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In-person learning plans moving forward

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe Public School System students will soon return full time to classroom education, March 1 for students through fourth grade and March 15 for all older students. The plan was unanimously approved by the school board during its Feb. 8 meeting.

The board voted after hearing two hours of comments submitted by parents, students and staff. Those opposed to face-to-face learning expressed concerns about whether students can maintain safe social distancing and also questioned whether the district has a viable plan for the process. Several questioned maintaining the air quality in the district’s older schools.

“We all want to go back to normal, but our children have to be safe,” one parent wrote. Those who favored students returning to school full time questioned the quality of remote learning, often citing other schools, including local private and parochial schools, that have successfully maintained in-classroom

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Winter wonderland

Walter L. Palmer’s “Snow Scene with Stream Watercolor” certainly is fitting following the recent snowfall in southeast Michigan — with undoubtedly more winter weather to come.

Home invasions have suspected connection to FBI-investigated national theft ring

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE PARK AND SHORES — Though the investigation is still ongoing, Grosse Pointe Park detectives suspect the Feb. 1 invasions of one home in the Park and one in the Shores could be related to a South American organized crime crew based in Los Angeles, according to a weekly public safety report.

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Applications for PS chief accepted

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Lt. Jim Bostock has been serving as interim chief of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department since Stephen Poloni left the position at the end of January. The City of Grosse Pointe named John Alcorn as a replacement for Poloni Monday, Jan. 25, the same day Poloni left the Park and the City to become city manager of the Shores. The search for a new chief in the Park is still ongoing. City Manager Nick Sizeland gave an update on the process at a city council meeting Monday, Feb. 8. The position for chief of public safety has been posted online and applications will be accepted until

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Frank Sorise

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Webmaster, podcaster lands interview of a lifetime



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A guide to vaccination availability

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES & DETROIT — While eligible Wayne County residents have multiple sources from which to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, a fairly specific system of responsibility has been put in place. Those 65 or older can expect to receive the vaccine via local hospitals, while public safety, school staff and other essential workers under priority level 1B can expect to be routed

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Pointe officers receive first vaccination dose

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS & WOODS — Grosse Pointe officers now have the ability to get the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine if they so choose, as Wayne County’s availability has reached the priority level of officers. While many Woods officers were able to receive the first dose Thursday, Jan. 28, and the Farms department was given 30 reserved appointments for the first dose Saturday, Jan. 30, nine officers in the City were able to get in as early as Jan. 22. “We were originally on a list basically that gave us short-notice opportunities,” City Public Safety Director John Alcorn explained, “so if they had the vaccine that people didn’t show up for or had to cancel for whatever reason, then we would get a call rather than having those shots go to waste, so that’s how we got in when we did.” Alcorn himself experienced a moderately sore,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN ALCORN

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn received the first dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at a Wayne County facility Jan. 22.

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Ashby’s Sterling owners ask for help

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Timing is everything. That’s the difficult lesson the new owners of Ashby’s Sterling Ice Cream have learned since purchasing the business last year.

Co-owners Dillon Rochon, Matt Thomas and Brian Krusinski took a leap of faith and purchased the Grosse Pointe Woods establishment — a fixture in the community since 1963 — March 4, 2020.

Rochon, who got his first job at the ice cream parlor when he was 14 years old, said this should have been a flawless business opportunity. After working for two previous owners, “I knew I could run the place perfectly,” he said. “I spent six years as an employee.” He enlisted Thomas,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ashby’s Sterling Ice Cream co-owner Dillon Rochon gets ready to scoop some ice cream behind the counter.

his cousin, and Thomas’s co-worker, Krusinski, as business partners. The trio admitted they were nervous, but excited about the opportunity and responsibility of owning a business. “We looked forward with optimism, but a little

over a week after we got started, COVID-19 took over,” Thomas wrote via GoFundMe.

Because the business became an LLC in March, it did not qualify for government assistance when the pandemic arrived. “The cherry on top of

our bad-luck sundae: The deadline to be operational and eligible for PPP and EIDL aid is Feb. 15, 2020,” Thomas wrote.

That goes for the second round of the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans,

Rochon said: “We don’t qualify for anything.”

Though the community rallied this summer to keep Ashby’s in business, the loss of Little League baseball for most of the season didn’t yield enough support to prolong the parlor through winter.

That’s when the idea for a GoFundMe came about.

The first day of the campaign, customers swarmed to the shop.

“Yesterday felt like summer; the support has been unbelievable,” Rochon said.

In just two days, the campaign raised a considerable amount toward its goal. By the third day, 75 percent had been contributed and after a week, the goal was surpassed.

“I can’t express how thankful we are for this huge wave of help,”

Rochon added. “We hate to ask for handouts in any way, shape or form. We’re doing everything we can; we just need help. The \$15,000 was a humble request, but if we get more, that will really help us out.”

The requested funds will “get us through the winter of this uniquely challenging year, so we can continue the rich legacy we inherited,” Thomas wrote.

Added Rochon, “Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I understand how much this ice cream store means to the community. We want to keep this rich history going. Without (the support) we wouldn’t be able to. ... We are working hard and trying to make our way out of this.”

To contribute to the effort, visit bit.ly/2YLLqkD.



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New business

Grosse Pointe Body Burn, 17108 Mack, Ste. 101, in The Village, is the area’s first “megaformer” studio. Combining traditional Pilates, strength training and cardio, classes are designed for all fitness levels. Owner Kate Shannon taught the method in New York for two years and is excited to bring the workout to her hometown. For more information or to sign up for a group class, visit grossepointebodyburn.com or call (313) 318-0828.

Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Regan Stolarski, chamber director of administration; Kate Shannon, owner of Grosse Pointe Body Burn; and Jenny Boettcher, chamber president.

Finalists selected ‘The Finer Pointes’ enters second phase

Just last month, the Grosse Pointe News announced its inaugural art contest, “The Finer Pointes,” open to residents of the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods.

The contest, an effort to foster the arts locally, as well as showcase the established and emerging talent the area has to offer, set a submission deadline of Feb. 1. During that initial phase, 30 talented artists submitted selections of their work, as well as descriptions of what they plan to enter into “The Finer Pointes.”

A panel of 21 voters selected the finalists based on the submitted samples of their work.

For this next phase of the contest, each finalist will receive a \$500 stipend

for art supplies to use on their pieces, which they will have until Friday, April 30, to create and submit.

In the coming weeks leading up to the April 30 deadline, the Grosse Pointe News will profile each finalist.

After the deadline, the finalists’ artwork will be displayed at a public location to be determined; Grosse Pointe News subscribers will then be tasked with voting for their favorite entry. Voting will take place on the Grosse Pointe News website, grossepointenews.com.

The winner, who will be named Saturday, May 15, will be awarded \$5,000. The winning artwork will be donated to a yet-to-be-determined public institution for display.

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Mississippi firm expands with new Detroit office

Mississippi firm Wise Carter recently announced the expansion of its newest office in Detroit with the addition of Grosse Pointe native Mary C. O’Donnell. O’Donnell will practice

with the firm’s Railroad group.

“We are pleased to expand our Railroad practice into Michigan,” said Charles E. Ross, president of Wise Carter. “We believe this expansion will benefit our clients and provide additional depth and resources to our Railroad team.”

O’Donnell focuses her practice on commercial transportation litigation. She represents several railroad clients in rail accidents, personal injury, wrongful death, FELA, occupations/repetitive stress injuries, grade crossings, property damage, employment, eminent domain and other commercial matters. She

has presented before the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel and American Association of Railroads, as well as at Railroad Occupational Claims meetings. O’Donnell is a member of the NARTC and the State Bar of Michigan. She received her bachelor’s degree with distinction from the University of Colorado and her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School.

Wise Carter, including its predecessor firms, has represented railroads in Mississippi more than 100 years. With the largest and most diversified railroad practice in the state, Wise Carter also represents railroads in other states such as Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

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Training capability, partnerships boosted

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Successfully working together as mutual-aid partners for years, the five Pointe public safety departments and Harper Woods are taking their partnership a step further, through a training agreement for shared use of the City’s new fire training tower and VirTra firearms training system.

While the five Pointes have approved the agreement, the matter has not yet gone before the Harper Woods City Council and still is pending approval.

The three-floor fire training tower is part of the newly constructed public safety building on



The FLIR camera shows officers inside the smoky tower. When the tower is full of smoke, visibility is limited, making the camera necessary for finding people in the haze.



Sgt. Chris Cotzias with the City of Grosse Pointe and Fire Safety Trainer, leads officers up to the top of the tower explaining what they will be doing as they ascend the stairs.

Mack in the City, which became operational in August and boasts a smoke generator; scenarios for different types of fires; and a smart dummy, which is the size and weight of a human, can call out for help and be set to 10 degrees hotter than the temperature in the tower in order to be located using thermal imaging. The advanced police simulation training system, which trains officers on various real-life situations and the likes of which only a few departments in Michigan

have access to, was implemented around the same time.

“With the opening of our new facility and the addition of the fire training tower, as well as the VirTra system, we do plan on having an increased presence of training not only for our department, but as well as our mutual-aid partners,” former City Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni said.

While the City covered the initial investment for both the fire training tower and the VirTra sys-

tem, the mutual-aid partners will help fund costs going forward.

“The main purpose of it is to allow us to recoup some costs that will be

ongoing as we train together as a group, as well as providing some liability coverage for us,” Poloni explained.

After 60 months of operation, the VirTra computer system will need to be upgraded at the current cost of \$10,000. Under the agreement, the six mutual-aid partners will equally cover the cost.

The City’s mutual-aid partners also will be responsible for the cost of City personnel when needed to perform training functions; training weapons exclusive to the individual department or a daily rental fee for the use of City weapons; and supplies to operate the system, including CO2 and repair parts.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A Smart Dummy waits for the next group to come up to the second level and use the FLIR thermal imaging infrared camera.

Park council members express desire to work together

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Park council members looked toward a positive future as Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt dropped investigation charges regarding a possible leak of information from a closed-door special city council meeting.

Fluitt called for an investigation into broken confidentiality at a special city council meeting Monday, Feb. 1, after the council approved a raise for City Manager Nick Sizeland. Fluitt was bothered by details discussed throughout the public regarding a closed-door conversation at the special city council meeting Monday, Jan. 25.

Fluitt asked that the council look into initiating an investigation to find how information discussed in the closed-door session may have leaked into the public sphere. The conversation and

potential vote on starting an investigation was tabled until the city council meeting Monday, Feb. 8.

After discussing with attorneys and law enforcement professionals during the week, Fluitt announced at Monday’s council meeting she was calling off her demand for a criminal investigation into her fellow council members.

“The city attorney and I discussed that the city just simply has no mechanism for this type of thing, unfortunately,” Fluitt said. “For the sake of impartiality, I think the best option would have been to hire a special investigator to address this. I do think it’s important. I feel that we should be able to address it; however, to hire someone to complete that process would cost more residents’ tax money than I am comfortable spending.

“So, I will withdraw my

request for the investigation with two caveats,” she continued. “First of all, I would ask that the person who put these allegations out into the community consider stepping forward and addressing the situation. And secondly, just to let our residents know who are following this situation, that if anyone does want to share any information that they have about how the situation developed, they should feel free reaching out to me, or the city attorney, whoever they would feel comfortable speaking to, at any time now or even in the future.”

Councilwoman Darci McConnell expressed support for Fluitt dropping the investigation.

“It doesn’t make a lot of sense for council to investigate themselves,” McConnell said. “The biggest concern I had about council investigating themselves is the lack of credibility, the lack of

authority.”

Other council members used the dropped investigation as momentum to move forward positively as a council and community.

“I would encourage us as a council to work on trust and collaboration,” Councilwoman Lauri Read said. “I think the community is expecting it and I think we should expect that of each other.”

Councilman Jim Robson expressed his desire to support each other and be more positive as a community.

“I’ve been reflecting quite a bit,” he said. “... Over the last several months, there’s been a lot of negative community discourse and it’s disheartening, I think, for the entire community. I’m asking everybody to reflect. ... All of (the council members) are very dedicated, have the city at heart, have an incredible work ethic. ...

I’m asking the community, let’s just step back and reflect. We all love our city; we want to do what’s best. My colleagues certainly do. ...

Let’s please ... reflect, regenerate and try to work together.”

His fellow council members agreed with his sentiments.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, FEB. 15 — PRESIDENT’S DAY**
- ◆ Municipal offices closed
 - ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Historic Preservation Study Committee meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- TUESDAY, FEB. 16**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

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bruise-like pain that came on four to six hours after the shot and was completely gone in approximately 36 hours. Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen also reported only minor soreness in his arm.

“I’m very glad to report that, besides sore arms, none of the people that work here had any kind of adverse reaction to it,” Alcorn said. “You hear stories all the time. It’s nice actually experiencing it yourself and knowing that everything went well afterwards.”

At this time, officers will not be required to get the vaccine.

“Some people are uncomfortable with it,” Alcorn said. “We’re trying

to educate them as much as possible, so everyone knows that it’s safe, it’s tested and a lot of people have had it. It’s been a good process so far, but I do have a handful of people who don’t want it for a variety of reasons.”

Since the onset of the pandemic, the Pointe departments, along with many departments across the country, have altered procedures to limit officers’ face-to-face interaction with the public both on the road and in the station.

Minor traffic offenses, such as driving while license suspended — which technically still are considered arrestable offenses — have transitioned into impounding the vehicle and issuing the driver a citation.

For threats of public safety such as drunken or

reckless drivers, the departments have continued with arrests.

Two weeks after will-ing officers receive the second dose of the vaccine, Jensen expects the Farms department procedures could return to what they were prior to last March.

“It takes two weeks for the antibodies to really build up, so two weeks after the second shot, unless there’s any additional guidelines or recommendations from the CDC, we will go back to normal procedure,” he said.

The City department, Alcorn reported, will continue with the new policies for a while longer in consideration of the constant flow of new information regarding COVID-19 and its vaccine.

“We’re looking forward to getting back to that point,” he said, “but we’re not going to change that policy immediately after that two- or three-week window after the second vaccine.”

The Shores department and approximately 20 of the 33 Park officers already were eligible to receive the vaccine in late December by falling under priority level 1A, due to their paramedic or EMT status.

With the three-week window between doses for Pfizer and the four-week window for Moderna, the majority of willing officers in the Pointes should experience the full effects of vaccination by mid-March.

Staff Writer Kate Vanderstelt contributed to this report.



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Woods man lands interview of a lifetime

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Frank Sorise’s fiancée truly outdid herself when she presented him his wedding gift. There’s video proof of the Grosse Pointe Woods man’s reaction when he opened the envelope she handed him. He was awe-struck, in disbelief, dumbfounded. She had been hyping up the gift for months before handing it over and with good reason.

Inside the envelope was a photoshopped ticket that read, “Admit One: Your exclusive interview with Steve Yzerman on The Fizz.” Sorise has long admired the former captain and current general manager of the Detroit Red Wings. He grew up loving Detroit, hockey and all things Yzerman. He spent his childhood in East English Village, where his parents still live, and attended St. Clare of Montefalco School. While there, he wrote an essay about perseverance, never giving up and giving 100 percent. The subject of his essay — which was sent to the Michigan Reading Association and published in its 2005 Kaleidoscope magazine — was Yzerman. “He’s an amazing representation of the city of Detroit,” Sorise said. “I love the city of Detroit with all my heart. I’ve always thought the city had so much potential. “And hockey is my favorite sport,” he continued. “I’ve always felt we were lucky to have someone like Steve Yzerman here, someone so respected and talented at his sport. ... He never quit; he loves the game of hockey. No matter the injury or circumstance, he was always there to contrib-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRANK SORISE

The Captain, Steve Yzerman, left, chats with The Fizz host Frank Sorise.

ute, no excuses.” An athlete himself, Sorise played hockey, baseball and basketball in his youth. After St. Clare, he attended De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren, where he played hockey and was part of a state championship-winning baseball team. He went on to earn a journalism degree with a focus on marketing from Michigan State University, then moved to Chicago, where he worked at a creative agency. Love eventually brought him back to Michigan. He and Sarah were married in September. He currently works downtown doing marketing for Xenith, a sports equipment manufacturer. His “second job,” or as he puts it, “a passion project of mine,” is with his website, Champagne Athletics, and related podcast, The Fizz. Operating a website is nothing new for Sorise, who wrote for the MSU student paper, “The Black Sheep” and also created a short-lived website after graduating. This site, however, he’s operating with a little more passion and experience — and help from Jehuu Caulcrick, a



Frank and Sarah Sorise on their wedding day.

former MSU running back who also played professionally with the Buffalo Bills. Champagne Athletics takes a not-too-in-depth look at the pop culture aspect of Detroit sports, Sorise said. In 2017, he added The Fizz podcast, which pops out new episodes weekly. It was on this podcast Sorise’s hockey hero agreed to be interviewed. “It was like a flash-

bang went off,” he said, recalling his reaction to the wedding gift. “I thought she was messing with me. ... Once that faded, I was ecstatic.” The plan was put into motion when his wife-to-be asked her Instagram buddy, Isabella Yzerman, if her hockey-legend dad would let Sorise interview him. Phone numbers were exchanged, a

timeline set and Sorise was told to expect Stevie Y’s call sometime in November. “So November comes and goes by, no call,” Sorise said. “I’m not going to say I forgot about it, but it definitely wasn’t at the front of my mind. Steve Yzerman is a busy guy. ... I didn’t know if it would ever happen. I mean, he doesn’t do interviews, let alone ones with smaller podcasts.” Then one December morning, when Sorise was battling one phone call after the next with carpet installers, he answered a call from a 248 number with a bit of bite. “I answered a little short, blunt, ‘Hi, this is Frank,’” he recalled. “Hey Frank, this is Steve Yzerman. How are we doing?” “I started pacing around the house,” he continued. “I was nervous and fumbling all over myself. ... But he was extremely nice and he understood how excited I was.” The pair agreed to chat on The Fizz a few days later. Having a chance to interview his hockey hero was nerve-racking, but exciting, Sorise said. “The hardest part was

narrowing down the questions I wanted to ask him,” he said. “He asked if I had enough questions to talk for a half hour. I said I have enough questions to talk for 48 hours.” Though they agreed on 30 minutes, Yzerman extended the chat to nearly 50. The resulting podcast is one Sorise will never forget. “He’s been my hero and a godlike figure to me my whole life,” he said. “I just turned 30; it was fun to feel that experience like I was a kid. “Getting a chance to meet my hero is something I’ll never forget,” he added. “It was the nicest thing anyone’s ever done to me. ... He’s an extremely nice guy; he was everything I’d hoped he would be. Some people, when they meet their hero, they’re disappointed or let down or they feel blown off. He didn’t rush through his answers. He wasn’t distracted. He took his time and every question was answered intentionally. He’s a thoughtful individual and a great role model.” While his bride’s wedding gift to him was something he’ll cherish

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Snow buddies

Siblings Jack and Alice Popek spent a cold afternoon building a snowman and also made him a companion pet. The snowman was adorned with a hat, sunglasses, gloves and a scarf, while the dog sported a red collar. The pair can be found in the 1100 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

CHIEF:

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Monday, Feb. 22. The description and application process are posted on michigan.gov. “The city is seeking an individual who is proactive with proven leadership, experience, community relations and strong communication skills,” the description reads. “Administrative experience, organizational, intergovernmental and financial skills is preferred. Knowledge of mutual aid and joint service agreements is desir-

able.” Interested candidates are to send a letter of interest, resume, salary and benefit requirements and three references to the city manager. “To date we have received six applications for this position,” Sizeland said at the meeting Monday night. One of the six applicants is an internal candidate. When the application period closes, the Park’s partnering organization, Empco Inc., will sift through the applicants and provide the top candidates to city administration for interviews.

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The Helm is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods maintain their lives with independence and dignity through a variety of services.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Fraud

A resident of the 900 block of Lochmoor received an email at 10:17 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, stating his Bank of America account had been charged \$579 for a computer program.

In the email, a phone number was given, which the resident called. The call was answered by a person named “John Williams,” who told the resident he could help him get his money back.

While the resident was on the phone with the suspect, he could see the cursor moving on his computer screen.

The resident checked his bank account later that day and discovered \$10,000 missing from his checking account and \$30,000 missing from his savings account.

He contacted Bank of America. They immediately froze his accounts and are investigating the theft.

Overnight ride

A 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen from the 600 block of North Brys Drive between 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, and 7:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The owner had parked the Jeep in his driveway Monday evening. He found the vehicle missing Tuesday morning, with glass on the ground where the car had been parked.

The suspect is still unknown.

Parking lot larceny

A hospital parking lot

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became home to larceny when someone broke into an employee’s 2018 Chevrolet Malibu.

The employee parked her car in the hospital’s lot at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. When she returned to her car at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, she discovered the car had been broken into and her steering column was gone.

Though there is no suspect at this time, the hospital is reviewing video surveillance.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Didn’t stop

A 22-year-old Detroit man was stopped for running a stop sign at Buckingham and St. Paul at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The man was found to have a suspended license, as well as a warrant out for his arrest in Farmington Hills. He was arrested for both.

Embezzlement

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Grosse Pointe Park police arrested a suspect in an embezzlement case.

The 18-year-old Detroit man was at his home when public safety showed up with a warrant to arrest him for

embezzling money from his former employer on the 15000 block of Jefferson in June.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Home invasion

A 52-year-old Harper Woods man with a history of substance abuse was arrested at 7:29 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, after breaking into his mother’s home in the 500 block of Notre Dame by breaking a basement window.

It did not appear items had been rummaged through or any major items were missing.

Unemployment fraud

After attempting to file for unemployment through the state, a 67-year-old Grosse Pointe man was told he was unable to file because an unknown suspect already filed for unemployment using his Social Security number.

Expensive loss

After paying at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 5:29 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, a 68-year-old Grosse Pointe woman noticed her wallet, containing various credit cards and

\$2,000 in cash, was missing.

It currently is unclear whether the item was misplaced or stolen.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Lock your cars

Between Sunday, Jan. 31, and Monday, Feb. 1, an unknown suspect went through two unlocked cars in a driveway on Warner Road and stole approximately \$10 in loose change.

Drawing attention

When officers stopped to assist a vehicle with its hazard lights on at Lakeshore Road and Tonnancour Place at 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, they discovered the 43-year-old Ecorse driver had a gun without a permit, three knives and an open bottle of alcohol.

He was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

Fool me twice

After attempting to steal two cases of alcohol from a store in the 19000 block of Mack Avenue at 5 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, a 42-year-old Detroit man was arrested in front of the store.

The man also had an outstanding warrant for retail fraud from the same establishment a couple months prior.

Friendly neighborhood witness

After a neighbor witnessed a man running down the driveway of a home in the 100 block of Lothrop with items in his arms at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, officers arrested a 29-year-old Chesterfield resident and a 30-year-old Eastpointe resident fleeing the scene in a vehicle. Both are believed to be narcotics users.

The same home was broken into Jan. 22, as well.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Deja vu

A 48-year-old Shores woman is being sued for not paying off a Home Depot credit card she did not open.

The same situation occurred in May, at which time the court dismissed her case.

— Laurel Kraus

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

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forever — and something that will live on forever on the World Wide Web — Sorise said he has a little extra work to do.

“I got her a purse,” he said, “so I’ll be playing catchup for the rest of my life.”

The Fizz is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and SoundCloud. Sorise’s content is best accessed via Instagram @champagneathletics or his Twitter, Facebook or TikTok accounts.



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OUR VIEW

Civil disobedience in the G.P. Park

It may be said that Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Nick Sizeland owes his raise — if not his job and career — to whoever divulged what went on during a Jan. 25 closed session of the city council. The meeting was closed, at the requests of the city manager and permissible under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, for purposes of his employment performance review.

However, as we were to learn several days later, a lot more went on in that closed session. On Friday, Jan. 29, the Grosse Pointe News received a text message forwarded from an anonymous source stating that the council voted 4-3 in the closed session to fire the city manager. The text was followed throughout the day by emails from outraged Park residents speaking up for the city manager.

Of course, we know that motions cannot be made in closed session, and if an inexperienced council member made such a motion, the city attorney would not allow it. However, that does not mean the council’s sentiment would remain unknown. We have reason to believe the council was split 4-3 regarding Sizeland. (He did receive an overall above-average performance review.)

We may never know for sure what went on in the closed meeting, but enough of what we read and heard was true enough for Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt, at the Feb. 1 open session continuation of Sizeland’s review, to call for an investigation into who divulged what went on Jan. 25. She accused the whistleblower of breaking the law, the Open Meetings Act.

However, according to the Michigan Open Meetings Act Handbook, only a board “member’s dissemination of closed session minutes to the public ... is a violation of the OMA, and the member risks criminal prosecution and civil penalties.” An audiotape of a closed session also is considered part of the minutes.

But, no minutes, if there are any, were released to the public that we are aware of. No recordings either. It is our belief that no law was broken in the verbal or texted divulging of what went on in the closed session.

To test our hypothesis, we ran it by the attorneys at the Michigan Press Association Legal Hotline. Their response was that there is no case directly on point, but they did send a Wexford County Prosecutor’s decision from March 2020 in a similar investigation of the verbal divulging of closed session discussions:

“I reviewed possible charges under the Open Meetings Act. According to the OMA, specifically MCL 15 .267, it only prohibits the release of the actual minutes themselves. This is supported by the Michigan Court of Appeals decision in Kitchen v. Ferndale City Council, 253 Mich.App. 115 (2002). While it may be a policy or expectation that the contents of a closed session remain non-public, the law does not stop people from talking about them. Admittedly, disclosure of the contents of a closed session would arguably defeat the purposes outlined in MCL 15.268 for having them. It is up to those involved.

“I also considered if the conduct was a violation of a public officer for willful neglect of duty under MCL 750.478 and neglect of special duty under MCL 750.481. I also considered common law offenses under MCL 750.505, which would permit the charge for misconduct of a public official in office for non-feasance or malfeasance in the commission of duties.”

So while the city attorney and at least four council members may be dismayed or angry about the contents of their closed session being divulged, there was no violation of the law.

Grosse Pointe Park residents should be thankful to the whistleblower for committing, in this case, a justifiable act of civil disobedience.

(At Monday night’s city council meeting, Ms. Fluitt decided not to pursue the investigation into who blabbed because it would end up costing the city too much money.)



Jackie Dale submitted this photo, taken Feb. 7, during a walk at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Pure Grosse Pointe

OUR VIEW

Finally, GPPSS getting vaccine

The Wayne County Health Department deserves at least one thank you from this corner of the county for setting up a vaccination clinic this week for staff in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The department has been notoriously unresponsive to citizens, apparently focused solely on getting first responders vaccinated. But now it has opened up 600 first-dose appointments for district teachers, other staff and regular volunteers, according to Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean. Among the staff, many had already succeeded in getting the vaccine on their own, he told the Board of Education Monday night; appointments the district didn’t use were offered to personnel at nearby private and parochial schools.

Wayne County residents have felt particularly stymied in the quest for vaccination, once the state made everyone 65 and older eligible. The county did not even try to hold public vaccination clinics, as most other counties did. That left older residents to work with a hospital system, if they were attached to one, or out in the cold.

Yet there are reasons to hope for better results

here, and not just as the county starts getting vaccines to essential workers. More vaccines will apparently be released to local pharmacies soon, and a Johnson & Johnson vaccine, if approved later this month, will open up even more possibilities because it has a one-dose regimen.

That doesn’t excuse the county, or even the state, for that matter, from what has been a horrible communications failure in explaining when and where vaccines will become available.

Moreover, the statistics have gotten terribly skewed by attaching hospital vaccine distributions to their counties, when the hospitals and the health departments operate independently. Wayne County residents, for example, often get shots at centralized hospital system locations in Detroit or Oakland or Macomb counties, making the distribution count here look much sparser than it actually is.

Still, it’s a plus to know that adults working in Grosse Pointe schools are starting the vaccination sequence. That provides a glimmer of hope that vaccine clinics will become more organized and frequent for everyone around here.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

McCarthyism?

To the Editor:

Your article “Dems Call for Seely’s Censure” smacks of McCarthyism. I may not agree with his words or actions, but I defend his right (within the law) to say them and his actions.

If you aren’t familiar with the term McCarthyism, look it up.

Joe McCarthy (R-Wisconsin, 1947-1957) denied others the right to independent thinking and wielded his senatorial power to destroy them publicly and privately.

Fortunately, another Republican, Margaret Chase Smith, stood up to him. She made a speech in the Senate titled “Declaration of

Conscience.” Smith declared that Americanism was “the right to hold unpopular beliefs, the right to protest, the right to independent thought.” She stirred the conscience of her fellow Republicans and McCarthy’s power soon diminished.

A lesson from the past that we all should consider. Our current Democratic leadership should take the time to read her speech and reflect that some day we may rename McCarthyism in their name.

JOE TOMPKINS
Grosse Pointe

Not so fast on Historic District

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter to help inform your

readers about the pending Historic District designation of a few streets in Grosse Pointe City.

The process of reviewing and possibly implementing the Historic District designation that will affect homeowner’s property rights is already well underway.

So far, back in September 2020, the Grosse Pointe City Council has approved a study of the idea of a Historic District; they have hired a historic district consultant to survey the area; a committee of volunteers has been appointed to constitute the Historic District Committee to review the consultant’s findings; the survey has been completed and we have already received the rec-

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Ready to make most of career in sports journalism



Ever since I could remember, my dream has always been to work in sports. When I quickly realized I wasn't nearly good enough of a hockey player to make it to the NHL, I still wanted to find a way to work in the sports world.

Now, as a 23-year-old who graduated from college during a pandemic, I'm incredibly grateful to the Grosse Pointe News for giving me the opportunity to begin my career in sports right here in my home state.

I may not be from the Grosse Pointe area, but I'm still a proud metro Detroit native.

Raised in Plymouth, I first became involved in sports journalism when I joined the radio station 88.1 WSDP in high school. For four years I was able to do radio commentary for several different high school

sports.

After graduating from Plymouth High School in 2016, I left The Mitten to attend Syracuse University in upstate New York. While at Syracuse, I had some amazing experiences covering high-level college sports for different student media outlets.

Then, on March 13, 2020, I packed up as much stuff from my apartment in Syracuse as I could fit in my 2009 Ford Escape and made the eight-hour drive from central New York to metro Detroit not know-

ing what was next. The pandemic was starting to hit and what seemed like an extended spring break turned into the abrupt end of my college experience.

To make a long story short, ever since then I've been back home in Plymouth doing things like blog writing and starting a podcast. I was waiting for that first big opportunity to advance my full career in sports journalism. Now, here I am with the Grosse Pointe News ready to make the most of it.

Before this starts

sounding like an essay or cover letter for a job, I'll give more of the fun facts about myself.

My music taste is all over the place and my favorite artists of all time include Rush and A\$AP Rocky. I could eat buffalo chicken wings every day and never get tired of it. When it comes to sports, I'm a diehard for everything Detroit, especially the Red Wings and Tigers.

When I think of sports in metro Detroit, I think of pride. From the pro teams all the way to college and high school,

people are proud to support the teams and players of their hometowns. In just my first couple of weeks working in the Grosse Pointe communities, I've been able to see that sense of pride in the coaches, athletes and families of this area.

As the newest sports reporter for the Grosse Pointe News, I'll make it my goal to capture that sense of pride and help it grow even more. I'm excited for the chance to work with the wonderful coaches, athletes and families of the communities here.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

TAX PROBLEMS KEEP SUPERVISOR BETWEEN DEVIL AND DEEP SEA: To date 35 separate suits have been filed by lakefront property owners to compel Township Supervisor Carl Schweikart to reduce the assessment upon their properties. This is a trifle more than half of the owners who petitioned for a reduction.

RESIDENTS ASK FOR OPEN SEASON ON PIGEONS: Delegation from two widely separated section of the Woods village appeared before the council to rehash again the old complaint

about chickens, etc. This time the discussion widened to include pigeons and turkeys, with even numerous rats thrown in. The complaints, from residents of Oxford and Hampton roads, were the usual ones of filth and odors that unavoidably accompany the keeping of chickens and pigeons.

Obituaries: Mrs. Julius A. Stork, Leo W. Kuhn, William Deckert, George Trombley

1971

50 years ago this week

PRESIDENT OF SHORES DIES: Gilbert T. Jerome, 69, president of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores and police

commissioner, died on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Grace Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Jerome was a trustee of the Village Board and of the Township of Grosse Pointe for 20 years, as well as chairman of the board of George Jerome and Company, Detroit's oldest business firm, founded by his great-grandfather in 1828.

ST. PAUL HIGH TO CLOSE: St. Paul High School will be no more after June of 1971. The school, established some 40 years ago by St. Paul's parishioners, and staffed by Dominican Sisters of Adrian, is awaiting final approval on the closing from Cardinal Dearden's office.

Obituaries: Anna Marie McCall, Thornton E. Waterfall, Norton Ives,

Edward MacCallum, Margaret Vitale, Helen A. Clark, Dr. David Weingarden, David M. Demers, Kristen Sue Lang, John M. Clark, Kathleen Mary Haley Hannan

1996

25 years ago this week

LIBRARY'S RARE BOOK COLLECTION ON THE BLOCK: Going once, going twice, sold. That's the fate of the collection of rare and valuable books that have been the Grosse Pointe Public Library's possession for the last four decades. Although the books were an asset to the library, it was decided the cost to insure the

books, along with inadequate storage and security, made them more of a liability than a treasure. The collection, appraised in excess of \$100,000, will be up for bidding at an auction in New York City.

Obituaries: Lucille Corsiglia, Margaret F. Waldmann, John P. Krausmann, Stella R. Kleffman, Emil T. Pelech, Anthony James Lombardi, Miles M. O'Brien, Grace K. Munson, Katharine W. Curtis, Zita Delores Schwandt, Shirley Chapin

2011

10 years ago this week

FEES, FINES INCREASE: It is going to cost a bit more to be

a miscreant in Grosse Pointe Woods. But if driving, don't even think about texting; that alone will cost \$40 more than last year's \$200 fine.

PLow ESCORTS AMBULANCE: A municipal snow plow driver led the way for an ambulance the morning of last week's big snowfall. The run stemmed from a 911 call shortly before 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, to Grosse Pointe Shores public safety. A woman reported her daughter having trouble breathing. Because of the 6-inch snowfall overnight, officers requested an escort by a public works snow plow.

Obituaries: Nancy Joos Bookmyer, Celia A. Cone, Mary M. LaCombe



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ommendation from the consultant to create the historic district at the recent January 2021 committee meeting.

There is also discussion of a phase 2 survey to add more streets to any approved Historic District.

The first proposed district would include 1 and 8 Donovan Place, all of Woodland Place, Lakeland Avenue from Lake St. Clair to Maumee, all of Rathbone Place, Washington Road from Jefferson to Maumee, University Road from Jefferson to Maumee and Lincoln Road from Jefferson to Maumee.

In the presentation, the consultant noted that within the proposed district, 102 homes were surveyed and of these 45 were deemed to be non-contributory to a historic district designation. So after the survey, 45 percent of all of the homes being considered for this district fall outside of the requirements to recommend them for historic designation.

This no longer seems to be a district at all, but rather a scattering of old homes interspersed with new homes. This is not a district that warrants special action by the city council. There is no consistent architectural style present on any of these blocks to protect.

With almost half of the homes not meeting the minimum requirement for historic designation, there is not a concentration of historic properties in any area. With the exception of one proposed lot split on Washington Road, there is little to no land that can be developed and subjected to these new rules.

These new rules will fall solely on existing residents and homeowners to comply with. This is a classic case of someone finding a solution in search of a problem that does not exist.

The proposed historic district designation is a designation that will have real impact on the rights of homeowners. This district is not simply an honorific; this designation comes with real teeth to it as far as impacting property rights.

Any exterior modifications, additions or deletions that a homeowner chooses to make on their private property cannot receive a building permit until the plans have been

submitted to a new Historic District committee that will be appointed in the future.

The new committee will have the obligation to determine if the proposed changes to your home comply with the Secretary of the Interior guidelines. Without the approval of this appointed committee, your application for a building permit will be denied.

It is the intent of the Grosse Pointe City Council to hold a final vote on this mistaken proposal at their May 2021 city council meeting. The Historic District committee will meet monthly in February, March and April to determine a recommendation for the city council to vote on.

We are encouraging all City of Grosse Pointe homeowners or those people that are interested in the protection of individual property rights to become fully informed as to this proposal and to virtually attend all of the very few meetings that are left on the calendar to consider this proposal.

For those of us interested in ongoing information in regards to this proposed district, we are asking that you email us at myhousemyhistory@gmail.com. We will make sure to keep you updated on the actions of the committee and to email you links to the upcoming virtual meetings.

We live in one of the historic homes in the proposed district. We love our old home and take great pride in caring for it, but we are adamantly opposed to the creation of this Historic District.

PETER AND LAURA
HUEBNER
Grosse Pointe

Good Samaritan strikes again

To the Editor:

Thank you to the kind passerby who noticed a water leak on the outside of The Helm the very cold weekend of Feb. 6 and 7, and took the time to contact Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, who in turn, contacted The Helm. We were able to shut off the water and not incur any damage beyond the broken pipe.

We do not know who called it in, but want to thank them. Hopefully, they will read this letter. We are expecting a higher than normal water bill, but it could have been worse — more wasted water and dam-

age to our building or grounds.

Oftentimes, we see something and figure somebody else has reported it or there's nothing we can do. The actions of this person and Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety truly saved us from a much bigger (and costlier!) headache.

We are thankful to be a part of this caring community.

PEGGY HAYES
Executive Director
The Helm at the Boll Life Center
Grosse Pointe Farms

Questions: Re: Inland District Sewer Separation Project

To Shane Reeside, City Manager; Louis Theros, Mayor; Grosse Pointe Farms City Council:

The HRC personnel presentation at the work session was a good overview of the Inland District Sewer Separation Project.

HRC's recommended proposal No. 13: 6 alt 2c & partial separation; the details were very minimal and need better explanations:

City's responses in italic.

- Better explanation about how the "10-Year 1-Hour Projected Peak Wet Weather Flow" (gpcd) was derived and what it really means? How was it used in the calculations?

- The 10-year, 1-hour projected peak flow is the design standard for storm sewer systems.

- It is the amount of rain that is assumed under design calculations.

- According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14, the 10-year, 1-hour total rain is 1.68 inches for the Grosse Pointe Farms area (refer to Attachment 1).

- The rainfall is used in the Environmental Protection Agency Storm Water Management Model. SWMM (pronounced "swim") is a fully dynamic model that can simulate system response with simulated rainfall.

- You can refer to the link below to learn more about SWMM

- www.epa.gov/water-research/storm-water-management-model-swmm

- Better explanation how "peak flow reduction to Kerby Pumping Station" was determined and how is it different



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

The Slattery family of Grosse Pointe Farms keeps a basket of snacks and goodies on their porch to thank delivery drivers and postal workers. Mom, Heidi Slattery, said the drivers all love it and are grateful for the snacks. She has to refill it often.

and so much more important compared to "Percent Reduction at Kerby Pumping Station"?

- The peak flow reduction at Kerby PS was determined using the SWMM model. The baseline condition was first simulated, then for each alternative, the results were compared against the baseline condition.

- The baseline condition means simulating the 10-year, 1-hour event without any improvements to the system.

- Peak flow reduction versus percent reduction is the same, just another way of understanding the results. Viewing the results in terms of percent reduction allows for relative review of effectiveness

- between alternatives; while 112 cubic feet per second (cfs) might not mean much to people, a 32 percent reduction in peak flow at Kerby PS conveys the effectiveness of the alternative directly.

- Mount Vernon Road sewer separation was poorly explained and confusing. Was it the pipe slope, pipe diameter, etc.? What were the issues?

- Essentially the pipe diameter is too small to convey all the stormwater and sanitary sewage.

- This was determined in review of the "hydraulic grade line" (HGL) along the streets in relation to potential basement elevations.

- HGL is the elevation of the combined sewage.

- When a pipe has adequate capacity, the HGL is contained within the pipe.

- When a pipe is "surcharged," the HGL is shown above the pipe (meaning the pipe is now pressurized).

- A surcharged pipe is not necessarily an issue. It only becomes a potential issue if the HGL is within 8 feet of the ground surface. Under this scenario, we assume the sewage could be entering basements.

- The HGL has a "free outlet" at the discharge into the downstream interceptor.

- "Free outlet" means the HGL in the interceptor is below the HGL of the local sewer.

- When this condition occurs, this means the local pipe is the cause of the restriction,

not the downstream interceptor.

- By installing a new storm sewer and keeping the old combined to collect sanitary sewage only will remove the basement flooding condition experienced (under the design event).

- This is the same issue that is occurring on McKinley and McMillan.

- What were the criteria to decide to partially separate or not to separate Fisher, McKinley, McMillan or Moran? No explanations were presented.

- McKinley and McMillan are slated for partial separation as discussed in the previous bullet.

- Other streets are currently not slated for partial separation as the model indicated no basement flooding issues would occur under the design event.

- The fact that homeowners, who live outside of the streets slated for partial or complete separation, may have experience basement flooding in the past can be due to the following:

- Their sanitary sewer lead was defective at the time of the storm event.

- Defect means there were blockages in the lead such as roots, calcium, grease, partial collapse, etc., that restricted the discharge from their home.

- Homeowners are responsible for their lead from the sewer main to their house.

- Footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer lead generate a significant amount of flow that if blocked due to a defect lead will result in basement flooding.

- The rain event was beyond the design event. Sewer systems have a defined limited capacity. When events occur that are beyond the system's design, then flooding can occur.

- The power failure anomaly that occurred twice during the 2011 events can cause flooding as all flow in the system is conveyed to the Kerby PS. If Kerby PS does not have power, it cannot operate, and flows will then back up in the system and cause flooding. The City rectified this with the construction of the standby generator to ensure this

type of failure will not occur again.

- Why separate only a short section of McKinley? No explanation?

- In review of the model results, the separation provided eliminates the high HGL conditions within the length of separation as noted.

- Residents are going to request justifications of HRC recommendations of why their streets were not separated versus the other streets.

- As discussed, many of the other issues encountered were due to homeowner lead issue and/or some combination of event beyond the design or power failure at Kerby PS.

- Residents are going to expect these sewer system upgrades to guarantee no more sewer backups into their basements.

- There is no guarantee to eliminate sewer backups

- Homeowners are responsible for their lead from the sewer main to their house and if the lead is not routinely maintained by the homeowner, then basement flooding may occur during rain events (even rain events smaller than the design).

- For as long as there are combined sewers and connected footing drains, the sewer system will be susceptible to sewer backups as sewer systems have a limited design capacity. When rain events occur that are greater than the design, then sewer backups are possible.

These are important questions regarding this Inland Sewer Separation Project impacting both their homes and homeowners financially.

I am very disappointed that the city council is getting ready to approve \$160,000 design funding for the project at the Feb. 8, 2021 city council meeting with so many unanswered questions regarding the project.

When will there be an opportunity to address these many unanswered questions?

Why isn't the Hubbell Roth & Clark report available for review by residents? The City administration has had this report many months.

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City pursues RRC certification

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Offered through the Michigan Economic Development Corp., similarly to the Michigan Main Street program of which The Village is now a participant, the free Redevelopment Ready Communities program offers communities technical assistance tools, guidance and matching technical assistance funds in the case of larger project costs. Certification through the program also is used as a prioritization factor in MEDC investment programs.

After first engaging with RRC in October 2019, Grosse Pointe city council unanimously passed a resolution to proceed with implementing the program’s best practices during the meeting Monday, Dec. 14.

“Our strategic focus is to empower communities so that they can proactively shape their futures,” MEDC representative Elizabeth King explained, “a future built on solid planning, zoning and economic development best practices. ... You guys already have quite a vibrant place, but there’s always just a little more or some different tweaks that can be made.”

The self-help program focuses on improving community plans and public outreach; zoning regulations; development review pro-

cesses; recruitment and education of board and commission members; and community prosperity.

Currently entering the final step in a three-step plan that ends in certification, the City meets 32 percent of the RRC best practice criteria and is in the process of meeting another 50 percent.

“Starting in January, we’re changing up the best practices a little bit, so that actually might change Grosse Pointe’s percentage (of) complete,” King added. “We’re making some tweaks to the program to actually make it a little more flexible and easier for some of our small communities to accomplish.”

Existing practices already meeting the RCC best practices include the City’s 2015 Downtown Development Authority tax increment financing plan; six-year capital improvements plan updated annually; zoning ordinance; non-motorized transportation requirements for sidewalk connectivity; and flexible parking and payment in lieu of parking standards.

“While you’re meeting those best practices, they could always get better,” King said. “You could throw a bike parking requirement into your parking regulations, so that way you can just automatically ask your business owners who are undergoing site plan review to put in bike parking.”

Areas partially meeting prac-

tices, but which require more work from the City, include updating the 2012 master plan and annually reporting on its implementation; updating the City’s website with additional planning- and development-related information; and allowing more diverse housing styles, along with green infrastructure options under the zoning ordinance.

Under the current guidelines, the City’s areas for improvement include exploring the creation of a zoning board of appeals or planning commission separate from city council to avoid conflicts of interest; creating development review flow charts, which are required for the guide to development; building a board and commission training plan; implementing an economic development strategy and reporting on it annually; and creating a marketing plan, which could be created in partnership with Main Street Grosse Pointe.

The City now will move forward with working toward certification through full alignment with the RRC best practices.

“I think there’s a whole year’s worth of work in there,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “We could get a lot of the things done and off the list in the short term, but some of them require a major lift, particularly if we were going to do a full update of the master plan.”

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The suspects first forced entry into the Windmill Pointe house through a rear glass door sometime before 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, and searched bedrooms for jewelry and cash. Shortly after, at approximately 8 p.m., the suspects set off an alarm at a house in the 900 block of Lakeshore, where they had entered through the rear of the residence and ransacked a bedroom.

Neither residence’s owners were home at the time of break-in.

Shores officers arrived on the scene of the second break-in shortly after three suspects fled and were able to follow several sets of footprints in the snow that proceeded south on the breakwall and out onto Lakeshore, where they ended. A secondary track by the Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 unit confirmed the same results, which led officers to believe the three suspects may have been picked up by a fourth suspect in a vehicle.

During a secondary search of the neighborhood, with the assistance of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, Woods officers located an abandoned red van they considered to be suspicious in their jurisdiction, only a block away from the incident.

By looking through windows, detectives could see property that corresponded with missing items from the Windmill Pointe house; approximately \$20,000 worth of jewelry was sto-

len from the residence.

“The detectives decided to utilize the state police and the FBI crime labs to have the vehicle evidence tech’d, so they came in and they did a thorough investigation of that vehicle for fingerprints, DNA, recovered property,” Shores Director of Public Safety Kenneth Werenski explained, adding the van is a rental from Colorado.

Park Detective Sgt. Mike Narduzzi said they were able to confirm the driver of the vehicle is a citizen of Chile who illegally entered the country.

Detectives also are examining street corner camera footage and footage from neighbors’ property cameras; working with the van rental company; and checking with Lyft and Uber to see if the suspects were picked up using the service after leaving the van behind.

Narduzzi is hopeful the investigation will allow them to secure warrants for the suspects.

“The chance of us getting these guys in custody is slim,” he said. “They’re out of state; they’re gone.”

From the information the public safety departments have received, Narduzzi wants members of the public to know they should not be concerned about future break-ins from the group.

“They target high-end homes that have wide-open spaces behind the home,” he said. “It was a one-time shot. They came in and they did their business and they left. There’s no reason to worry for anybody right now.”

“The best security is to get a camera, get an alarm and get a dog.”

Mush!

Grosse Pointe resident Rob Sattler came across a couple of neighborhood dog sledders on Fairholme. “My daughter thought she recognized the ‘mushers’ as the Youngbloods from her Grosse Pointe North High School days,” he wrote.



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through the Wayne County Health Department. Additionally, those who live — and some who work — in Detroit also have the option of being vaccinated through the Detroit Health Department.

As has been the story all along, the number of people able to be vaccinated continues to come down to how many doses the federal government and then the state allocates.

The Beaumont Health System receives an average of 10,000 to 15,000 doses per week, yet has the capability to vaccinate 40,000 to 50,000 patients each week.

Through the process, patients are randomly selected to receive a ticket, which never expires, to schedule an appointment, but can only schedule one week out. This is because Beaumont waits to see how many doses it will receive each week and then only schedules for the doses it has.

With the current supply, Beaumont is only able to vaccinate around 2 percent of eligible patients each week and

anticipates, at this rate, it could take months for many people to receive a ticket.

“We have figured out a way to do this very efficiently and safely,” said Jeffrey Fischgrund, M.D., chief of clinical services for Beaumont Health, “and we’re hopeful that if the federal government gives the state more and the state gives us more, we can knock this out of the park. We can do 40,000 to 50,000 a week.”

Having administered approximately 90,000 doses since December, the health system already has invited everyone in priority level 1A within the system — more than 90 percent of Beaumont Health physicians have been vaccinated — and now is firmly focusing on 1B.

With around 500,000 patients ages 65 or older within Beaumont’s database, the system has sent out approximately 100,000 random invitations to schedule for the vaccine and already has vaccinated around 40,000 of those in this category.

Beginning late last week, the health system was informed it also may begin receiving some doses from the Oakland County Health

Department, although the department only receives about 11,000 doses from the state per week itself.

“We’ve also had very frank discussions with Wayne and Macomb counties offering to help (them),” Fischgrund said. “What Wayne and Macomb have been much more interested in is specific groups that they want us to vaccinate. For example, there may be a fire department where nobody has been vaccinated yet and the county will say, ‘Can you please vaccinate this fire department for us?’ The vaccine is owned by the people, by the state and the country, so we’ll just vaccinate who the state or the county tells us to vaccinate.”

Ascension Michigan currently has administered more than 46,000 vaccines to those in priority level 1A, as well as more than 20,000 vaccines to those in priority level 1B.

With approximately 150,000 Ascension Medical Group patients age 65 and older, the health system is reaching out to eligible patients via email, text and phone to schedule

their appointments as the supply from the state allows.

While area hospitals are focusing on vaccinations of those 65 and older, the county health department is focusing on administration to health providers, public safety, educators and other high-priority essential workers.

Last Tuesday saw the beginning of vaccinations for K-12 teachers and education workers in the county via sites at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College and a new location at the Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus in Taylor. Those who fall under this category can expect to be contacted by their individual school district or school administrator and informed of their scheduled time to receive the first dose.

However, similarly to the hospitals, the county can only administer as many vaccines as it is given by the state.

Last week, Wayne County received 8,375 first doses from the state — an increase from the 4,350 it received the week prior — along with 2,925 second doses.

“I am fighting to ensure Wayne County receives the number of doses it needs based on a fair and equitable formula that reflects our population, the higher social vulnerability of many of our residents and our status as Michigan’s most diverse county,” County Executive Warren C. Evans said in a press release, adding the county’s health department has received fewer doses than health departments in less populous counties. “I appreciate that the state is working to distribute a very limited vaccine supply to the entire state, but I think more work is needed to ensure a reliable and equitable supply.”

Although Detroit is within Wayne County, the city has been receiving its own separate supply of the vaccine from the state, which was tripled to reach 15,000 doses per week beginning Jan. 31. These doses are administered through the Detroit Health Department at the TCF Center, as well

as to those living in congregate settings in Detroit, including homeless shelters, senior living facilities, adult foster care and rehabs.

“The reason is, in the early days, the state was allocating doses ... and what was happening was, people who didn’t have private insurance and a dedicated primary care physician, such as people using warming and homeless shelters in Detroit, were not getting access to it,” explained Margaret Carroll, communications manager for the Detroit Health Department.

Those vaccinated through the TCF Center must live in Detroit and belong to the current prioritization category, as outlined by the state; however, those who fall under the current prioritization category and work in the city may qualify as well.

Further information is available on the Detroit Health Department website and those who wish to schedule a vaccination appointment may call (313) 230-0505.





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City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Dean Turk and Lt. David Carrico, paramedic, fire instructor and training coordinator with Harper Woods, listen as Sgt. Chris Cotzias explains how to practice a rescue.

Cotzias demonstrates how the digital screen can be customized to training needs.



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Costs incurred to operate the fire training tower, such as the solution to produce smoke and replacement of glass if broken during training, will be shared equally when departments are training together. If training with one's department alone, it will cover full costs of materials and any City manpower needed to operate.

"This proposed training agreement is between all of our mutual-aid partners and is just the latest example of the intergovernmental cooperation that has become the landmark of Chief Poloni's career working for the City of Grosse Pointe over the last 10 years," City Manager Pete Dame said prior to the vote. "It's one of the capstones of those efforts."

"The automatic aid training that we have now wouldn't have occurred if Chief Poloni hadn't started it," he added, "so I would just commend Chief Poloni for all of the work that he's done over the course of his career with the City."



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Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officer Nathan Jacobini crawls into the smoke-filled tower, while City of Grosse Pointe PSO Dean Turk follows behind him with a FLIR to navigate.

PLANS:

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instruction. Some parents have taken their children out of GPPSS and enrolled them in other schools that have face-to-face learning.

"Our children have suffered enough," a parent wrote.

The two hours of pub-

lic comments were in addition to the many emails and text messages board members had already received before the meeting. Some were angry. Some were pleading. Most of the comments sounded emotional.

"No plan is perfect, no plan is perfectly safe," Trustee David Brumbaugh said. He

asked parents to "give the next step a fair hearing."

GPPSS has a remote learning department. Currently there is limited availability for elementary students and no availability for secondary students.

The school year began with all students studying remotely, but the district has been slowly

bringing students back into the classroom. However, the return to the classroom hasn't been smooth, as school officials grappled with the ups and downs of the pandemic.

Initially special education, preschool and kindergarten through fifth-grade students returned to school full time. But that was halted after the number of COVID-19 cases in the community rose.

School has been in a hybrid plan since January, with a combination of in-school classes and virtual learning.

Grosse Pointe is not alone in grappling with how to educate students during the pandemic. School districts across Michigan and the country also are struggling with the COVID emergency.

Under new guidelines put out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, school social distancing will be set at three feet, rather than the six feet previously recommended.

The CDC was expected to come out with additional guidelines the week of Feb. 8, which could affect the district's plans.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has said schools should begin moving to face-to-face learning in March. The governor

also is putting together a task force to make recommendations on returning to school, which also could affect these plans.

The pandemic led to a special problem in Grosse Pointe. The district lost 527 students this year. The district had anticipated losing approximately 200 students because of the declining birth rate. Many of the additional 327 students left because there was no in-classroom learning.

In follow-up calls, around 60 percent of those parents said they would likely come back to GPPSS if the district guaranteed face-to-face learning. Many of those parents now are facing decision deadlines, as the schools they moved their children to are asking for commitments or deposits for next year.

GPPSS also is providing vaccinations for teachers, who under Michigan's guidelines currently are eligible for the vaccine. Around 60 percent of the staff already has received at least one dose of the vaccine, said Assistant Superintendent Jon Dean. The Wayne County Health Department is providing 600 doses to the district Feb. 11, with second doses later.

Dean said 430 teachers and staff have signed up

for the vaccine. The remaining doses were offered to local private and parochial schools.

GPPSS is on winter break this week and next week, through Feb. 21. Those who traveled out of the state during the break can make an appointment for a COVID test during the afternoon of Feb. 22. Information on how to make the appointment will be emailed to parents and staff and the information will be available on the district's website.

Wayne Health, out of Wayne State University, will start testing high school students on a voluntary basis March 1. A sampling of students, again voluntarily, will be tested every two to three weeks after that. If this testing goes well, the district may consider testing younger students.

In addition, the school district purchased \$250,000 worth of personal protective equipment for schools and has a central stockpile to replenish schools' supplies as needed, Assistant Superintendent Amanda Matheson said.

Improving air quality is an issue in Grosse Pointe schools, with the number of older buildings. Matheson said she will have answers for that issue at the Feb. 22 meeting.

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Ford Cove likely will undergo restoration to its shoreline, which ultimately will improve wildlife habitats.

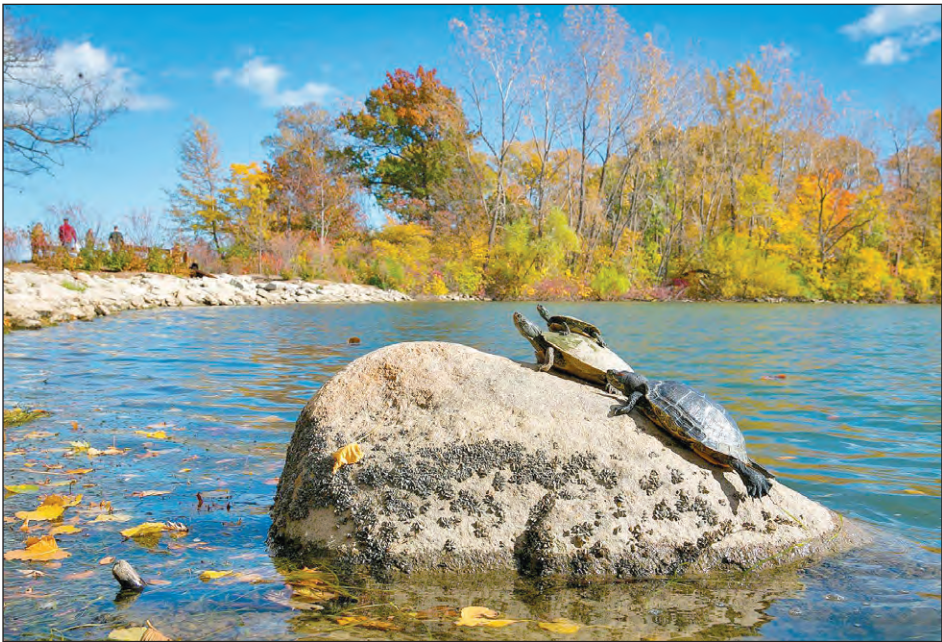
Shoreline, habitat restoration planned at Ford Cove

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Great Lakes Commission and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are embarking on a project that will restore disappearing wildlife habitats along a stretch of Lake St. Clair.

The goal of the Ford Cove Shoreline and Coastal Wetland Restoration Project is to transform the cove’s shoreline back to its natural state by removing hard, non-natural coastal features like broken concrete and sea-walls and reintroducing native plant species and softer shorelines. This would reduce heavy waves that disrupt vital habitats that local wildlife need to raise their young, find cover and forage for food.

“Most importantly, it’s the responsible thing to



Turtles are among the wildlife whose habitats will be improved by the restoration.

do,” said Kevin Drotos, invasive species and wildlife specialist at Ford House. “We were approached by Macomb County five years ago. They said, ‘You have almost two miles of shoreline, privately owned by a single owner.

This gives us a really good restoration opportunity.’ It got pushed around for a few years. Then, GLC got involved a couple years ago and it was put on the top of the coastal restoration projects in the state by NOAA.

“As soon as we heard we could fund the project, everyone at Ford House was on board and excited,” he added.

The first step in the process is a feasibility study that will evaluate and plan the restoration. The project team selected OHM Advisors to perform the study, which will include baseline chemical, geotechnical and ecological evaluations, as well as preliminary hydrologic and hydraulic modeling. The 18-month study

will result in a conceptual plan, restoration recommendations and cost estimates, Drotos said.

“It’s a lot of area to cover,” he added. “We’re looking at roughly one mile of shoreline, four acres of adjacent forested wetland, eight acres of nearshore habitat and five and a half acres of coastal marsh.

“A lot of it is seasonal, too,” he continued. “You want to get a full season of sampling — how ice affects the shoreline in the winter, how high water levels affect it in the spring, how waves affect it in the summer.”

The feasibility study currently is underway. “We’ve been working with Ford House for a while,” said Eric Ellis, project manager of the Coastal Conservation and Habitat Restoration Program with GLC. “With UHM Advisors now, the wheels are turning. They’ll analyze the data, produce a report and plan public meetings. You’ve got to cover all the bases and make sure it’s the right place to do the work and that it will have the right benefit to the community.”

The benefit, Ellis said, is great. “Macomb County has lost almost every foot of its natural shoreline,” he said. “What this project



An aerial view of Ford House’s Ford Cove.

is looking at restoring is one mile of shoreline to get it closer to its original condition, to restore fish and wildlife habitats. It’s going to provide the types of habitats missing in that part of the state. There are recreational benefits, too. Lots of people boat in that area; it will still be open for boating. There will be structures to reduce wave energy, which will protect the shores from erosion. With less waves, it’s better for vegetation and for fish. ... Lots of fish and wildlife move through the area; having resting points is important. Having a spawning place is important.

“When we first saw it, we saw there was a lot of potential here to do something special that will have a positive impact on Lake St. Clair and the region,” he continued. “We have a great local partner with Ford House. When you look at the site, it’s surrounded by development in southeast Michigan. Anything we do there will benefit the Lake St. Clair ecosystem. Bringing it back to its natural condition with native species and native processes will be a huge improvement.”

A variety of native Great Lakes species are anticipated to benefit from restoration activities. Focal species include northern pike, Great Lakes muskellunge, smallmouth and largemouth bass and yellow perch. Various min-

now species, panfish and other perchids also will benefit. State-listed species found in Lake St. Clair, such as northern madtom, mooneye, pugnose minnow and lake sturgeon, also could benefit from this project, as could herpetofauna including mudpuppy and eastern fox snakes.

Additionally, Bird Island is on a migration flyway, Drotos said. It was created by the Fords specifically as a bird habitat.

“This project will be restarting that as well,” he added, noting the roughly 200 species of birds that use Ford Cove and the land around it. “One day there may be more than 200 species of birds. ... If we work to enhance a habitat that’s lacking elsewhere, this will be very meaningful.”

Once the study is complete, the results will be passed along to NOAA to determine if they’ll fund it, Drotos said.

“Just looking at the shoreline, you can see it needs a lot of work,” he said.

In addition to Ford House, GLC and NOAA, the project includes the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division and Macomb County’s Planning and Economic Development Department, Parks and Natural Resources Division.

“There are so many different organizations

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Kevin Drotos, Ford House invasive species and wildlife specialist.



A heron stands near Ford Cove’s current jagged shoreline.

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'Mystery at Star Manor'

Virtual gala raises funds for Star of the Sea

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are plenty of advantages to hosting virtual events.

For organizers of Our Lady Star of the Sea's annual gala, which takes place Saturday, Feb. 27, those advantages include hosting an event without geographical boundaries or space limitations, which should equal more guests playing detective for this year's "Mystery at Star Manor."

"We're going virtual and it's a disappointment, because we love to gather together, but it comes with a lot of benefits, too," said Danielle Brousseau, event chair.

The gala will include a lot of the same elements as past in-person events, but also a variety of new components as well. For starters, this year's theme invites guests to solve a Star-themed mystery.

"We're bringing the Clue board game to life," Brousseau said. "We'll have fun with the teachers and staff, who are going to be portraying the different characters."

"It will be a mystery," she added. "There's a

secret volume hidden in the library that very few know about and very few have seen. It's an old volume that holds the secrets of Star — secrets to its success and what makes Star special."

Video vignettes throughout the program will offer clues to attendees. Other Clue-inspired details also are included. At the end of the program, the guilty party will be revealed.

As part of the fun, Star is offering Detective Agency Parties for purchase, so small groups can gather at home to solve the mystery together. The parties include catering by Motor City Hotel and Casino.

"They'll submit their guess of who the culprit is at the end," Brousseau said, "and the winner will receive a special dessert at home."

To purchase a viewing party, visit bit.ly/2Oebbbn.

Also featured on the auction website are options to register for the event, make a cash donation or purchase raffle tickets.

Tickets for the Clue Me In raffle are \$25, or five

for \$100. First prize is a choice of \$5,000 cash or a trip to Scottsdale, Ariz., for a golf and spa getaway. Second prize is \$1,000 in gift cards to local restaurants. Third prize is actually four prizes of \$500 each.

Also available on the auction website is the option to purchase UNITY gift bags. It's a new spin this year — the result of challenges posed by the pandemic.

Rather than seeking donations from area businesses, the auction committee brainstormed on how it could support them instead. The result was its commUNITY outreach program, co-sponsored by Henry Ford Health System.

"With this unpredictable time, we've all been hit a lot, especially small businesses," Brousseau said. "We knew we couldn't ask for donations. ... We went to each business and said, 'We're not here for donations; we're here to thank you and we're here to buy.'"

The curated gift bags feature unique items from each of 14 stores; the gift bags are valued at \$200 each. A promotional brochure and profiles of

each business also are included.

"We put together these surprise mystery bags with Henry Ford Health System," Brousseau said. "Cottage and Pierson Clinic jumped on right away as sponsors."

"It's something to help the businesses out, give them a little income," she added. "We're selling them to guests and anyone who wants to support local businesses. ... We really tried this year to help others. We need to raise funds, too, but we really tried to find ways to do that with helping others in the community."

The gala also will

include plenty of opportunity to support Star of the Sea. Live and silent auctions are part of the evening, which begins with a preshow at 6 p.m., followed by the live broadcast at 7 p.m.

Among this year's auction items are an at-home, catered murder-mystery dinner party for 10; a weeklong vacation at an oceanfront condo in Turks & Caicos; a diamond necklace donated from Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers; and a romantic weekend in Detroit with a sunset skyline tour by helicopter, hotel accommodations and meals.

Of course, like every

Star gala, there is a guest of honor. This year's gala honors Star of the Sea's teachers and staff.

"We think the best of them all the time, but this year has been such a crazy year and they've all stepped up so much," Brousseau said. "They're a touchstone for all of our families ... so we're honoring all of them."

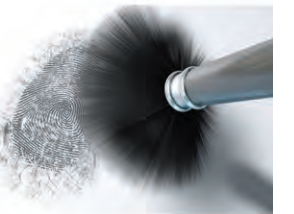
Proceeds from the event will be used to update the reading curriculum for all grades at the school.

For more information, visit olsos.org.

The auction gala and live-streamed event will be delivered virtually at stargp.cbo.io.

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Christ Church Grosse Pointe offers free COVID-19 testing

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers free COVID-19 testing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19.

Nasal swabs, which test for active infections, are available to anyone

age 3 and older. Antibodies testing also is available to anyone age 13 and older. On-site HIV testing is available upon request.

Spots are limited. Prior to arrival, everyone must complete an online registration form at bit.ly/3tq18jd.

This mobile testing is made possible through a partnership with Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Wayne Health, Wayne State University and Ford Motor Co.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.



Chamber unveils theme for community art project: 'The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe' Artists encouraged to apply by March 12

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently announced its 2021 community public art project, themed "The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe." The exhibit will showcase decorated installations throughout the Pointes of heart sculptures — featuring a big, solid heart, as well as a smaller, open heart. The theme was inspired by the spirit of the Grosse Pointes following a challenging year.

This year's "Heartbeat Celebrity" is Fox 2 News reporter and co-host of The Nine, Ryan Ermanni.

"Last year was a difficult time for our community and our businesses," said Grosse Pointe Chamber Executive Director Jenny Boettcher. "In discussing the objective of this

year's project, it was abundantly clear we should be celebrating our community's heart, which proved resilient, steadfast and strong. This is truly a celebration of our collective community strength and we are excited to look to the future and share this exciting exhibit."

All interested artists are encouraged to apply to design and decorate a heart sculpture. Applications are due March 12, to the chamber office. Prospective artists may find information about submissions by visiting bit.ly/3txy5dA or calling (313) 881-4722.

Once the chamber receives all the artwork submissions, it will compile them for review by project sponsors, who will in turn select their artist and design. The works will commence with a kick-off party and all work will be completed in time for display in June 2021. Heart sponsorships also are available and range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Information about sponsorships may be obtained by emailing info@grossepointechamber.com.

The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe project benefits the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, which provides critical funding to programs throughout the Pointes, including support for local police departments and community campaigns to promote Grosse Pointe businesses, among other things. After the conclusion of the display, the sculptures will be sold at a special auction in the fall; more details to come.

The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe art project is a continuation of a series of successful community installations in the Pointes, including fish in 2012, butterfly benches in 2015 and dogs in 2018. Many of the earlier years' installations may be seen in public parks and in front of businesses and private homes throughout the community.

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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.

Richard Roy Levitan

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Richard Roy Levitan, 82, recently of Mt. Pleasant, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his loving family Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at the Stone Lodge Memory Care facility in Shepherd, after a long illness.

Dick was born in Detroit, to Arthur and Theresa (nee Sadowski) Levitan.

A graduate of Denby High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Western Michigan University. Dick was elected president of Delta Upsilon fraternity; as a WMU alumnus, he served as a trustee. He and his wife, Bonnie, were active WMU alumni. They returned to Kalamazoo every year for homecoming, where they celebrated and reminisced with Dick's beloved Delta Upsilon brothers and their wives. He maintained many life-long friendships with high school and college friends.

After college, Dick enlisted in the Michigan Air National Guard and served as an aerial photography specialist. He was activated into the U.S. Air Force during the 1967 Detroit riots.

In his early civilian career, Dick worked at the Chrysler Co. Missile Division, where he assisted in development of the Redstone and Mercury missiles. He went on to spend many years at Chrysler Realty in commercial dealership development and property management throughout the western U.S. and Alaska. His later career was spent in industrial steel sales.

First and foremost, Dick was a devoted husband and family man. He loved a rousing game of euchre, a day on the golf course and a good Manhattan — even more so if he was enjoying it while vacationing Up North on Torch Lake. Dick's love of family, friends and country was unmatched; if love could have saved him, he would have lived forever.

Dick is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bonnie; children, Susan Lobsinger (Doug) of Mt. Pleasant and Bradley Levitan (Lisa) of St Clair Shores; grandchildren, Ashley, Ashley, Randy and David; three great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jeannie Shaffer (Ron) and Susan Taylor (Steve); and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Archie, Ronald, Harry and Gerald; nephew, Kevin; and great-niece, Elaine.

The family thanks Lois Montgomery and the staff at Stone Lodge Memory Care for their tender and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Stone Lodge Memory Care, 415 N. Chippewa St., Shepherd, MI 48883.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

Rosemarie Mueller Dyer

Former Grosse Pointe resident Rosemarie Mueller Dyer, of Waterford, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021. She was 76.

Rosemarie was the beloved wife of Edwin for 48 years; loving mother of Dr. Erica Harding and Kevin Dyer; proud grandmother of Michael Harding; and dear sister of Richard Mueller.

She retired from the Warren Consolidated Schools district after teaching elementary school students more than 30 years. She also published her work on promoting early math literacy.

Rosemarie was active with the Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women and served as its president. Many people may remember she played the organ and regularly substituted for church organists when needed. She enjoyed volunteering at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Christ Church Grosse Pointe, as well as gardening and baking. She also was talented at knitting and sewing.

Rosemarie was proud to be remembered as a "Treue Freunde" of the Detroit branch of the Schlaraffia and had a lifelong interest in promoting German culture.

She and her late husband, Edwin, were members of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will take place in spring.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, act.alz.org; or Detroit Symphony Orchestra, dso.org.

Share a memory with the family at Rosemarie's online guestbook, wintfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Jones Wrigley

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dorothy Jones Wrigley, 72, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Dorothy was born Aug. 13, 1948, in Thomasville, Ga., to Bolling and Constance (nee Balfour) Jones III.

A graduate of Mary Baldwin College, she studied in Spain at the Instituto Internacional of Madrid, where she met her future husband, George Wrigley. Dorothy and George were married Oct. 26, 1974, in Thomasville; they later moved to George's hometown of Grosse Pointe, where they settled and raised their family.

A selfless woman who spent her entire life giving to others, she was a major contributor to the Detroit community, most notably through her work as co-developer of the Monroe Block Project and in her role as a mentor at The Boys and Girls Club.

Dorothy's proudest contributions in life were to her family. With her ingrained Southern hos-

pitality, Dorothy's household thrived on tradition. The family table was never without a home-cooked meal, nor was there a birthday during which Dorothy did not serve her famous chocolate cake along with a copious amount of birthday cards and the occasional embarrassing photo collage. Dorothy's family said those who knew her would say she had a big heart and was kind to anyone who crossed her path; she will be dearly missed.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, George; daughters, Kendall Wrigley (Paul Boisi) and Katherine Gorski (Brian) of Grosse Pointe; grandchildren, Grace Boisi and Benjamin Gorski; siblings, Bolling Jones IV (Kathy) of Thomasville, Ga., Mike Jones (Tracy) of Thomasville, Ga., and Connie Floyd (Bill) of Atlanta, Ga.; and beloved nieces and nephews.

She will rest peacefully at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

A small family gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be made by check to the Foundation for Language Education and Development, languageeducate.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Joseph L. Arpin

Former Grosse Pointe resident Joseph "Joe" L. Arpin, 94, died peacefully Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at his home in Naples, Fla., surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Mary, and brothers, Donald and Gerald. He was the loving husband of Marge Arpin; loving father of Jim Arpin (Lori), MaryJo Racy (John), Paul Arpin (Katherine) and Molly Ferrante (Domenic); and loving grandfather to Jeffrey, Patrick and Margot Racy, Philip, John Paul and Katie Mee Arpin, and Julia, Matt, Nicole and Luke Ferrante. Joe will be fondly remembered by his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Ken and Joan Wysocki of Beverly Hills, Mich.; cherished family of nieces and nephews; and older sister, Kay Arpin of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Joe was born Dec. 17, 1926, in Toronto, and raised in Windsor. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario, Assumption College and the University of Detroit Law School.

Joe married Marge (nee Morianti) of Windsor and together they raised four children in Grosse Pointe. Joe's family brought him his greatest joys in life. He cherished his beloved wife of 62 years, Marge, and was forever grateful for her dedication to family rituals. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family while instilling in them the values of faith, hard work and compassion for others. Joe's 10 grandchildren



Richard Ray Levitan



Joseph L. Arpin

were a constant source of pride and joy for him; he surrounded them with love and affection at every opportunity.

Joe will be especially remembered for his charisma, wit and tremendous sense of humor, his family said.

He spent 28 years as a dedicated finance executive at Chrysler Co., and retired in 1990. Joe was thrilled to be involved in Chrysler's great corporate turnaround and most importantly, the many lasting friendships he made.

Joe's favorite hobby was boating. He enjoyed time spent with friends and family at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Club Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., catholiccharitiesdov.weshareonline.org.

Frank Anton Krager

St. Clair Shores resident Frank Anton Krager passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at home, less than five months short of his 90th birthday. He was born June 12, 1931, in Detroit, to Frank and Theresa Krager, both now deceased.

Frank was especially proud of his family and devoted a large part of his life making sure each and every member of his family was cared for. He lived long enough to hold his great-grandson, Miles Julius Rourke of Grosse Pointe Park.

A 1953 graduate of the School of Hospitality Business at Michigan State University, Frank began his career working with his parents at the family business in Detroit. Krager's Restaurant was a leading German specialty house that excelled in the finest traditional German fare, imported beers and spirits. Frank served in all aspects of the business until it was sold in 1969.

He then changed careers and was a successful consultant for Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., for the next 27 years, until he formally retired in 1996.

Frank loved the water, boats, marinas and the great natural beauty of Northern Michigan, where he found solace in the area surrounding Traverse City. He bought a unit at the Grand Traverse Resort in 1984, and enjoyed driving there from his down-



Rosemarie Mueller Dyer



Frank Anton Krager

state home for the next 37 years.

He enjoyed kibitzing, joking, family get-togethers, good food, cold beer, General Motors' cars, rooting for his favorite Michigan or Michigan State football teams, the Detroit Lions and Tigers and all things Detroit.

Frank was predeceased by the love of his life, May Marlene Van Sickel Krager; son-in-law, Gary Thomas Driscoll; and nephew, Erik Robert Krager. Frank is survived by his children, Franz Anton Krager (Deborah Ann), Krista Lynn Driscoll (nee Krager) and Karla May Krager Derkacz (James); granddaughters, Alix Rourke (nee Driscoll) (Michael) and Anie Driscoll; great-grandson, Miles Rourke; brother, Carl Krager (Mary); nephew, Adam John Krager; and niece, Katie Margaret Strehler (nee Krager).

Public visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a private chapel service for family members.

A Life Celebration for Frank will be held in June in the Traverse City area, where he will be laid to rest at the Acme Township Yuba Cemetery.

Donations in Frank's name may be made to The Greening of Detroit, greeningofdetroit.com; or the Grand Traverse Conservation District, natureiscalling.org.

Harriet Lorraine Olis

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Harriet Lorraine Olis passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Harriet was born Aug. 31, 1928, in North East, Pa., to Albert and Hazel Mann. She spent her childhood in North East and graduated from North East High School. She graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester N.Y., with a fashion merchandising degree.

Harriet moved to Detroit when she accepted a position as an assistant buyer in the women's fine suit and fur department at J.L. Hudson's. During her early years at Hudson's, Harriet met the love of her life, Andrew "Andy" Olis. The couple married



Dorothy Jones Wrigley



Harriet Lorraine Olis

in 1954, enjoyed 64 wonderful years of marriage and together raised five children in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She enjoyed sewing clothes for the kids, attending school events, making her well-loved chocolate chip cookies, raising the family dogs — Gigi, Shelby and Razen — and keeping everyone in line with her wit and humor.

In addition to raising her family, Harriet enjoyed playing solitaire and other card games, keeping up with the latest shoe fashions at Jacobson's and going out to lunch. Harriet was fortunate to travel overseas numerous times as she accompanied Andy on his business trips.

In later years, Harriet and Andy spent time at their second home on Burt Lake in northern Michigan and winter months in Siesta Key, Fla. Harriet enjoyed the visits of her children and grandchildren and the special memories of good times spent together. After the loss of her husband, Andy, in 2018, Harriet moved to Cranberry Park in the ShorePointe Assisted Living community.

Harriet will be remembered for her feistiness, positive attitude, witty catch phrases, the swear jar with her grandkids and the pleasure of sharing a beer with friends and family.

Harriet is survived by her adoring children, Patricia Casey (Martin), Nancy Olis, Martha Langton (Russell), Barbara Turnbull (Scott) and Andrew Olis (Tiffany); beloved grandchildren, Alex, Drew and Kelly Langton, Emily and Patrick Turnbull and Tony Tewes; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Henrietta Hoffman (Gilbert).

The family thanks the staff at Cranberry Park at ShorePointe and Compassus Hospice for their overwhelming kindness and support.

A private funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Burt Lake Preservation Association, P.O. Box 632, Indian River, MI 49749.

OBITS:

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Christopher J. Tusa

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Christopher J. Tusa, 67, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, in Newport, N.C., after he defied cancer more than a decade.

Christopher attended St. Paul Catholic School. He worked several years at the family business, Mike's Marine Supply, in St. Clair Shores.

He was a self-taught electrician, woodworker, mechanic and freelance fixer of anything and everything. He rode, rebuilt and raced motorcycles until a teenage driver ran a red light and nearly killed him. After Chris recuperated, he bought a 38-foot sailboat he named Nomad and began sailing Lake St. Clair. When not sailing, he worked on the boat, often accompanied by his beloved dog, Rosco.

Chris helmed Nomad in and around Lake Huron and Lake Erie, and eventually in the Atlantic. There he developed a deep love and respect for the ocean and its creatures. He often spoke of porpoises that swam along his boat as if they were his neighbors. He studied charts and celestial navigation, installed solar panels on the deck and read extensively about adventures on the high seas.

Living aboard Nomad, Chris drew inspiration from the community of sailors he befriended up and down the Florida coast. A year before Hurricane Dorian struck, he took a solo trip to The Bahamas' Little Abaco Island, where he stayed for months, and described its residents as the nicest people one would ever want to meet. He was deeply saddened by the destruction and loss of life Little Abaco sustained by the storm and was frustrated that he no longer had the strength to sail back and help.

This past December, in Nomad's tiny galley, Chris made spiedini, a favorite dish of his Sicilian father. He also baked his mother's famous Christmas cookies to share with a friend at the marina in New Bern, N.C., where he lived aboard Nomad until three days before his death.



Christopher J. Tusa

Chris is survived by his brother, Michael Tusa Jr.; sister, Susan Tusa; and three nieces.

A private memorial service will be held in early summer.

Memorial donations may be made to Oceana, oceana.org.

Richard L. Keller Jr.

Richard "Dick" L. Keller Jr., 73, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, in Port Charlotte, Fla. He was born in August 1947, in Pennsylvania, to Richard L. Keller Sr. and Mary Jane Keller.

Dick grew up, married and raised his two children in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Wayne State University.

Dick retired in 2012, and spent winters in Port Charlotte, where he met his beloved wife, Beverly, and made many new lifelong friendships.

He was an avid sports fan and athlete his whole life. Growing up, he enjoyed playing pond hockey with friends and family – and especially with his younger brother, Tom. In high school, he was scouted by Major League Baseball teams. Unfortunately, a shoulder injury took away his dream of being a major league pitcher. Nonetheless, he continued playing golf and tennis for leisure and competitively throughout his adult life. Dick made some of his closest friends through tennis and there was no team he could not improve.

Dick loved people. Funny, charismatic, smart and loving, he could devour a pint of ice cream in one sitting. He also had a competitive nature and



Richard L. Keller Jr.

endless laughter with his family while playing board games and cards. His family said these are memories they will cherish forever.

Baptized in 2011, Dick gave his heart to Jesus and shared this passion with his sister, Sue, by studying God's word. Dick participated in Bible Study Fellowship more than eight years. During that time, he recommended BSF to many people and mentored many more. In addition, an important part of Dick's life was the Christian Church.

He mentored young children in the SOAR Detroit after-school reading program. He attended Grace Community Church in Detroit.

For the past eight years, he was active in the Family Church in Port Charlotte, where his passion was to help men grow in their relationship with Christ. Dick's family said many recent responses from believers and others spoke of what Dick meant to them – that he loved and cared for them – and mentioned he lived a genuine Christian life. He was a mentor to many and a friend to all. His love of Christ was evident to all who knew him.

Dick was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Keller; children, Tom Keller (Missy) and Jaime Huber (Mike); grandchildren, Addison and Vinny Huber; sister, Sue Schmitz (Doug); nephew, Brian Schmitz (Lisa); brother, Tom Keller; nephew, Alex Keller; niece, Cora Keller (Will); and the mother of his children, Christine Keller.

Expressions of interest or donations in Dick's memory may be made to Bible Study Fellowship, bsfinternational.org/support/give-to-bsf; SOAR Detroit, soardetroit.com; or the Family Church, familychurchpc.com.



Dr. Ned Ira Chalats

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Grosse Pointe resident Ned Chalats, 95, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2021.

Lifelong resident of the Detroit area, practicing physician and active leader in many civic organizations, Dr. Chalats had a profound impact on the community and his family.

His legacy includes more than 50 years as a practicing ear, nose and throat physician in downtown Detroit, where he devoted much time to inner city residents. He also was a revered clinical professor of otolaryngology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and credited for his pioneering research on transplanting eardrums.

Dr. Chalats believed that a physician's role extended beyond treating individual patients. He wrote, "It has long been my feeling that we as physicians have never sufficiently exercised our potential in facing society's real difficulties." In this regard, Dr. Chalats' commitment was unwavering.

During the 1967 Detroit riots, he refused to abandon his patients and drove through police barriers to make rounds at Harper Hospital. During the AIDS crisis, he trained as a Red Cross instructor and berated doctors who refused to treat those patients. In addition, as an editorial board member at the Detroit Medical News, he wrote a series of essays promoting awareness about domestic violence, poverty and civil rights. He took every opportunity to prod members of his profession to help address those issues.

Dr. Chalats inherited his empathy for the underserved from his father, Jacob Chalats, who exemplified the grit and idealism of immigrants who

arrived in America at the turn of the 20th century. He followed his father into medicine and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from the University of Michigan in 1945, and a medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1948. His internship and residency in otolaryngology were performed at Harper Hospital; in 1952, he took a fellowship at the Lempert Institute in New York City.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as a surgeon at the rank of captain from 1953 to 1955, at Parks Air Force Base in Livermore, Calif.

Dr. Chalats' staunch ideals were recognized in every organization he joined, evidenced by a raft of leadership positions over his lifetime, including president of the Wayne County Medical Society; chief of the ear, nose and throat departments at Harper and Sinai hospitals; and leadership positions at the Michigan Otolaryngological Society, Michigan chapter of the American Medical Writers Association, Detroit Academy of Medicine, Southeast Michigan Red Cross AIDS Education Committee and Children's Center in Detroit.

Dr. Chalats retired from his medical practice in 1990, which gave him more time to devote to a variety of intellectual pursuits. He wrote poetry and together with his wife, Joann, expanded his travels to include Vietnam, Russia and Africa. He also enjoyed many adventures with his children — a fishing trip in Alaska with his son and grandson, camping in the Utah desert with his daughter and numerous family ski trips to the Rocky Mountains.

Dr. Chalats' favorite camping partner was his younger son, Andrew. He and Andrew loved camping in Northern Michigan, where they fished, hiked and viewed the Northern Lights. Andrew and his father also shared an interest in the Boy Scouts. Dr. Chalats earned Eagle Scout rank in 1941; Andrew was pushing toward that goal in 1977, when he died from an undiagnosed congenital heart defect at 15. This was a crushing blow to Ned and Joann, but they turned their sorrow into a

renewed commitment to the community.

Social activism kept Dr. Chalats engaged throughout his life. His energy and leadership abilities propelled him to the head of several organizations, including the Prismatic Club of Detroit, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, Ann Arbor Culinary History Society and Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe. He also was a regular attendee at the Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast.

A high point of Dr. Chalats' retirement came in September 2000, when he and Joann donated a rare collection of illustrated children's books to the U of M library and they were honored with a special event. On the same weekend, they celebrated publication of Ned's poetry collection, "Love, 'N'."

Dr. Chalats is survived by his children, Jim (Linda Chalats) and Nancy (Tom Noaker); grandchildren, Alexandra Chalats Pearson (Jonny), Rachel Chalats Steudle (Brett), Grace Chalats, Harris Chalats (Sofia Panero) and Dylan Noaker; and great-grandson, Finnigan Steudle. He was predeceased by his muse and beloved wife of 65 years, Joann Steinberg Chalats; sister, Ruth; and son, Andrew.

Dr. Chalats will be interred during a private ceremony at Beth El Memorial Park, Livonia.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, his family will host a virtual shiva at a later date. A memorial event also will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dr. Chalats' memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Dr. and Mrs. Chalats supported organizations, including the University of Michigan Medical School, Michigan Humane Society, Doctors Without Borders, Wayne State University School of Medicine, NAACP, Heifer International and American Red Cross.

Remembrances may be sent to Jim Chalats, 33212 Meadow Mtn. Rd., Evergreen, CO 80439; or jchalats@chalatslaw.com; or Nan Chalats Noaker, P.O. Box 98, Oakley, Utah 84055; or nanchalatsnoaker@me.com.

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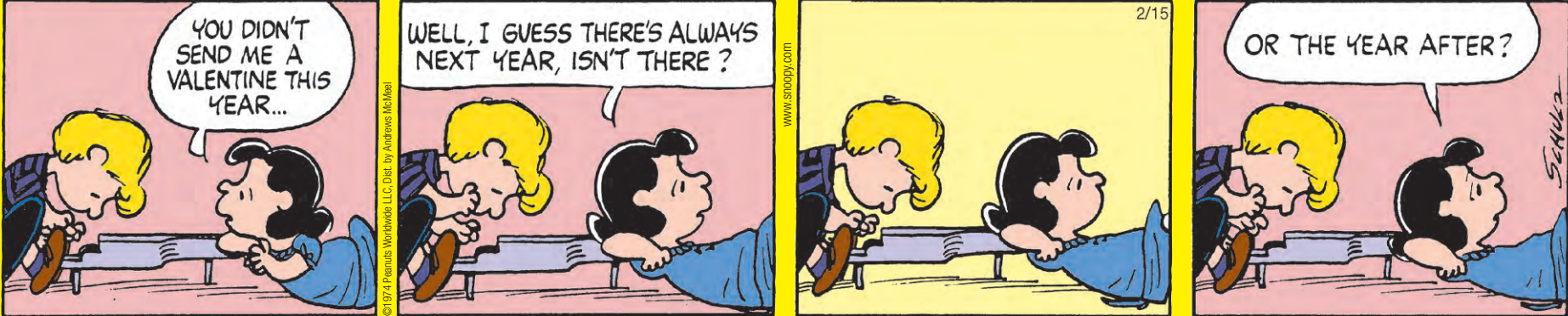
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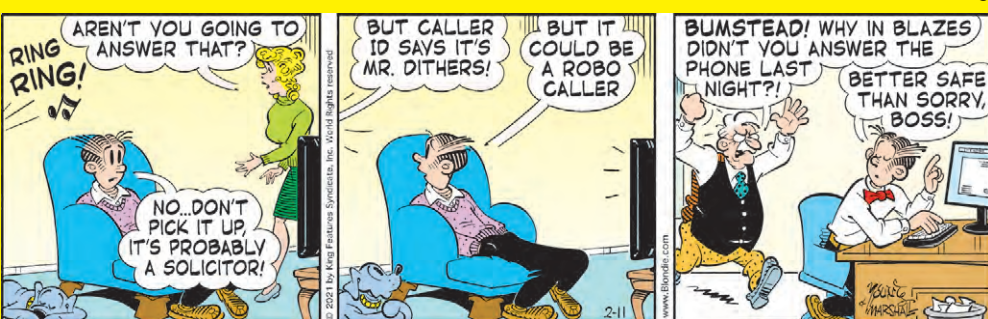
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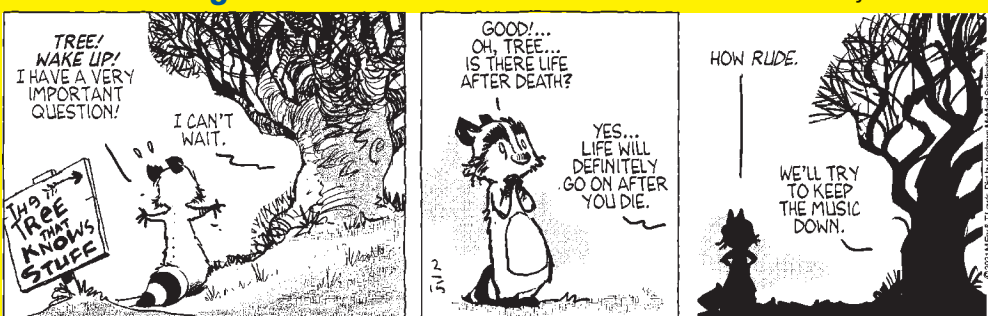
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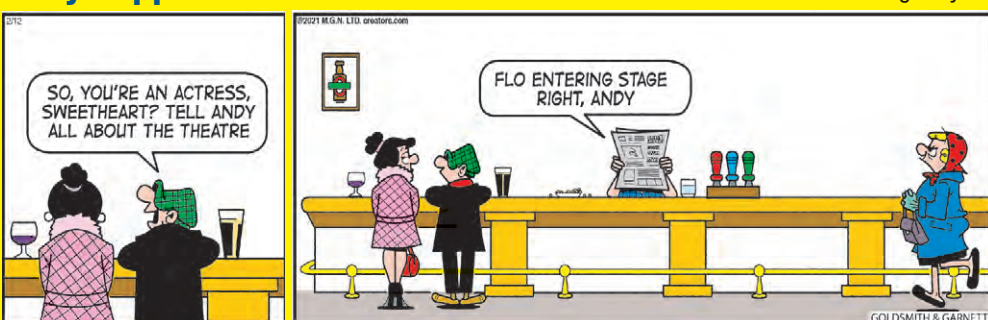
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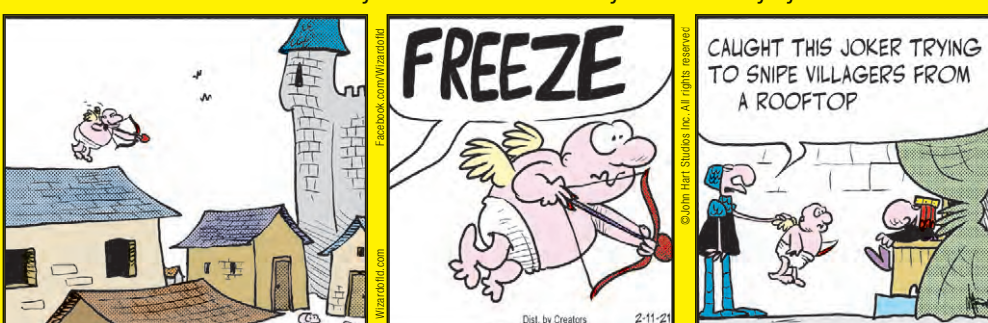
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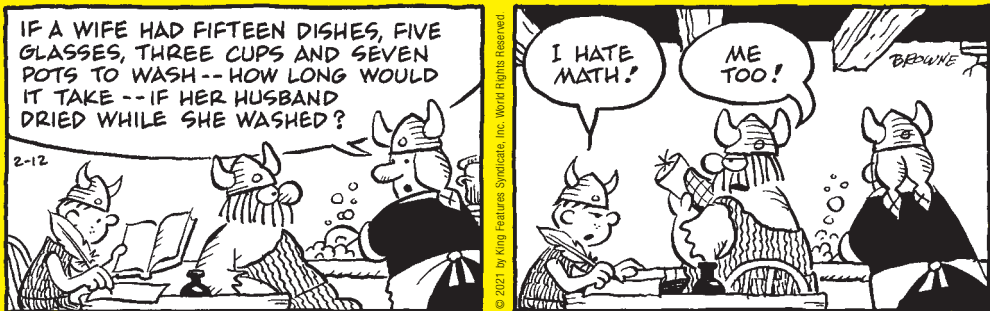
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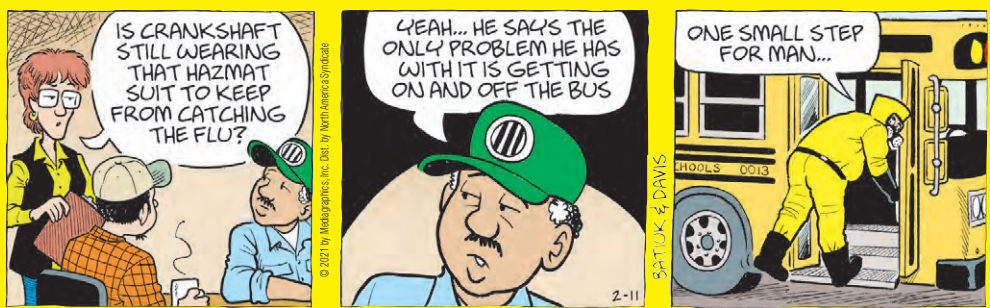
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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 11, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Big Apple computers
- 6 Take heavy steps
- 11 "Call the Midwife" network
- 14 Automated worker
- 15 Cowboy's contest
- 16 Become inedible
- 17 Solo
- 18 Ask too much for
- 20 Was useful to (unscramble letters 5 to 8 in this answer)
- 22 Dutch cheese
- 23 Certainly not animated
- 24 West Africa's Sierra
- 26 Unexpected response to "Are you asleep?"
- 27 Crew team member
- 30 Trims the grass
- 33 Ouija board activity
- 38 Dot follower, in a college's URL
- 39 Had tandoori chicken, say
- 40 Roosevelt's Depression-fighting plan (2 to 5)
- 41 Food staple with a jumbo size
- 42 Word after "hot" or "lightning"
- 43 Like always

- 44 Hawaiian strings, informally
- 45 Oteri who was on "SNL"
- 47 Ending for "Hallow"
- 49 Shrub whose flowers are often purple
- 52 Puts to rest, as fears
- 55 During
- 57 What may cross a highway, or a theme hint
- 60 Golfer's midrange club
- 62 Not much of a part
- 63 "I'm Nobody! Who you?" (Dickinson)
- 64 Still kicking
- 65 Long journeys
- 66 For each
- 67 Control the direction of
- 68 Have a feeling

- 10 Palindromic music genre
- 11 Time for a colorful parade (4 to 7)
- 12 Florida
- 13 Blossom holder
- 19 Nevada gambling mecca
- 21 Says mean things about
- 25 Longtime hurler
- 28 Outer limit
- 29 Throws and runners
- 30 Painter
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- 31 Texter's "However ..."
- 32 Pizza parlor phrase (1 to 4)
- 34 Ram's partner
- 35 Word such as "happily": Abbr.

- 36 Born as
- 37 Steve of "The Office"
- 40 Hit squarely
- 44 Without a clue
- 46 Travel by streetcar
- 48 Votes into office
- 50 Slanting
- 51 Marie who won two Nobel Prizes
- 52 "Li'l ___" (classic comic)
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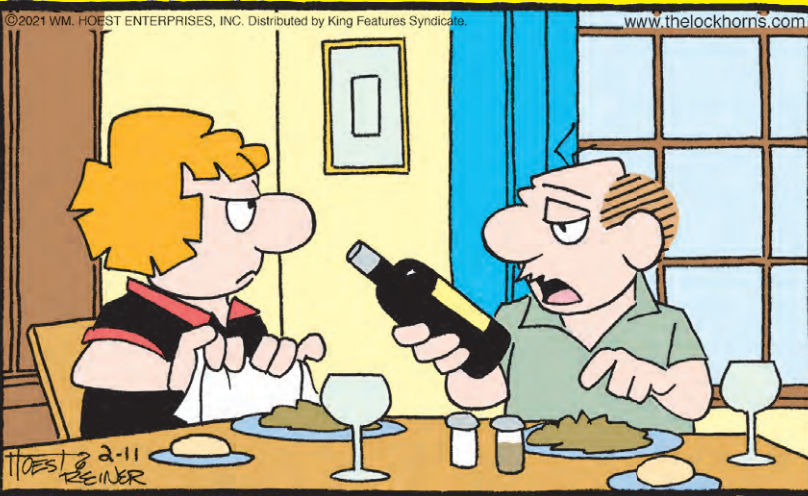
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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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Alma Anita Wronski

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Alma Anita Wronski (nee Dinon), 94, passed away Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. A daughter of Alfonso and Maria Dinon, she was born in Detroit.

Alma was the beloved wife of the late Edwin; loving mother of Edwin (Kim), Anne Hepler (the late Darwyn), Robert (Beth), Mary, Paul



Alma Anita Wronski

(Michelle) and the late Joseph; cherished grandmother of Shannon DeMauro, David, Kendal, Matthew,

Michael and Sarah; and great-grandmother of two great-grandsons.

Full of kindness and love, Alma will be dearly missed.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Updated service information may be found at ahpeters.com.

Donations in Alma's memory may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 772091, Detroit, MI 48277; or cskdetroit.org.



ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Ashley Falco

How to develop healthy sleep habits for your child

Q: What is safe sleep? Can I sleep train my baby now? Will my toddler ever sleep in their own bed?

A: Sleep questions are very common and vary widely based on your child's age, but there are some general rules for bedtime that are helpful no matter what developmental stage your child is in.

1. Safe sleep: In infancy, prior to your child being able to roll and change positions without assistance, safe sleep includes placing them on their back on a flat, firm surface such as a crib or bassinet which contains no pillows, blankets or stuffed animals. The aim of safe sleep at this age is to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome. Once your child can roll regularly, they should no longer be swaddled. As they develop the ability to pull up to standing, the crib mattress should be lowered to prevent them from falling out of the crib. A small blanket may be introduced after 1 year of age. In older children, if you have bunk beds, they should be placed in the corner of the room protecting two sides from risk of falling. A guardrail should be attached in any area where your child could roll off. Children younger

than 6 years of age should not sleep on the top bunk.

2. Consistency is key: Prior to 6 months of age, sleep training is not recommended. After 6 months, establishing a routine that includes activities such as reading books, taking baths, brushing teeth and putting on pajamas will help signal to your child that bedtime is approaching. Keep this time quiet and relaxed. While it's OK to play with your child prior to bed, active play and running around may make it more difficult to wind down. A specific bedtime should be set and followed whenever possible.

3. Maintain their sleep space: Do not fall asleep in bed with your child and do not allow them to sleep in your bed. This will become a behavioral pattern that is difficult to break. It's OK to comfort your child if they have a nighttime awakening or nightmare; however, you do not need to go into their room every time they call out or make noise. Instead, wait. Allow them time to self-soothe and fall back to sleep on their own. If your toddler likes to sneak into your bed in the middle of the night, a toddler sleep clock, which visually indicates when it is OK to leave

their bed (red/green, sun/moon) may be helpful.

These general principles are a good start to developing a good sleeper. If you are struggling with specific sleep questions regarding your child, please contact your pediatrician. You can visit healthychildren.org for age-appropriate sleep advice and more information on SIDS prevention.

Dr. Ashley Falco is a senior staff physician for Henry Ford Health System and lead pediatrician at Pierson Pediatrics. She is committed to providing comprehensive medical care to patients and families from birth through young adulthood, with emphasis on prevention, nutrition and developmental counseling. In her free time, Falco is busy running after her own children, ages 3 and 5.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Neighborhood Club staff surround Executive Director Stu Alderman, who holds the award.

Neighborhood Club awarded for COVID-19 reactivation plan

The Neighborhood Club recently was honored with the mParks-Michigan Recreation and Park Association COVID-19 Leadership Award for its reactivation plan to safely return to work.

The detailed plan included how staff prepared and trained to return to work; communicated what members, participants and patrons could expect upon their return to programs; and detailed additional extensive cleaning and maintenance protocols.

The award was announced and presented virtually at the state annual recreation conference Feb. 4.

"We are proud and honored to accept this award and be recognized by colleagues in the parks and recreation field," said Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club. "Our staff met continuously since last March to develop this detailed plan and made multiple changes and updates throughout the process to adapt to the constantly evolving situation. We continued to follow guidelines set forth by the CDC, Michigan Health and Human Services Department and the state of Michigan in establishing the reactivation plan for the health and safety of our community."

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◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. The group will discuss "When They Call You a Terrorist," by Patrisse Khan-Cullers.

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

Gilda's Club Lake House

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

◆ Pancreatic Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

◆ Breast Cancer Support Group, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16.

◆ Gynecological Cancers Support Group, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18,

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 4200 Conner, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24 and 25, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ Medicare counseling, free to members and nonmembers, via telephone or videoconferencing. Email mfrench@helmlife.org to schedule an appointment. Those without access to email should call (313) 649-2110 and leave a message; calls will be returned within 48 hours.

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◆ Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services buses operate Monday through Friday. Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe resident age 60 and older or disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House President and CEO Mark Heppner speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

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



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The shoreline around Ford Cove currently is lined with chunks of concrete.

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on the project team for this and all of them are passionate and excited," Drotos said. "If you look at Macomb County, you'll find 31 ½ miles of shoreline, but only roughly 2,000 feet in its natural condition. That's a 99.99 percent reduction from original conditions. Since we have a big section, we can make a big impact. Ford House is excited about this and it's the right thing to do."

Following the feasibility study, if it's recommended to move

forward, next steps include engineering and project design.

"It's a year-long process to develop actual plans and get permits," Ellis said. "Once we have a final set of plans and compartments in place, we begin implementation. It's really hard to say when that will happen."

Ellis is optimistic the project will be approved for funding.

"Based off of what we've seen out there, it's going to make sense and be feasible and work for the community," he said.

Ellis said GLC and its partners will host public meetings to ensure the

public has input during the process.

"We want to make sure we put something there that will fit ecologically, but also that it's what the community wants," he said.

Public meetings will begin during the feasibility study.

The cost of the feasibility study is \$230,634, including a \$3,000 in-kind match from Ford House.

Funding for this project comes from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through a regional partnership between NOAA and the GLC.

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On to Illinois

Park native to play soccer for Fighting Illini PAGE 3C

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Cameron Lundh with her brother, Cooper Lundh, right, and friend, Kamryn Schocker.

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Lundh signs commitment to Kentucky

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It's an incredible accomplishment for a high school athlete to excel at multiple sports. That certainly applies to Grosse Pointe South's Cameron Lundh. By the time she graduates later this year, Lundh could be leaving high school with nearly a dozen varsity letters. Participating in everything from cross country to basketball, Lundh has chosen to continue her athletic career playing soccer at the University of Kentucky. Playing for Vardar Club Soccer, a lot of Lundh's recruitment relied on college coaches being able to attend games and tournaments. However, COVID-19 became a major obstacle in the soccer recruiting process. Despite that, Lundh and her coaches were able to adapt. "My coach really helped me and told me to make a highlight video," Lundh said about getting over the hurdles COVID presented to the recruitment process. "Getting that out to all the coaches really helped me with

COVID. I think that's what really sparked Kentucky." As an athlete excelling in multiple sports, Lundh's various coaches have high praise for her skill and character both on and off the field. "She works really hard. She's easy to coach. She absorbs information really well," said Demir Muftari, Lundh's coach at Vardar Soccer. "Her mindset and her ability to stay positive and her ability to continue to try and work and focus on what's next is really impressive." Lundh also is a starter on the Grosse Pointe South High School girls varsity basketball team. Her coach on the Blue Devils, Kevin Richards, believes Lundh's skills on the soccer pitch translate to her success on the basketball court. "I think a lot of it comes from her being such a tremendous soccer player," Richards said. "She's probably the best defensive player that I ever coached. ... I'm very fortunate to coach someone who is as

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Governor gives go-ahead for winter sports

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last Thursday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that winter high school sports could begin regular practice and competition as early as this Monday, Feb. 8. Several COVID-19 protocols have been established to make sure games and practices can be conducted safely. The announcement brought excitement to the sports community. "(We) are incredibly pleased

and grateful with the new order that goes into effect on Monday so our winter kids can all move forward," said Mark Uyl, executive director of the MHSAA, during a press conference following the governor's announcement. According to Uyl, Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are mandating that masks must be worn at all times during practices and competitions for basketball and ice hockey. For wrestling, masks are not required during matches; how-

ever, rapid testing must be conducted the day of meets. "Safety protocols like wearing masks and testing will help keep kids, coaches and families safe and allow our schools to remain open for in-person instruction," MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel said in a statement released Monday regarding the return of winter sports. The shortened season for winter sports means several games will have to be fit into a narrow window of time. As athletes have trained and kept in shape during the delay, Uyl

believes the hard work maintained by players and coaches should make for a smooth progression into regular competition. "I don't think our kids have ever been in better shape, which will allow us to make a very quick transition to contact competition," Uyl said. With the start of winter sports being pushed back, there have been questions about whether spring sports will see similar delays. However, Uyl said he has "very high confidence" spring sports

are going to be able to move forward as planned. The governor's announcement about winter sports came less than a week after a large group of high school athletes, coaches and parents gathered at the State Capitol Jan. 30, to express their desire to return to competition. "I think it's really important that you try and always look forward," Uyl said. "... What's really important is we're going to get a chance to get these four sports all started next week."

Cooksey signs to play tennis at Michigan

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When a high school athlete accomplishes as much as University Liggett School tennis star William Cooksey has, major college programs are going to notice. Receiving attention from schools such as Duke and Harvard, Cooksey had plenty of options as to where he could continue his already illustrious tennis career. With interest from programs around the country, he has chosen to remain

right here in The Mitten and play tennis for the University of Michigan. "I grew up a Michigan fan," Cooksey said. "I love the coaches and I really like the team. I kind of thought they had everything going for them." Cooksey has received several individual accomplishments in his high school tennis career. In 2020, he became just the fifth tennis player in state history to win singles championships in all four years of high school. He also received the 2020

Bob Wood Mr. Tennis Award from the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. With his trophy collection growing, Cooksey said he appreciates the opportunity to still be part of a team. "You want to give your best shot individually, but also doing your best to bring up the other guys," he said. "I think it just makes tennis more exciting and more enjoyable." As Cooksey gets ready to take the court for a



PHOTO COURTESY KALLI COOKSEY

After graduating early from University Liggett School, William Cooksey is training in South Carolina to prepare for his college career.

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Virtual learning helps swimmer to commit to Hope

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed countless aspects of everyday life, including academics and athletics. Many high school athletes, including Grace Wesley, have had to adapt in both how they learn and how they train. For Wesley, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, virtual learning has helped advance her goals of taking her swimming career to the next level.

“I could have the opportunity to take more classes inside and outside of school in order to graduate and then go and swim at Hope in college,” said Wesley, who attended University Liggett School before participating in the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s combined virtual learning program.

“Each week we would watch her go to school and possible COVID exposures could take her out of school or out of the pool,” her mother, Julie, said about Wesley’s decision to pursue virtual learning. “She seemed very mature about her desire to do it and her desire to swim.”

Wesley’s swimming career has been greatly impacted by the pandemic, but just like her experience with school, she has been able to adapt to changes in order to

keep pursuing her dreams. Instead of swimming with her club team, Grosse Pointe-based Pointe Aquatics, Wesley now trains by doing individual workouts with a personal trainer.

“The commitment level hasn’t changed, but it’s honestly gotten harder because I have to get there on my own. ... I have to work around my own time,” Wesley said.

The changes brought about by the pandemic have come with benefits. Wesley will be able to graduate early and begin her college swimming career at Hope College. Her shift from team swimming to personal training also has had its upsides.

“I think the private training has also opened some new opportunities,” she said. “I’ve been introduced to a new training style and it’s helped me a lot.”

Through all of the changes Wesley and her family have had to adjust to during the last year, her mother is filled with pride at how she has persevered.

“We just couldn’t be in a situation where we felt more proud of our daughter’s response to the pandemic,” Julie Wesley said. “We’ve watched her work hard for many years. ... It’s amazing to have this time to show her the payback that all her hard work has done for her.”



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Grace Wesley will join the Hope College swim team after receiving an academic scholarship.

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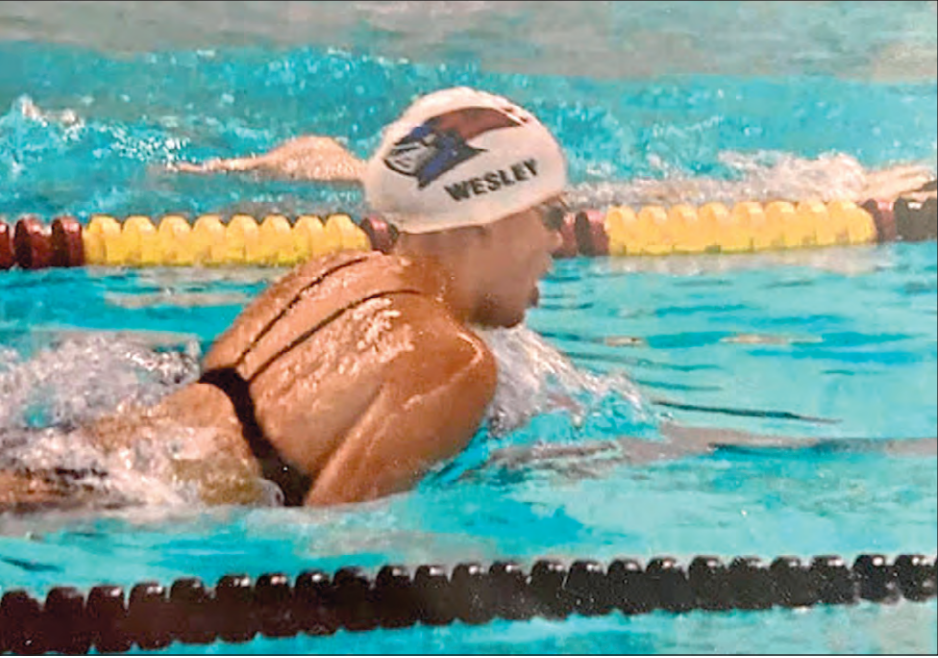


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Grace Wesley has spent recent months receiving individual swim training.

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athletic as Cam.”

When she joins Kentucky’s soccer team, Lundh knows there are still improvements she can make to her game at the college level even after being so successful.

“I think my confidence level on the field and my communication I would like to work on,” she said. “That’s a big part of the game.”

Being successful in multiple sports has always kept Lundh and her family busy over the years; however, her father, Matt Lundh, considers it all to be worth it to see Lundh now ready to compete in college.

“Not many kids get an opportunity to play at the next level,” he said. “... All her sacrifices are paying off and we’re just very lucky.”

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major Big Ten program, he’ll also be carrying on his family’s athletic legacy. His father, Greg Cooksey, was an accomplished swimmer, and his uncle, Jimmy Carson, had a decade-long hockey career in the NHL.

His mother, Kalli Cooksey, has seen firsthand how her son’s athletic role models within the family have helped him grow on and off the court.

“He’s very focused and very driven,” she said. “There’s a lot of emphasis that just comes naturally to him. These are attributes that I feel lead into the family and you can definitely see them shine in Will.”

Along with his many individual accomplishments, Cooksey also has served as a captain of Liggett’s tennis team for three of his four years in high school.

“We’ve seen him grow into a leader,” his father said. “Being on that team, I think, has really helped him put his individual accomplishments in perspective and really just enjoy the moment.”

Cooksey received attention from college programs around the country, but his choice to play for Michigan is an added bonus for his extremely supportive family. “To keep the family close and to support him, we’re super excited,” his mother said about having her son down the road in Ann Arbor.

Cooksey graduated early from Liggett after the fall semester and currently is training in South Carolina. He plans to join the Wolverines and begin his college tennis career this summer.

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Park native to play soccer in Illinois

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Since her sophomore year, Grosse Pointe Park native and University Liggett School student Mary Ella Karolak has been verbally committed to play soccer at the University of Illinois. Now in her senior year, Karolak’s commitment has been made official with the recent signing of her National Letter of Intent.

“Illinois is amazing in both athletics and academics and the campus is stunning,” Karolak said about her decision to choose the Big Ten school. “It just felt like the best place for me to play soccer and further my academic career.”

Since her sophomore year of high school, Karolak has played for the Livonia-based Michigan Hawks Soccer Club. In addition to her skills as an outside back on the soccer pitch, Karolak also is a member of the varsity lacrosse and field hockey teams at Liggett.

“It’s a huge honor to be a part of that program and that team. They have further developed my soccer career in ways that I couldn’t imagine,” Karolak said of her time with the Michigan Hawks club.

Being successful in multiple sports is never easy, but Karolak has been encouraged by the support of her coaches and family over the years. “My parents have always provided me with every opportunity to succeed in academics and athletics,” Karolak said. “Even today they’re still pushing me to be the best player and person I can be.”

As she prepares to play for Illinois next season, Karolak’s next coach will be Janet Rayfield, who’s been at the helm of the Illini soccer program since 2002. Karolak said she is excited for the opportunity to play for Rayfield and the culture of Illinois’ soccer program was a positive influence on her decision to join the team.



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Mary Ella Karolak signed her letter to play soccer at the University of Illinois. Pictured with her are parents, Kevin and Kristie; grandmother, Sandra; and siblings, William and Alexandra.

Farms-City Little League aims to start on time



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Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League recently signed an agreement for the use of Kerby Field.

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Snow may still be on the ground, but spring will be here soon. With spring comes the start of Little League season and this year the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League is planning to start the season on time in early April.

“As long as we’re able to play outside and the fields are ready to go, we are planning as of right now to start the season on time,” said Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League President Jay Ricci.

The start of the 2020 Little League season for Grosse Pointe Farms-City was delayed all the way to mid-June. After the delay, the league enacted several COVID-19 safety protocols in order to get players back on the field.

“We had to have a whole COVID protocol in place for last season and it actu-

ally worked out really well,” Ricci said. “We had very few games canceled due to contact tracing.”

For the 2021 season, the league plans to have most or all of the same protocols in place as last year. These include coaches and players being required to wear masks while in the dugout and socially distanced seating for fans in the bleachers.

“We do have that protocol in place so we are going to start the season implementing that protocol just as we did last year,” Ricci said. “I think we’re ahead of the game not having to worry about that aspect.”

Registration for Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League has been open since the beginning of January. According to Ricci, the league has approximately 200 players already registered, with hopes to get more than 350 players registered before the season. Registration closes at the end of February.

To register, visit grossepointebaseball.com.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
NOTICE TO BIDDERS – DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS THROUGHOUT THE CITY Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch and Injection of Mulch in Landscape Beds services throughout the City. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained online at www.gpwmi.us. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding, and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

| Virtual Meeting | Monday, February 8, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held virtually and called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, by Mayor Louis Theros.

Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Ricci, Councilmembers John J. Gillooly, James C. Farquhar, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood.

Absent: None.

Mayor Theros led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 11, 2021 and the Work Session held on January 25, 2021.

Council approved a three year service agreement with WCA Assessing.

Council approved policy, guidelines and an application regarding poverty exemption from property tax.

Council approved a proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark to develop a Basis of Design Report for the Inland District-Combined Sewer Separation.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

a) Consideration of a request from to reappoint Kendra Bickford, Elizabeth Cleland and Andy Llewellyn to the Beautification Advisory Commission for terms ending February 2024.

b) Consideration of a request from Administration to reappoint Mary Ellen Brayton, Mary Wells Vournakis and Andy Llewellyn to the Election Commission for terms ending February 2023.

c) Approval of payment for legal services.

d) Consideration of a request to approve January 2021 invoices.

Council received the Quarterly Financial Report for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2021.

Communication Committee Members Konrad-Wilberding and Sroka announced the official launch of the City’s redesigned website www.grossepointefarms.org.

Council heard public comment.

Upon proper motion Council entered Closed Session to discuss litigation with no intention to return to Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Everyone loves a love story. They are even more poignant when they have ties to our own community. Enjoy these romantic tales from Grosse Pointe couples who found the loves of their lives...



Delayed is not denied for this patient pair

By Laurel Kraus
Staff writer

Bill and Karen Flynn of Grosse Pointe Shores have a love story that spans decades.

The two met in 1964 through the purchasing department of Cadillac, at Clark and Michigan Avenue in Detroit at the time, and dated for a few years before drifting apart and losing contact when Bill began working for Volkswagen, traveling between Michigan and Europe while the company was trying to set up a plant in the area.



Bill went on to marry and have four children, while time eventually found Karen in Buffalo, New York to be near her aging mother, where she achieved the position of superintendent of quality assurance in a General Motors plant.

After his wife passed away, Bill looked up Karen online and, because she never married, was able to find her with her maiden name. She, thankfully, Bill said, remembered him and the two began exchanging emails every so often.

When Karen's mother passed away at the age of 100 in September 2012 and Bill came to the Michigan wake, it was the first time they had seen each other in more than 40 years.

"I had never forgotten her, I had thought about her over the years, and she's the only

girl that I ever went out with that I thought about over periods of time," Bill said, "but when I saw her at the wake, I knew she was the one."

The pair stayed in contact over phone calls until Karen decided to move back to Michigan in 2014. Just months after her return, they were out to lunch when Bill asked her whether she'd be interested in marriage, simply trying to gauge if it was something she'd be open to in her future. Misunderstanding, Karen replied with, "I will."

"I thought that was a proposal," she said with a laugh. "It wasn't until a couple years ago that he told me it wasn't really, so we laugh about the proposal that I accepted and I'm sure he was thinking, 'Oh my god. What do I do now?'"

By October 2014 they were engaged. The two bought a home in the Shores in April 2015 and got married in July. Karen was 70 and Bill 84.

"Everybody says, 'Wow, maybe you should have waited a little while,'" Karen noted, "and it's like my cousin's wife said, 'Well, you know they did wait over 50 years.'"

"I was 70 when I got married for the first time and never thought that it would ever happen to me," Karen said. "I thought I was comfortable at that point. I thought, 'Well, this is the way it is and I'm okay with this. I had a full life,' but here we are and it's been rather wonderful."

FOREVER MINE



Devoted Grosse Pointe couples who became lifelong Valentines

A sweet friendship that just kept blooming

Kim Towar and Dave Colton were first married when they were five years old – on the back porch of her parents' home on Raymond in Grosse Pointe Woods. Every stuffed animal in the neighborhood was in attendance, and the ceremony officiated by her cat. Her mom handled decorations and the reception.

Unfortunately, due to a later life mishap, photos were destroyed but there remain cute photos of them at that age.



Dave Colton, age 5

Through the years they remained best friends, never losing touch for any longer than a few months, even as they went their separate ways, traveling the country for over a decade.

They both married (other

people) and Kim even had her wedding reception at Dave's parents' house, never knowing he felt any thing toward her but brotherly love. She was wrong.



Kim Towar, age 5

In 1989 they both landed back in Grosse Pointe - single again. It was a joyous reunion of two great friends. That friendship started to grow into something more. The glue of shared history, the familiarity...a deep true love.

They spent two years catching up, falling in love again, were married in 1991 and are still madly in love to this day.

And best of all, they're still the best of friends!

For more local love stories, see page 3D

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T♥P 5♥ LOVE SONGS OF ALL TIME

Our picks for the 50 most romantic songs ever performed:

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| 1 - "At Last" by Etta James (1960) | 26 - "Have I Told You Lately" by Van Morrison (1989) |
| 2 - "Make You Feel My Love" by Bob Dylan (1997) | 27 - "Drops of Jupiter" by Train (2001) |
| 3 - "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran (2017) | 28 - "A Thousand Miles" by Vanessa Carlton (2002) |
| 4 - "The Way You Look Tonight" by Frank Sinatra (1964) | 29 - "Amazed" by Lonestar (1999) |
| 5 - "Something" by The Beatles (1969) | 30 - "Your Song" by Elton John (1970) |
| 6 - "Let's Stay Together" by Al Green (1972) | 31 - "If You're Gone" by Matchbox 20 (2000) |
| 7 - "I've Got You Under My Skin" by The Four Seasons (1966) | 32 - "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri (2011) |
| 8 - "Beyond" by Leon Bridges (2018) | 33 - "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars (2010) |
| 9 - "God Only Knows" by The Beach Boys (1966) | 34 - "Moon River" by Andy Williams (1961) |
| 10 - "You Send Me" by Sam Cooke (1957) | 35 - "Baby Love" by The Supremes (1964) |
| 11 - "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel (1986) | 36 - "Yellow" by Coldplay (2000) |
| 12 - "Crush" by Dave Matthews Band (1996) | 37 - "Kiss From a Rose" by Seal (1995) |
| 13 - "My Girl" by The Temptations (1965) | 38 - "Follow Me" by John Denver (1970) |
| 14 - "I Hear a Symphony" by The Supremes (1965) | 39 - "Come Away with Me" by Norah Jones (2002) |
| 15 - "When a Man Loves a Woman" by Percy Sledge (1966) | 40 - "As Time Goes By" by Frank Sinatra (1961) |
| 16 - "Endless Love" by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie (1981) | 41 - "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong (1967) |
| 17 - "You're the Inspiration" by Chicago (1985) | 42 - "How Sweet it Is" by James Taylor (1975) |
| 18 - "Betcha By Golly Wow" by The Stylistics (1972) | 43 - "Shallow" by Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper (2018) |
| 19 - "All of Me" by John Legend (2013) | 44 - "Can't Take My Eyes off of You" by The Four Seasons (1967) |
| 20 - "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith (1998) | 45 - "This Town" by Niall Horan (2017) |
| 21 - "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis (1969) | 46 - "Then" by Brad Paisley (2009) |
| 22 - "Baby Love" by The Supremes (1964) | 47 - "I'm on Fire" by Bruce Springsteen (1984) |
| 23 - "Beautiful" by Gordon Lightfoot (1972) | 48 - "Annie's Song" by John Denver (1974) |
| 24 - "When I Fall in Love" by Nat King Cole (1956) | 49 - "Crazy" by Patsy Cline (1961) |
| 25 - "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" by Roberta Flack (1969) | 50 - "Kiss Me" by Sexpence None the Richer (1997) |



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Two he(art)s are better than one

"Double Heart" by Jim Dine, 1970

Jim Dine is an American artist best known for his contributions to the Pop Art movement of the 1960s-1970s.

Valentine Week

Love’s too big for just one day

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Why wait until Feb. 14 to share a loving moment with your sweetie? The celebration of Valentine Week starts Feb. 7, and features seven days of sweet expressions for your favorite guy or gal. The week kicks off with Rose Day. Who doesn’t like the gift of roses? Those thinking of making this special delivery should choose carefully; the message is in the colors.

Red roses symbolize love and romance. A single red rose is a way of saying thank-you for being a partner in life, whereas a bunch of red roses symbolize pure and true love. Yellow roses express a love that exists between friends, while white roses are for people who’ve been waiting for the right moment to apologize or confess a mistake, whether made intentionally or accidentally.

Pink roses symbolize optimism and joy, while dark pink roses express appreciation, gratefulness and gratification. Lastly, purple roses express love at first sight. Valentine Week continues with Propose Day, Feb. 8, which is celebrated with established

couples making promises to one another for a life full of love, care and faith. It’s also a day for the brave to share their true feelings to a crush.



The third day of Valentine Week is Chocolate Day, Feb. 9. Friends and couples of all ages participate in Chocolate Day by offering sweets to each other as a token of love. More gifts are part of the fourth day of Valentine Week, Teddy Day, which falls on Feb. 10. Teddy bears symbolize cuteness and incorruptibility, as well as the tenderness of a heart in search of love and affection.

Promise Day is the fifth day of Valentine Week and is celebrated by making a promise to a loved one for a lasting relationship, committing to a beautiful and joy-filled life together or vowing to stay side by side for the long haul. It is said promises made this day should be easy to fulfill as bro-

ken promises can ruin relationships. The sixth day, Feb. 12, is Hug Day – a day to comfort loved ones through hugging. Hugs symbolize love, care and compassion and do wonders if the feeling is pure. Believe it or not, hugging is said to have helped cure both physical and emotional ailments. Hugs may also purify relationships suffering from resentment or guilt. Day seven falls on Feb. 13, and is a natural follow-up to Hug Day. Kiss Day is one of the most awaited days of Valentine Week. Married couples, sweethearts and new lovers alike share this gesture of love and affection to express more than words can say.

This week of thoughtful gifts and sentiments leads up to Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14. Though often thought of as a romantic holiday, the day, like the week, celebrates love in all its forms. Valentines often are exchanged between parents and children, teachers and students, friends, co-workers or other special people. But bigger than valentines and chocolates and teddy bears is the gift of time. Why not share some with your valentine today?

Sources: valentine-week.com and feedingtrends.com

We asked Grosse Pointe 3rd graders the most important question of them all. Here are their responses. Enjoy!

Kids answer: “What is Love?”

“A little feeling inside that makes you happy to be you.”
- Claire

“Listening to someone when I really don’t want to.”
- Michael

“Watching movies with my family while snuggled up in a blanket.”
- Nicholas

“Sharing the last chocolate cream filled wafer tube.”
- Filip

“Helping out grandma by watering her flowers in the garden.”
- Mia

“When my mom gets home from a really long day at work and I give her a great big hug so she doesn’t feel so frustrated.”
- Ella

“Being helpful by doing the laundry even though I would rather be playing with babies.”
- Betty

“Trying something you don’t want to try.”
- Troy

“Playing with your sibling even if you don’t want to.”
- Milly

“When you’re with your family on your birthday, even if you can’t have friends over.”
- Emme

LOVE

XOXO

Valentine history not very amorous

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

By all accounts, the history of Valentine’s Day is a bit muddled. And the story of its patron saint certainly doesn’t have a particularly romantic origin. The Catholic Church chronicles at least three martyrs named Valentine or Valentinus, including one legend of a priest during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men – deciding that single men made better soldiers – Valentine defied the order and continued to perform marriages in secret, for which he was eventually put to death. Then there’s Valentine of Terni, a bishop who also was beheaded by Claudius II, and a third Valentine, who was imprisoned for helping Christians escape brutal Roman prisons. It’s this third Valentine who is said to have sent the actual first valentine note when he wrote a letter to his love just before he was put to death, signing it, “From your



Valentine.” Exchanging cards between lovers, family and friends didn’t become popular until the 18th century. These days, around one billion cards are sent for Valentine’s Day each year, with 85 percent purchased by women. Isn’t that romantic? Source: history.com

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Faith, humor and a great pitching arm

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Their romance began with a bit of luck during a church-sponsored bus trip to Island Lake in 1949. There were two buses from which to choose, Dorothy Ignasiak said. Fate led Eugene, a World War II veteran and University of Michigan College of Engineering student, onto hers. “I was sitting alone on the bus,” she said. “He spotted me and I guess he liked what he saw. He asked if he could sit with me. Eugene Ignasiak said introducing himself to the “attractive lady sitting alone” was a no-brainer. They delighted in conversation during the ride, but what happened at the picnic sealed the deal.

“She was a lovely lady,” he said, “and a sportsman, too. We played baseball. I got up to bat and she was the pitcher. When that ball whizzed by my ear, I thought, ‘I better get on her team.’”

“He was impressed; that started it off,” Dorothy Ignasiak said. When her suitor returned to school in Ann Arbor, “we began letter writing. But he lived only several blocks from where I lived, so we’d go out when he’d come home from school.”



Eugene Ignasiak earned his mechanical engineering degree in January 1950, proposed in June 1950 and wed the love of his life Oct. 28, 1950. The couple have four children, Susan, Michael, Gregory and Robert.

Dorothy Ignasiak said her husband’s sense of humor attracted her to him: “Something just clicked,” she said. “He’s a good man, trustworthy. You can depend on him. He’s helpful; he’ll go out of his way to help others.

“I’m just so blessed,” she added. “I have a wonderful family, a wonderful husband. The Lord is good.” Eugene Ignasiak agreed that their faith played a key role in their marriage, as did humor.

“People ask me, what does it take (for a long-lasting marriage)? At one time, I answered, ‘Dorothy is a lousy shot,’” he chuckled. “We have humor in our house, even today. That’s a part of it.”



They’re playing our song

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The key to over 70 years of marriage for Ray and Joan Williams? One word: Love.

The pair had a lot in common even before they met, from their love of animals to being musically inclined. Ray learned to play drums and became a drum major for several local marching bands. And he began playing drums in the Faith Lutheran Church band on Jefferson in Detroit.



A talented trombonist, Joan Williams was selected to play in the Detroit Women’s Symphony Orchestra. And she began playing trombone in the Faith Lutheran Church band on Jefferson in Detroit. While it wasn’t love at first sight for the bandmates — “I think she said, ‘It was nice meeting you, Ray,’ the first time we met,” Ray Williams said — it didn’t take long for sparks to fly. The pair were engaged and married three months later. He was 22, she was 21.

On March 4, 2020 Ray and Joan Williams, ages 92 and 91 respectively, celebrated their anniversary at The Village Grille, with a room full of family and friends, including sons Neil and Glen.



While music may have brought them together, love has kept them keen on each other for 70 years. A sense of humor has helped, too.

“She was always congenial,” Ray Williams said. “We both use good horse sense — no nags. And our interests were the same — raise the family and teach them the fun of life. ... We agree on a lot of things. Plus, she’s a wonderful cook.

“We took one another for better or worse,” he added. “That was our pledge — and here we are.”



Local
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Summer cottage of love

By Anne Gryzenia
Special writer

Patricia Anne Cavanaugh graduated at St. Paul’s Catholic High School in 1957 and met Frederick James LaFontaine that summer in Houghton Lake.

After work on a Friday, Patricia and friend, MaryEllen, left Grosse Pointe for a weekend of fun. They drove to Prudenville, Michigan to dance at the Music Box (a popular place for young people to listen to the latest music and dance in the 1950s).



Pat’s godparents, uncle Ken and aunt Margaret, had a cottage nearby on Shupac Lake. As it turned out, Pat’s cousin, Bob was at the cottage with his friend, Fred, that same weekend. It was a popular place for the large Cavanaugh clan and friends to spend weekends swimming and canoeing during the day and playing cards late into the night.

The future couple, Pat and Fred, met for the first time at the cottage when Pat and MaryEllen decided to leave the Music Box and go to the cottage to see who was up for the weekend.

Love at first sight! They have been together ever since. They married in Grosse Pointe at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church on June 4, 1960.



Nearly 62 years later they are enjoying retirement together in sunny South Carolina. The couple credits their strong, close-knit families, shared faith and values, a similar work ethic, sense of humor and a mutual love of adventure for their blissful longevity. It’s a wonderful life.



Still going strong

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are many shared milestones of married life.

This year Richard Sterr, 98, and Marianna Sterr, 96, experienced a big one: 75 years wed. The City of Grosse Pointe residents met in their late teens, through mutual friends; Marianna wasn’t quite swept off her feet.

“We started dating, but I told him I was sure I was not the girl for him,” she said. “I thought I was in love with somebody else.” Their pairing may not have been love at first sight, but she did find him funny and good company to keep. It was his depth and introspection that sealed the deal and Marianna decided on a future with Richard.



The couple married July 28, 1945, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. They raised six children — Tina, the late Kevin, Carl, Melissa, Richard and Suzanne — and are grandparents to 10. Marianna stayed home to raise the family while Richard went to work, all in the Pointes. After Richard retired, the couple embarked on their “second big adventure” to North Carolina, where they built a home and lived for five years. A desire to be closer to family and friends brought them back to Grosse Pointe in 1990, where they’ve lived ever since.



“To anyone getting married, I would say you have to have a strong heart,” Marianna advised. “I have been very happily married. My husband and I have grown closer the older we get.”

Regarding their big anniversary, Marianna said she was happy to share the news.

“I think it’s important,” she said. “It sets an example for other people.”



Cupid hits the mark with this romantic spritzer



Cupid’s Arrow

Here’s a cocktail that’s as easy as it is delicious!

Ingredients:

3 oz of your favorite vodka

1 oz lime juice

Cracked ice

5 oz Rose champagne

Fruit to garnish

In cocktail shaker, combine vodka, lime juice and ice and shake for 10 seconds.

Strain cocktail over ice in a cocktail glass. Top with Rose champagne and add garnish.

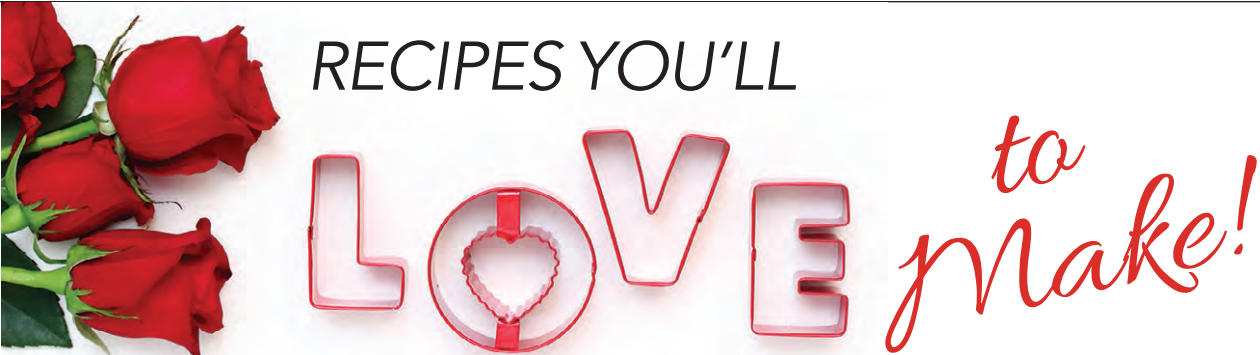


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A truly simple ganache



Ganache Icing
Courtesy of Martha Stewart kitchens

8 oz semisweet chocolate

1 cup heavy cream

1/8 teaspoon coarse salt

Chop chocolate in a heat-proof bowl.

Bring cream to a boil over medium heat. Pour over the chocolate, and add salt. Let stand for 10 minutes (don’t stir — doing so will cool the ganache too quickly, making it grainy).

Stir with a whisk until smooth and shiny to break up any pieces.

Pour over cooled cake.

Show your love they’re the “creme de la creme”

Spiced Pots de Creme

Recipe by Mombeau’s Table

This is the ultimate exotic but easy chocolate dessert. Spiced with cinnamon and (for those who dare) cayenne pepper that gently kisses the back of your throat. Finish with fresh whipped cream and garnish. Makes 6 creamy servings.

Ingredients:

9 oz bittersweet chocolate

1 ½ cups whole milk

1 cup heavy cream

6 egg yolks

6 T sugar

1 t vanilla extract

½ t cinnamon

¼ t Cayenne Pepper

¼ t Salt

Fruit/berry garnish

Fresh whipped cream

Pour the chocolate into a blender, blend until fine.

In a medium saucepan, add remaining ingredients on medium heat. Whisk constantly for 6 minutes or until the mixture coats the back of a spoon. It should almost come to a boil.

Pour hot custard mixture over the chocolate and blend until smooth.

Pour chocolate mixture into 6 ramekins or small bowls. Chill for at least 2 hours and enjoy!

Sweet potatoes for your sweetie

Yummy Baked Yam Fries

Courtesy of the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission

Sweet potatoes can be prepared in both sweet and savory ways, making them equally at home on the dinner table or for dessert.



Ingredients:

7 medium sweet potatoes

1/3 cup olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line two baking sheets with foil; spray with non-stick cooking spray. For crispier results, place a metal rack on each baking sheet.

Peel the sweet potatoes, if desired, and cut into 1/4-inch strips. Combine sweet potatoes, oil and salt; with your hands, toss to coat.

Spread sweet potatoes in a single layer on racks or foil without crowding.

Bake until crisp, about 30 minutes, flipping halfway through. Repeat until all the sweet potatoes are baked.

Valentine pairing event planned



Nothing captures the spirit of Valentine’s Day like pairing, which is why Amoritas Vineyards is offering special selected pairings of its wines and bite-sized specialties from Morsels, a Traverse City cafe.

Running Feb. 11 to 14, Amoritas Vineyards’ Valentine’s Day celebration will include either a red wine flight paired with a savory morsel or a sweetheart combination of its sweetest wines and Morsels’ sweetest cakes.

The Amoritas Vineyards team spent hours fine-tuning these pairings, which are priced at \$18. As a precaution against dine-in restrictions, heated outdoor seating will be available. Spaces are limited, so reservations are recommended. Call them at (231) 994-2300.

Amoritas Vineyards is owned and operated by current and former Grosse Pointe residents. It is located at 6701 E. Duck Lake Road, Lake Leelanau.

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A reading list for hopeful romantics

By Annie Spence
Guest writer

Like love, libraries are for everyone. Find the love story you want to get lost in at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Here are some great books that encompass the many forms of finding love.



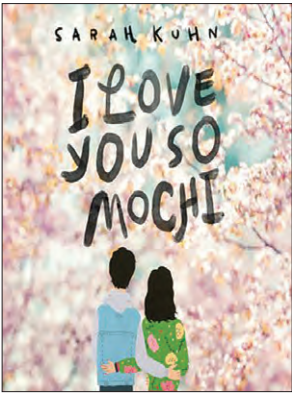
The Greatest Love Story Ever Told by Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman
This book is like having a long lunch with your favorite couple. Actors, and husband and wife, Offerman and Mullally tell the story of their marriage in a series of conversations and adorable photos.

My Ex-Life by Stephen McCauley

Sometimes you can find platonic love where you might not expect it. Like with your ex-wife. David suffers a mid-life crisis after his boyfriend leaves him. David's ex, Julie, is going through a second divorce and struggling with ... everything. The two reform the bond of friendship that brought them together years ago.



Little Weirds by Jenny Slate
Slate's quirky book of essays is a hopeful, witty and, yes, weird story for anyone who has lost love and is in the process of finding hope again. There is a particularly poignant piece titled "Tart" about rebuilding a friendship after divorce.



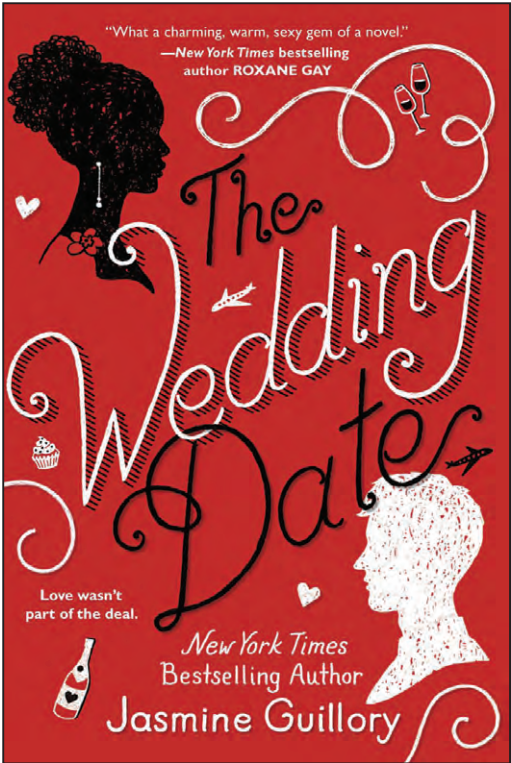
I Love You So Mochi by Sarah Kuhn
This YA novel is the sweet and bright story of Kimi who is spending her spring break in Kyoto, Japan and finds herself swept away by both the culture and a cute boy.

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel
Love and chocolate. What else could you want for Valentine's Day? How about a magical love story featuring a woman who unknowingly transfers whatever emotion she's feeling into the food she prepares. Extra credit if you cook any of the recipes included as you read!

Heartburn by Nora Ephron
I cannot make a list of book recommendations without gushing about this hilarious novel, modeled on Ephron's real life first marriage. There is comedy, drama, adultery, robbery, group therapy and more!



Perfectly Golden: Adaptable Recipes for Sweet and Simple Treats by Angela Garbacz
What better way to show someone you love them then making them a beautiful dessert and taking the care to make sure it fits their dietary needs. Garbacz's recipes can all be adapted to be gluten-free, dairy free, vegan or traditional. The Perfect Chocolate Torte would indeed be perfect for Valentine's Day.



The Wedding Date by Jasmine Guillory
For a fun "will they/won't they?" read, Guillory's novels are your best bet. In this story, Maddie and Theo have to help plan a wedding while also attempting to deny their building attraction for each other. This is also perfect for those of us who miss going out and need an imaginary event to attend.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Annie Spence is an outreach librarian with the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the author of "Dear Fahrenheit 451."



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Spreading the love wins the day

DEAR ABBY: I have never received a romantic Valentine, and that's OK with me. With all the sappy movies on TV and the stores blooming in pink and red, we often forget that St. Valentine wasn't the one in love. (He was a Roman priest who married Christian couples and was killed for his trouble.)
My advice to others, particularly singles, is to take a page out of St. Valentine's book and focus not on yourself, but on others. Every year on Feb. 14 I give everyone I encounter a kid-die Valentine, and every

year at least one person is delighted. I have been doing this for the last 20 years and my St. Valentine's Days have been happy because of it. It's amazing the difference that focusing on giving rather than receiving can make. (And it works any day of the year.)
-- KID AT HEART

DEAR KID: I couldn't agree more with your positive philosophy. Reading your letter lifted my spirits, and I hope it will bring a smile to my readers as it did for me. Thank you for sharing.

Stupid Cupid; some laugh at Feb.14

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For some couples, every day is Valentine's Day, while others may need the promptings of Valentine Week to help them express their love.
Still, there are plenty of people who'd rather dodge Cupid's arrows. For those who believe Valentine's Day is more a corporate holiday than a loving one, there's Anti-Valentine Week, which starts Feb. 15. This not-so-special week is dedicated to the heartbroken, hopelessly single, unromantic and nonbelievers among us.
And while there's nothing wrong with believing or not believing in love – no judgment here – please note that Anti-Valentine Week is a tongue-in-cheek parody

that should be taken lightly. Relationship or not, committed or single, any of these special days can be celebrated with joy.
The week begins with Slap Day, Feb. 15, when the realization hits that the relationship is heading south and the arguing begins.
Next up is Kick Day, Feb. 16, a day to kick away the sorrows and sadness of past relationships.
Feb. 17 is Perfume Day, during which the lonely-hearted make themselves happy by buying a favorite fragrance, or perhaps purchasing a sultry-scented perfume for a crush.
Flirting Day follows Feb. 18. When a relationship continues to sour, this is the day both halves of the unhappy couple find someone else to flirt with.
Flirting Day is followed by Confession Day, Feb. 19, during

which, for better or for worse, the real feelings about a relationship are revealed.
Next is Missing Day, Feb. 20, when couples realize they're missing the happiness, love and care they experienced earlier in the relationship. Alternatively, broken-up couples who are missing an ex may want to send a message to a former partner.
The last day of Anti-Valentine Week is Break-Up Day, Feb. 21, for those who believe their relationship is beyond repair. Whether this is a difficult or easy decision to come by, it should symbolize a fresh start and new beginnings for all involved.
Maybe laughter is the best medicine for a broken heart.

Sources: 101greetings.com and valentine-week.com

Hi Kids!

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Happy Valentine's Day!

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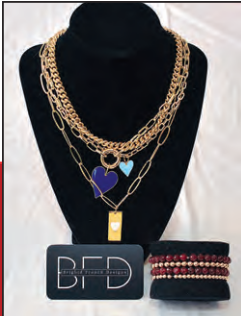
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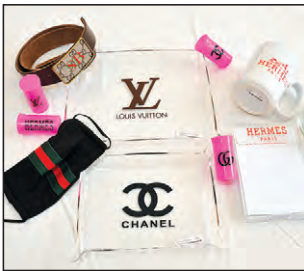
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