harold and Marian (nee Beaupre) Campbell of Grosse Pointe, Chuck graduated from St. Paul Catholic High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and had a career as an insurance claims adjuster.

Chuck enjoyed 56 years of coaching and mentoring young baseball athletes at the Babe Ruth League in Grosse Pointe and Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School in Waterford. He also maintained rental properties, enjoyed boating on Bald Eagle Lake and spending time with his family and friends. He was loved by many and will be truly missed.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 26, 2021, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Angels or Tuition Athletic Fund, 5495 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

Share a memory with the family in the online guestbook at [wintfuneralhome.com](http://wintfuneralhome.com).



Charles R. Campbell II

Raymond DeRyck Jr.

Raymond DeRyck Jr. passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. He was born Feb. 3, 1938, in Detroit, to Raymond Sr. and Dorothy DeRyck.

In Ray's youth, his family moved to Grosse Pointe Park. He was a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and then attended the University of Detroit Law School.

Ray worked many years as a probation officer and later as a bailiff for the 36th District Court in Detroit.

Ray had a knack for buying and selling real estate in metropolitan Detroit. He later had opportunities to invest in real estate in Portland, Maine, where he combined his love for nature and real estate. His interest in real estate never wavered.

An avid tennis player and golfer for many years, he enjoyed being active in sports and spent a lot of time outdoors.

Most important to Ray was spending time with his family in Michigan and Maine. A humorous and kind soul, he was fun to be with and loved talking with people. He was happiest in a house full of family and friends.

Raymond was predeceased by his parents; his beloved wife, Barbara; and brother, Richard. He is survived by his daughters, Deborah May (Vince), Kristen DeRyck and Jennifer DeRyck; grandchildren, Carmen, Alexander, Kurt, Amelia and Arieh; and many loving nieces and nephews.

His family extends special thanks to Hospice of Michigan, Home Care of St. Clair Shores and friends and family who supported them in Ray's final days.



Raymond DeRyck Jr.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 22, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

Jean McNelly Elliott

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jean Elliott, 96, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, in Baltimore, of natural causes. She was born Oct. 20, 1924, in Long Beach, Calif.

Jean was predeceased by her parents, J. Walter and Nora Davis; first husband, Harold "Mac" Machamer; and second husband, Charles Wm. Elliott. She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Machamer, Joan Machamer (Jim Dillon) and Laura "Lolly" Easley (Hutton); and granddaughter, Eliza Jeanne Easley. She also will be deeply missed by her daughters, Sara Phillips, Betsy Hornbeck, Nancy Badger (Gary) and Peggy Heffelmire (Brad); and grandchildren, Jennifer Reizen (Scott), Bob Tiderington (Michelle), Tom Hornbeck, Paul Hornbeck (Emma), Jillian Badger-Reyes, Ryan Badger (Kristen), Lindsey Palmer (Tony) and Kirk Heffelmire. In addition, she leaves behind 14 great-grandchildren, Cassie, Alex, Frank and Lucas Valice, Jake Reizen and Gwyneth, Charles, Meredith and Henry Tiderington, Yara Hornbeck, Dylan and Sadie Reyes and Annie and Grant Palmer.

Along with several friends, Jean was an original co-owner of the Pointe Peddler, a specialty kitchenware store that also offered cooking classes and demonstrations.



Jean McNelly Elliott

An avid reader and lover of crossword puzzles, Jean also enjoyed being outdoors gardening.

She was a devoted and beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who participated in all her family's activities through the years. She loved to travel and in later years took several trips, including to Hong Kong, China, England and Alaska on a special family cruise.

Jean was an active member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. She also was very active in the local PEO chapter. After Jean moved to Baltimore, she was involved in various groups at Broadmead and worked at the Country Store.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, a Celebration of Life gathering and interment of ashes will take place at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church memory garden in late spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, [aspc.org](http://aspc.org).

The Helm reopens Feb. 1

The Helm at the Boll Life Center will reopen Monday, Feb. 1, for in-person exercise classes and social activities.

"Our members and patrons have been asking when we were reopening," said Peggy Hayes, executive director. "Based on the state's current recommendations, we are confident we can begin a gradual reopening of The Helm. We are starting with our exercise classes and social activities including, euchre, Bingo and mah jongg.

"We will be enforcing strict safety protocols, including proper wearing of face masks and physical distancing at all times," she added.

The Helm has implemented a number of protocols for the safety of its constituents, instructors and employees.

◆ Masks must be worn in the building at all times.

◆ Anyone entering the building must answer a short health questionnaire and have their temperature taken.

◆ Class sizes are limited to maintain 6 feet between participants and instructors.

◆ Class times will be staggered to allow rooms and surfaces to be sanitized between classes.

◆ Congregate lunches will be limited to 12 people in the building. Carryout lunches also will be available for the near future. Available lunches are limited to 50 total.

◆ Registration is required for all classes and lunch. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Participants are asked to arrive early for class to allow enough time for the check-in process.

"Our members have been anxious for us to reopen and many have already registered for classes," Hayes said. "Because class size is limited, you must register — no walk-ins will be accepted. I encourage you to register as soon as possible.

"This has been a long haul," Hayes continued. "And, as we've learned, it takes a village. With more vaccinations on the horizon and everyone's cooperation following health and safety protocols, we are confident we will continue to add programs each month. We will get through this together."

For a schedule of upcoming classes — including its new Strength & Balance and Grooves Trifecta classes — visit [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org) or call The Helm at (313) 882-9600 to register.

Dr. James Lee Moseley, Ph.D.

April 17, 1942 – November 13, 2020.

In Senegal, the polite expression for saying someone died is to say his or her library has burned. When I first heard the phrase, I didn't understand it, but over time I came to realize it was perfect. Our minds and souls contain volumes inscribed by our experiences and emotions, each individual's consciousness is a collection of memories we've cataloged and stored inside us, a private library of a life lived. It is something that no one else can entirely share, one that burns down and disappears

when we die. But if you can take something from that internal collection and share it — with one person or with the larger world, on the page or in a story recited — it takes on a life of its own.

"I hope that you will inscribe in your heart one memory from the library of the life I've lived."

Memorial Contributions may be directed to The Divine Mercy Historic Preservation, 4440 Russell Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

Please share a memory of James at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).



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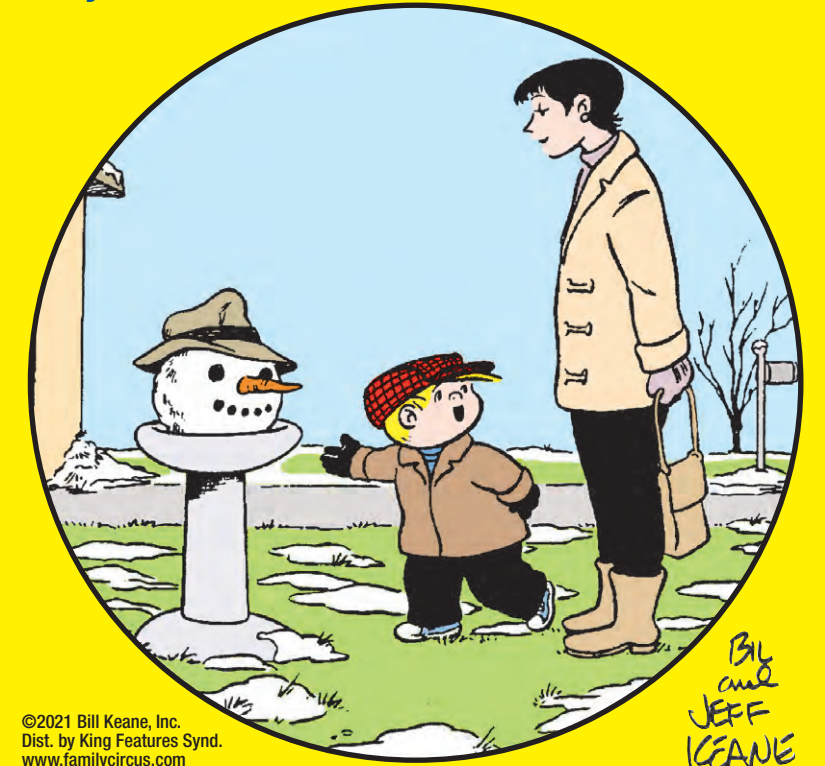
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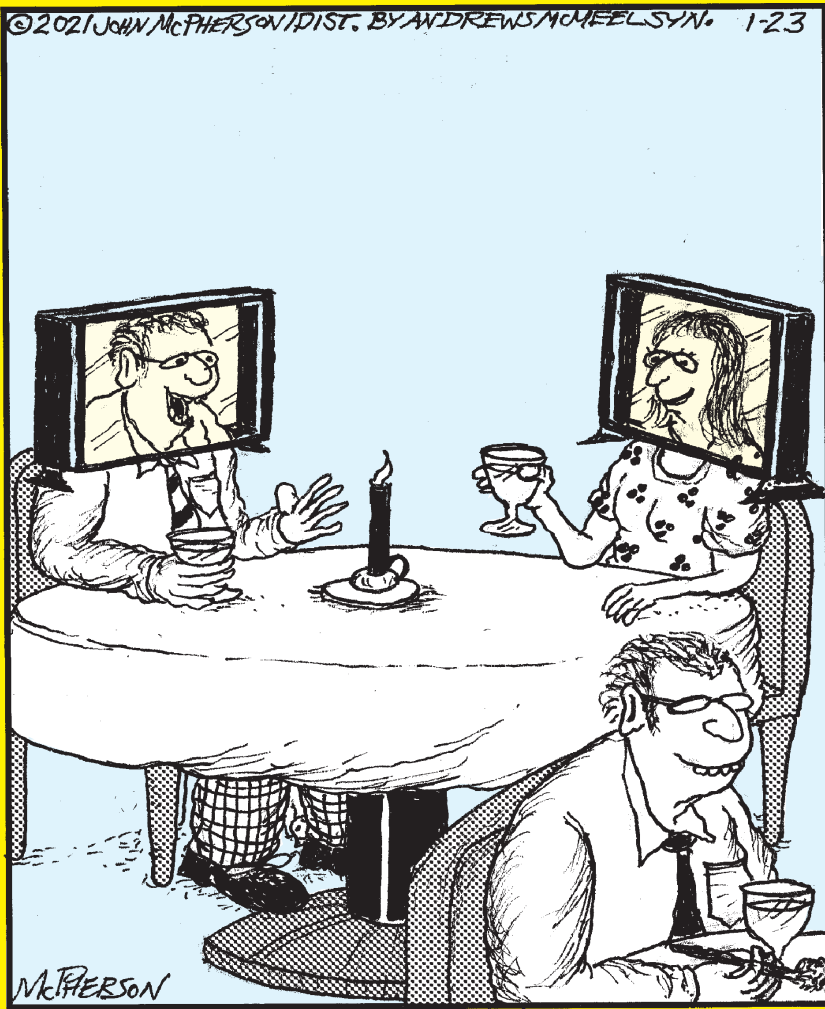


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"There wasn't enough snow for the whole man."

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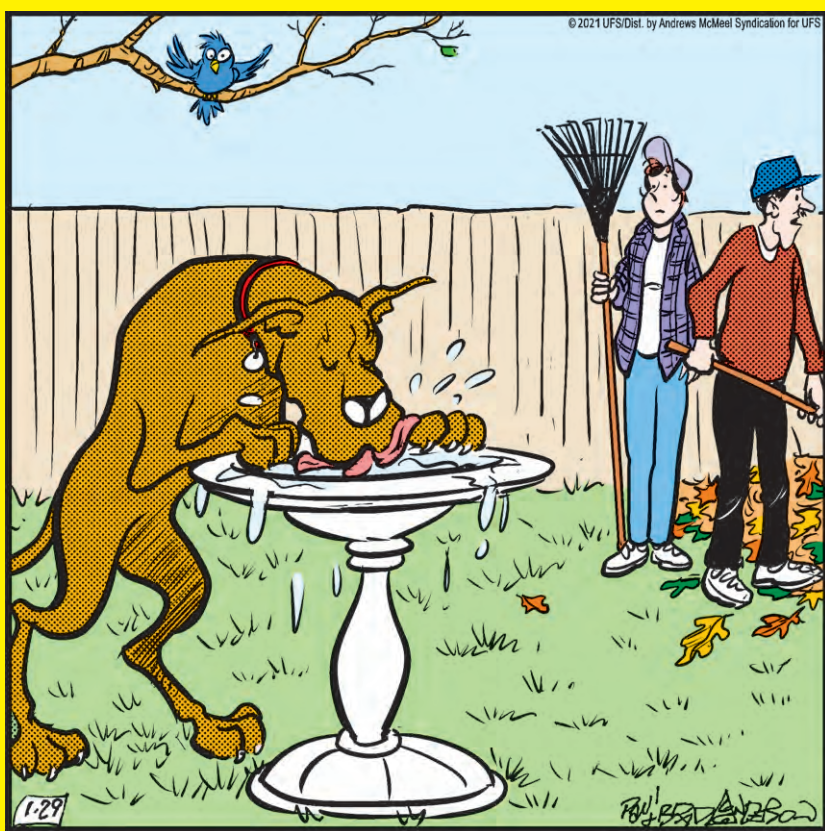
John McPherson



"To ease the transition from online dating to dating in person, many singles are using the new "monitor masks."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"It's more fun when it belongs to someone else."

Dilbert

Scott Adams



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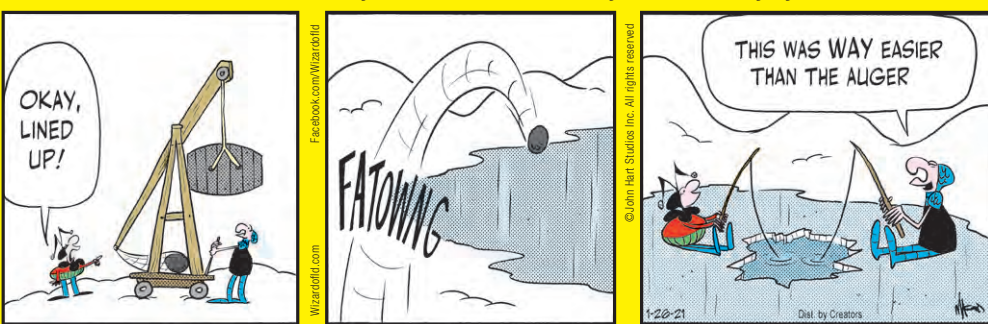
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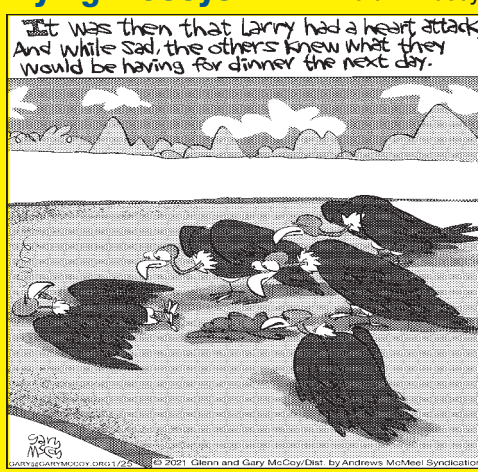
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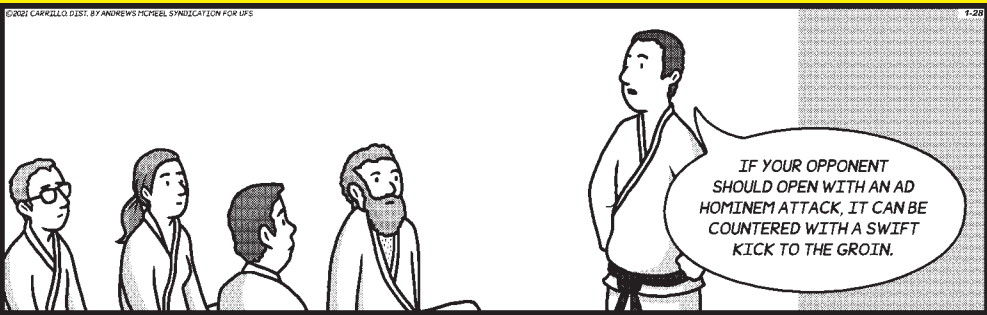
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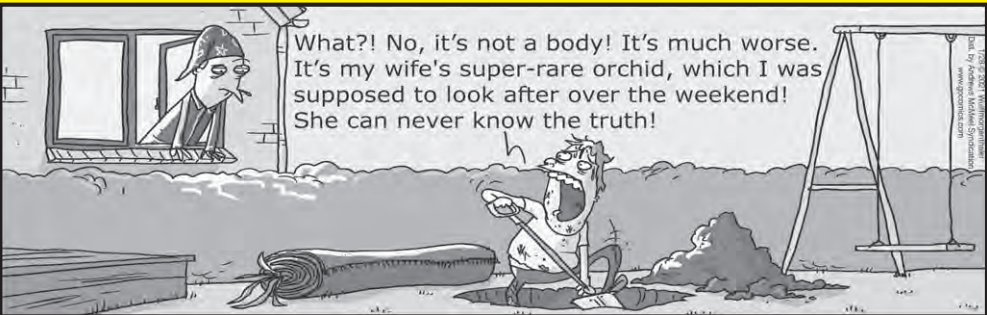
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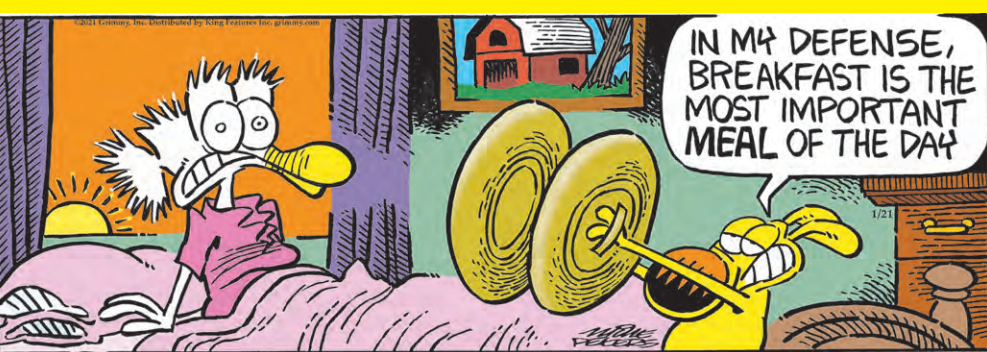
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Mother Goose and Grim

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Reality Check

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

	7			3				
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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

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

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 28, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Lion's locks  
5 500 sheets of paper  
9 Scrub, NASA-style  
14 Skin So Soft seller  
15 Actress Kendrick of "Pitch Perfect 3"  
16 Nintendo antihero with a W on his cap  
17 "That's not the half of it, Mr. Nicklaus!"  
20 Part of BYOB  
21 Shake (viral 2013 dance)  
22 Sore  
23 Persian or Siamese  
24 Letters before thetas  
26 Sign before Virgo  
27 Unethical  
31 Inflatable pool fillers  
33 "Go away, Mr. Sinatra!"  
36 Get clean?  
37 Benjamin Hoff's "The \_\_\_ of Pooh"  
38 Idris of "The Wire"  
42 "You're mistaken about me, Mr. Fierl!"  
47 Slow tempo  
49 Small waterfall  
50 Dr. Ruth subject  
51 Sweater spoiler

- Nebraska hometown  
23 Response to a knock  
25 Bart Simpson, to Homer  
27 Running a fever, say  
28 \_\_\_ culpa (my bad)  
29 "16 and Pregnant" channel  
30 Drummer Shannon  
32 Rough draft  
34 It's okay in the Atkins diet  
35 Marching campus grp.  
39 JFK alternative  
40 Flower, at first  
41 "Okay, skipper"  
43 Everest and others (Abbr.)  
44 Trio, tripled  
45 Kylo Ren's father

- 46 In \_\_\_ (anxious)  
47 They may be added to the dinner table  
48 Whiz  
50 Pointy church part  
52 Still in the game  
53 Philanthropist Bill or Melinda  
56 The shivers  
58 Smartphone predecessors, briefly  
59 San Antonio athlete  
60 Whittle (down)  
61 Some, and then some  
63 White bill in Monopoly  
64 Just out of the box

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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A	L	O	T	S	L	I	D	B	A	S	R	A

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The Name Game by Marcia Brott and Tom Pepper

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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