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GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Following the passing of George McMullen, the Woods city council has a vacant seat with a term expiring this November. At the city council meeting Monday, Feb. 22, the council passed a resolution to open the seat to interested applicants.

To apply, residents must submit a resume

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Ice view!

Reader Douglas Semack contributed this photo — taken from Lakeshore on Feb. 14 — via Facebook. “People playing hockey on Lake St. Clair between the Farms Pier and Crescent Sail Yacht Club, with the USCGC Hollyhock out in the freighter channel, where it was on ice patrol with CCGS Griffon to escort a tanker through the ice,” he wrote.

COVID cases at Mason, Defer

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Three people at Mason Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods tested positive for coronavirus, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reported Monday.

The cases were reported among staff, said district spokeswoman Rebecca Fannon. A total of 21 students had to quarantine as a result.

Additionally, one teacher at Defer Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park reported a positive test Monday, Fannon said. The school district was on winter break the last two weeks; consequently no one needed to quarantine.

Two other Wayne County schools reported COVID-19 cases,

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Officers awarded for life-saving measures

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After performing critical rescue roles during emergency situations in 2019, three Shores officers — Lt. Scott Rohr, Public Safety Officer Terrence Brown and Public Safety Officer Jason Cook — have been honored with life-saving awards.

The awards, typically presented the year following the occurrence, initially were postponed until they could be awarded in council chambers during an in-person council meeting, and then were presented to the officers in December.



Lt. Scott Rohr



Officer Terrence Brown



Officer Jason Cook

Ascension St. John Hospital with a pulse and blood pressure.

“The officers that responded to this event performed a complex intervention and truly saved this resident’s life,” former director of public safety John Schulte wrote on the certificates.

Just two days later, Cook and other Shores officers responded to a mutual-aid call for a serious multiple-vehicle traffic crash on Moross in the Farms Aug. 31, 2019.

As one of the first officers on scene, Cook helped remove one driver from a burning vehicle. While other officers took charge with rescue

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Residential living, new businesses heading to The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Along with the additions of Beyond Juice + Eatery and The Village Groom Room, The Village soon will welcome a studio apartment at 16906 Kercheval.

While there were some second-floor apartments in the distant past, this will be the first residential space on Kercheval in The Village in decades.

“Technically there are condos in The Village

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Preliminary historic district study report OK’d

Residents say process is rushed

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The preliminary historic district study report for the proposed district in the City was unanimously adopted by the Historic

District Study Committee during its meeting Monday, Feb. 15, and now is off to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office for review.

During the meeting, the area also was renamed the Grosse

Pointe Estate Historic District instead of the Grosse Pointe Historic District. This is because it would be built out of the current Estate Residential District and the more specific name would allow for the potential creation of future historic districts in the City.

The proposed boundaries encompass south of Jefferson Avenue to Lake St. Clair, including Rathbone Place, apart from 1 Martin Place; Lakeland Avenue, excluding Neff Park; Woodland Place; the east side of Donovan

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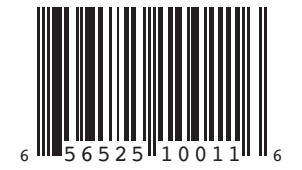
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Tripp Tracy

Home: City of Grosse Pointe Carolina Hurricanes color analyst still considers Grosse Pointe home



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Back and better than ever

Fishbone’s uses lockdown to upgrade

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The casual diner at Fishbone’s Rhythm Kitchen Café in St. Clair Shores may not notice right away the efforts put into making the establishment a rejuvenated form of its old self.

The popular eatery — which opened in 1998 — recently reopened to dine-in customers after spending a great deal of time, and money, renovating and upgrading.

“After 25 years, this place had gotten tired,” said Nick Vlahos, general manager. “This is all new painting and staining. We wanted to freshen it up.”

The dining area isn’t the only space to be upgraded. The restrooms have been refinished with new granite, floors and fixtures. The main bar also was refinished, as was the sushi bar.

“Up here, it’s more aesthetically pleasing,” Vlahos said. “There’s been a lot of work most customers will never know about.”

The majority of the renovations were done in the kitchen area, where ceilings were raised, floors were epoxied and walls were torn down. New equipment dots the



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The main bar at Fishbone’s recently was refurbished, giving it a polished look.

reconfigured workspaces, which include more room for employees to work their magic. All the food prep areas were upgraded as well.

“We removed the liquor room,” Vlahos said, “and put in a hood system for a rotisserie and smoker. And we’re going to have live Maine lobsters in tanks once the water reaches acceptable salt levels.”

Moving through the kitchen, Vlahos pointed out prep stations for cold

food — like the sushi and sashimi prepared by world-class sushi chefs — as well as the “kettle zone,” where chefs prepare roux and bases from scratch.

“Nothing comes out of a bucket here,” Vlahos said. “This is a from-scratch kitchen, the way Grandma used to make it.”

While Fishbone’s welcomed back dine-in customers a couple weeks ago, renovations throughout the restaurant will continue. The closure, however, helped bring the majority of the work to fruition.

“A lot of hours went into this,” Vlahos said. “Despite the negative brought forth by the coronavirus, Nico (Gatzaros, owner) found the opportunity to turn that negative into a positive and make the changes he always wanted to make. These changes never would have been possible without the shutdown. This is the greatest thing we took away from COVID.”

Fishbone’s closed in April and reopened less than a month ago for carryout only, Vlahos said. During the shutdown, the restaurant added an area exclusive to its carryout business. Customers enter from the outside and are isolated from the dine-in area, so meal pick-up is quick and private.

Additionally, dine-in customers are seated at every other table and adequate space is allowed between paired bar stools. Though social distancing is easy in the large building, Vlahos said it’s been a challenge appeasing some customers.

“This adaptation with social distancing and enforcing the rules, it’s been a challenge,” he said. “People have gotten upset because we don’t allow normal congregation of our customers here. But rules are rules and they have to be followed.”

For the most part, he added, the public has been thrilled with Fishbone’s reopening, which was purposefully a soft open, starting with carryout service.

“With carryout only, we had to get the bugs worked out — there are always bugs — to get the flow going,” Vlahos said, “so when we opened to (dine-in) customers, there was continuity. That’s my main objective.

“Even with 25 percent capacity ... this place is so big, we have more than enough room for people to have their space,” he added. “It’s going very well right now and our carryout business is a contributing factor.”

Vlahos also credited the staff at Fishbone’s for their dedication to improving the iconic business.

“I’m a believer in, as great as the aesthetics are, as great as the new equipment is, our great-



A new curbside pickup area is separate from dine-in seating, so orders may be picked up quickly and privately.

est asset is our staff,” he said. “These are the people that make it happen.”

Added owner Gatzaros, “We have an all-star kitchen crew and we’re bringing in all kinds of new and awesome people. We’ve got an incredible team. I’m very proud of the people who work there.

“We want to reinvest in this community,” he continued. “I feel like Fishbone’s can be here for another 25 years,

serving the communities of St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe, Detroit and Southfield. We have a dynamite team of people, our food is diverse. ... We’re excited to be back open.”

Those looking for employment opportunities are invited to apply at Fishbone’s by calling Vlahos or Gatzaros at (586) 498-3000 or emailing nvlahos@fishbonesusa.com.



The woodwork throughout the restaurant was given an overhaul.

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Space in the kitchen was opened up, allowing more room for workers.



The sushi bar also was given a fresher look.

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KKK flag hung for just one to see

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — On Tuesday, Feb. 16, Grosse Pointe Park Interim Public Safety Director Lt. Jim Bostock received a phone call from a news reporter asking questions about the investigation of a Ku Klux Klan flag hung in a Park resident’s window.

Bostock reported that he had not heard of the flag incident. The reporter sent Bostock a picture of the KKK flag hanging in a resident’s window and explained it was facing the home of the white male’s Black neighbor, JeDonna Dinges.

Bostock said as soon as he received word of the hanging flag from the reporter, he immediately gathered his crew and got officers to the scene.

Public safety officers knocked on the door of the white man’s home and were answered by a woman, whom Dinges reported as the man’s girlfriend.

“She agreed that (the flag) was divisive,” Bostock said. The woman proceeded to take the flag down. Since the incident, Dinges said curtains have replaced the flag.

The incident follows an



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

JeDonna Dinges took steps after a neighbor hung a KKK flag in his window facing her home.

occurrence four weeks prior, when Dinges found a can full of gasoline in her recycling bin. Dinges said she called public safety at the time of that incident and felt insulted by their response.

“The police came out,” she said. “They asked me what happened, and I told them, and the one police officer made me furious. He insulted my intelligence.”

Dinges recalled the officer telling her that maybe the can of gasoline fell into the recycling bin. She remembered implying to officers that maybe the man next door

had placed the gasoline in the bin, since sitting in his yard was a gasoline can just like the one in her recycling bin.

Public safety officers told Dinges at the scene there was not much they could do. Fingerprints would not lift from the surface of the can.

Officers took the can with them from the home and disposed of it.

“Nobody told me what they could do,” Dinges said. “Nobody even called me back to see if we were still all there alive.”

Public safety officers instructed Dinges to

install a security camera. They believed this would be the proper next step in ensuring her safety. Dinges said she got a security camera installed later that same day.

The camera was installed inside her home, pointed at a shared walkway between the two houses.

According to Bostock, the man next door called to complain about the camera. To him, it appeared to be pointing toward his window.

“Being that the camera is inside of her house and it’s pointed to a common area, we told him that

there was nothing that we could do,” Bostock said.

The KKK flag was then hung in the camera-facing window.

“He probably had just had enough ... (and he) made this poor decision by putting this flag up,” Bostock said.

Because of the gasoline incident, Dinges did not believe calling the public safety department would do anything for her this time around. Instead, she called the attorney general’s office. They said there was nothing they could do. So she called the FBI.

“They were very professional, very caring, very empathetic,” Dinges said. Ultimately they told her there was nothing they could do, either.

Dinges posted the picture of the flag on her Facebook page. A friend reached out to WDIV Channel 4, which is how word got around to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety department.

“I feel for her and I feel bad that she didn’t feel that she was able to get the results that she needed should she call the police,” Bostock said. “That is part of my message to her and to everyone in the community. We are here for everybody, regardless of what you look like. ... We’re all about customer service and if we don’t know what the problem is, we can’t fix it.”

Bostock met with Dinges in person Friday, Feb. 19.

The city released a statement expressing its

approach to the incident and expressing support to Dinges.

“Intolerance, hate and ignorance have no home in the Park,” the city said in the statement. “Threats, either real or perceived, will not be tolerated. The department is reviewing the facts and its records to ensure its officers have consistently acted appropriately and in accordance with policy. If any legal action is allowed or warranted under the law, the City will take such action.”

According to City Attorney Jake Howlett, the public safety department has done all it can. If charges could be pressed, this likely would fall under the ethnic intimidation statute, MCL750.147b, which is regarded as a felony. Felonies fall under the county’s jurisdiction, so the case has been passed from Park Public Safety to the Wayne County Prosecutor.

Because the man has not yet been charged, the department of public safety has not released his identity. Bostock said detectives called the man and he hung up. He also refused to go into the department to discuss the incident.

Since the hanging of the flag was made public, Dinges has received an outpouring of support from the community. One man even offered to sit in front of her house if she felt unsafe.

“That blew my mind,” Dinges said. “That they felt so afraid for me that they were willing to do that.”

‘Hate has no home here’ Rally held in response to KKK flag

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A rally took place Sunday, Feb. 21, in support of JeDonna Dinges and her family after a neighbor hung a KKK flag opposing her home Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The rally, organized by WeGP, consisted of speeches and a march along Wayburn. Residents were encouraged to socially distance, wear masks and bring signs.

Speakers included Councilwoman Darci McConnell, the Rev. Sarah Godbehere of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, poet David Santino, State Sen. Adam Hollier, Councilman Vikas Relan, State Rep. Joe Tate, Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP Branch President Cynthia Douglas, resident Greg Bowens, the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Baker of St. Paul AME Church and Dinges. The speeches were streamed live and still are viewable via WeGP’s Facebook page.

“We are always fighting,” Dinges said at the rally, “fighting for breath, fighting for justice, fighting for equality, dignity and our humanity. For the last four years and prior, Black Americans have been in an abusive relationship with America.”

Along with many residents, Park Mayor Bob Denner and City Manager Nick Sizeland were present at the rally.

— Kate Vanderstelt



Mason Elementary School Principal Roy Bishop walked in the march with his daughter, London Bishop.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Many people came out in Grosse Pointe Park on Sunday, Feb. 21, to show support for the Dinges family after a KKK flag was hung in the neighbor’s window.



City of Grosse Pointe resident Janie Livingston participated in the rally.



Grosse Pointe Park City Councilman Vikas Relan said a few words in support of love not hate.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MARCH 1

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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NHL broadcaster cherishes Grosse Pointe roots

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The game of hockey has taken Tripp Tracy around the country. From his time playing at Harvard University, playing professionally and now as the television color analyst for the Carolina Hurricanes, Tracy never forgets his roots in Grosse Pointe.

“From the moment I was born, I lived in Grosse Pointe on Elm Court,” he said. “... I’ve been a Grosse Pointer all my life and it’s where I started playing hockey.”

Life in hockey has kept Tracy busy for decades, but the pandemic’s impact on the sports world helped slow things down and allowed him the opportunity to appreciate his hometown once again. As the NHL season was paused from March through August of last year, and again after the Hurricanes were eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs, Tracy was able to spend an extended period of time revisiting family

and friends in Grosse Pointe.

“Being in Michigan, that was my first fall and winter since 1991,” Tracy said. “It’s everywhere I always want to be because of the family-first attitude.”

That family-first attitude of Grosse Pointe may have brought some good luck to Tracy and the Carolina Hurricanes just a couple of years ago. Tracy’s mother, who still resides in Grosse Pointe, ended up playing a role in Carolina’s run to the 2019 Eastern Conference finals.

“My dad had passed away the previous November and my mom started coming down here for some games and became a good luck charm,” Tracy said.

“Her record was uncanny. ... They had never won a road game until game seven and that was the first game she came to on the road,” Tracy remembered about Carolina’s first-round series victory over Washington that year.

Tracy’s mom was par-

ticularly the good luck charm for Hurricanes’ goaltender Petr Mrazek. Tracy remembers a time during Carolina’s conference finals series against the Boston Bruins when the former Detroit goalie needed his good luck charm from Grosse Pointe most of all.

“(Mrazek) actually called me ... and he goes, ‘Your mom’s coming, right?’” Tracy said. “... It was my nephew Fletcher’s Catholic confirmation. ... She went to the confirmation, but when Mrazek asked me, I lied to him. ... Then he got his doors blown out in the third period.”

The Grosse Pointe good luck may have worn off during those playoffs, but Tracy’s roots still play a significant role in his hockey career. Last year, he began his own podcast, “Digging In With Tripp,” and his time spent in his hometown during the offseason allowed him to interview special guests from the Detroit hockey world like Mickey Redmond, Chris Osgood and Dylan

Larkin.

In fact, when it comes to his podcast, Tracy feels the inspiration for the show’s name has a connection to Grosse Pointe.

“I joke with our coaching staff all the time that the guys better dig in tonight. ... They better be relentless, they better respond well to adversity,” Tracy said about how he chose the name for his show. “That applies to all areas of life and there’s no question that people in Grosse Pointe dig in.”

Now back in Carolina with the Hurricanes’ hockey season in full swing, Tracy knows Grosse Pointe will always feel like home.

“The reason it’s the place that I will always call home is because of the people,” he said. “I don’t think there’s any better character, values and decency than where I’m from in Grosse Pointe and pure Michigan.”

Tracy’s podcast, “Digging In With Tripp,” can be found on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.



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Grosse Pointe native Tripp Tracy is the color analyst for the Carolina Hurricanes.

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Place, addresses 1 and 8 only; and the walls on the south side of Jefferson between Rathbone and Dodge Place, as well as north of Jefferson Avenue to Maumee Avenue, including Lincoln Road, Washington Road, University Place and Lakeland Avenue.

The boundaries were

chosen, the report notes, because the area consists of large lots and houses built between 1898 and 1940 with historical significance.

The history denotes “association with early 20th century residential development in Grosse Pointe,” said Kristine Kidorf, an expert historic preservationist with Kidorf Preservation Consulting, “represent-

ing the period of history during which the City transitioned from summer cottages to large houses designed and constructed for Detroiters moving to Grosse Pointe from Detroit. (Additionally), a number of the properties were designed by prominent architects and are associated with families important to Detroit and Grosse Pointe history.”

Of the 147 resources

— including homes, detached garages and significant walls — within the proposed district boundaries, 101 contribute to the district.

“Just because you approve the preliminary report doesn’t mean your final report will have the same things in it or even recommend a historic district at all,” City Manager Pete Dame clarified for the committee prior to the approval.

The full preliminary historic district study report, along with frequently asked questions about historic districts, can be found on the city’s website.

In response to increasing concerns from residents within the proposed district as the work progresses, a public education meet-

ing has been tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, where residents will be able to have conversations regarding questions and concerns with Kidorf and Dame. It also could include a guest speaker, such as a historic district preservation chair from another community or someone who lives in a historic district and can explain its effects on residents.

“It would be intended for the residents of the proposed district, so we could go over in more detail what it means, what a historic district is, how this came to be (and) any questions,” Dame explained. “Just an opportunity for people to fully understand what it is that is being proposed in the preliminary report before they are asked to weigh in at

a formal public hearing.”

Specific concerns raised have included not enough engagement with homeowners, the process being rushed and only favorable information being shared.

“I think the presentation and website are incredibly biased,” resident George Yoo said. “I think there’s two sides to the historical district, some showing benefit and some also showing harmful effects.”

Suggestions to the committee included pausing the process until summer when meeting in-person may be possible and to determine whether residents would have the ability to opt in or opt out of being included in the historic district.

“I’ve been a resident of this community for over 25 years now and, quite frankly, I’ve never seen anything move so fast,” Alyse Martinelli said. “Like the other residents have said, unless you all can tell us a compelling reason to move forward so quickly, I think it makes sense for all of us as homeowners that the process slows down and that the (committee) gives this much further thought.”

With the submission of the preliminary report, the committee now has entered a 60-day waiting period, after which a formal public hearing will be held Tuesday, April 20, before the committee reviews the final report and makes a recommendation to city council for its decision.

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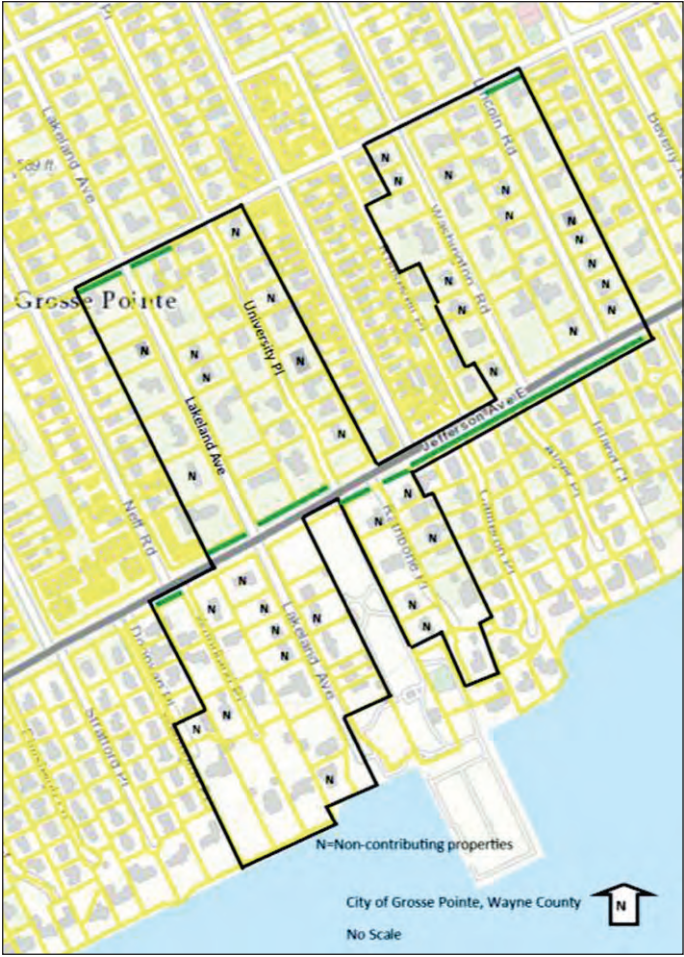
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assisted with fire suppression efforts using a dry-chemical fire extinguisher from the trunk of his patrol vehicle.

“The efforts of PSO Cook, along with other

officers, working as a unit, directly changed the outcome of this incident,” Schulte wrote, “and the driver in this crash survived his injuries.”

Poloni appointed PS commissioner

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Although he now is city manager in the Shores, Stephen Poloni is not yet leaving behind his 37-year career in law enforcement.

The former public safety director was unanimously appointed public safety commissioner, a role which will allow him to maintain his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards certification, during the city council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 16.

“It was my request so that I could keep my certifications,” Poloni said,



Stephen Poloni

“and then if they need me for some reason, it would allow me to perform all the functions of a police officer for Grosse Pointe Shores if I needed to.”

Similarly to how

Woods City Manager Bruce Smith duly serves as public safety commissioner, the role is an advisory position for the director of public safety. With Shores Director Kenneth Werenski recently appointed to the position, Poloni can provide assistance with policies and procedures or serve as a liaison with the public and other law enforcement agencies whenever it’s requested.

Police commissioners also are able to legally fill in as acting director, should Werenski be unavailable for any reason such as a vacation or

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Beyond Juice makes its way to The Village soon.

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trict next to Chase Bank, but the addition of this apartment is hopefully the beginning of a revival of creating (a) live/work environment in The Village,” said Jim Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company, which owns the building, via email.

On the second floor of what was formerly Kramer Bed and Bath, the a p p r o x i m a t e l y 580-square-foot studio apartment is expected to be move-in ready within the next 30 days, at which time an open house may take place.

“I’m very excited about the prospect,” Bellanca said. “Hopefully this little venture will spur more growth in residential living within The Village.”

Noted in the site plan application, the second-floor apartment currently is expected to be rented to a first-floor tenant, who will lease a parking space in the nearby parking structure.

“The big question though, when we’re beginning to see conversions from commercial to residential uses in The Village, is how we handle parking,” City Planner Julie Connochie said. “This is a use within The Village parking district, which generally encourages use of shared public parking assets for uses.”

With the ground floor now divided into two retail spaces for lease, The Village Groom Room moved into the rear section and opened in early January. The business offers full-service dog grooming by appointment. Limited walk-ins also are welcome for services such as nail trimming and ear cleaning.

“The front portion is currently vacant,” Connochie said, “but per

zoning ordinance restrictions, will have to be some sort of retail-oriented use in the future.”

Plans had previously been set in February 2020 for fitness center F45 Training to move into the full ground-floor space, but the lease fell through because of the pandemic.

Additionally, with one of the franchise’s locations already at 21110 Mack Avenue in the Woods, Beyond Juice + Eatery will be moving into 17009 Kercheval and is set to open in late spring and include an outdoor seating area.

“We’ve had a lot of success at our store in the Woods and we noticed that there’s a lot of customers that we’re not reaching on the other side of Grosse Pointe,” said Joe Bonanni, owner of the Kercheval, Woods and Renaissance Center locations.

The menu offers varieties of smoothies, wraps, salad bowls, juices and wellness shot drinks. Ingredients such as humus, salsa and salad dressing are made in-

house; and vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options are included.

“What I like to say Beyond offers is healthier alternatives to a fast lunch or a quick dinner,” Bonanni said. “What sets us apart from things like other smoothie bars and places like that is we also cater to the juicing crowd. So we offer wellness shots; we offer wheatgrass shots; we offer ginger shots; we make raw juices in the store; and we have our own line of bottled organic and cold-pressed juices as well.”

The building at 17009 Kercheval, which currently is vacant retail space, but used to be a Gymboree, boasts one of the few historic facades remaining in The Village. According to site plans, the historic sections, on the upper portion and roof, will remain largely unchanged.

Leases also currently are being finalized for the front ground-floor space at 16906 Kercheval, as well as at 17125 Kercheval, which formerly was occupied by Small Favors.

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and letter of interest to the city clerk’s office between Tuesday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, March 25. All applicants must be 18 years old, a United States citizen, a two-year Woods resident, a Woods

registered voter and a tax-abiding resident.

Qualified applicants will be interviewed by the council and appointed via a majority vote during a council meeting.

A chart with all seats up for re-election in November can be found on page 2A.

— Kate Vanderstelt





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City of Grosse Pointe

Questionable priorities

While waiting for a tow truck after discovering a disabled vehicle with tire damage in the middle of Notre Dame and nearby tire marks leading onto a curb and to a damaged light post at 8:11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, an officer on patrol was approached by a 42-year-old Grosse Pointe man, who was walking down the middle of the road and identified himself as the driver.

The man told the officer he “absolutely” had been drinking and called “211” after the accident, before walking back to the bar.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .209 percent, for which he was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Too many

A 25-year-old Harper Woods man was pulled over at Bournemouth Road and Mack Avenue for an expired plate at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, and subsequently arrested for 10 suspensions and not having insurance.

Expired plate

An expired plate led to another arrest at Mack Avenue and Moross Road, when a 25-year-old Detroit man was found to have eight current suspensions at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Non-existent plates

A 19-year-old Detroit woman pulled over for having no plate at Mack Avenue and Bournemouth Road at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, was arrested after it was found she had no insurance and had never had a driver’s license.

More bullet hole discoveries

A resident discovered a bullet hole in the hood of his car parked in the 100 block of Vendome Road, which occurred between Jan. 1, and Friday, Feb. 19. The bullet could have come from celebratory New Year’s shots.

Drunken driving

After receiving a call about a vehicle swerving on Beaupre Avenue at

PUBLIC SAFETY

3:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, officers pulled over a 23-year-old Sterling Heights woman on Moross Road, where a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .14 percent.

The woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speeding with no insurance

After being pulled over at 12:12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, for traveling 49 mph at Lakeshore Road and Colonial Road, a 19-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for not having insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No crimes to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

PUA claim

A resident of the 1000 block of Bishop reported identity theft at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.

The woman claimed an unknown person filed for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance under her name.

Offensive flag

A 31-year-old resident of the 1100 block of Wayburn placed a KKK

flag in his window facing his neighbor to the south at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The case of harassment and ethnic intimidation is currently under review by Wayne County prosecutors.

ID theft

A woman in the 1100 block of Harvard claimed identity theft at 12:41 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, when her name was filed for unemployment benefits in Kentucky. The person who filed under her name is still unknown.

54 in a 30

A 20-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for driving 54 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone at Mack and Kensington at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

The woman was arrested for not having her driver’s license.

Auto break in

Between 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, a man in the 800 block of Lakepointe reported someone broke into his 2019 Ram van.

The front driver-side window was reported broken. Nothing was missing from inside the van.

Essential bus

A man in his 40s allegedly assaulted a SMART bus driver at Jefferson and Maryland at 6:50 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

The bus driver told the man he could not re-enter the bus as it was only for essential workers.

The man spit at the female driver twice and called her a racial slur before leaving.

Mental health issues appear to be at play.

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



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I SAY By John Minnis

Vaccination dreaming in the Pointes



I think I have finally figured out the COVID-19 vaccination rollout plan — word of mouth and happenstance.

Terry and I have been signing up with health systems and pharmacy chains in order to be notified of vaccination availability. So far we’ve heard from only one: Meijer.

However, by the time we saw it, we only had minutes to grab it and get to 13 Mile and Little Mack

in Roseville.

But after hearing some of the horror stories of elderly people with walkers and canes and physical disabilities waiting in line for hours with no place to sit, we think we’ll pass on Meijer.

Two weekends ago, we heard from a coworker, who heard from another coworker who heard from who knows who that a Rite-Aid in Roseville was taking appointments.

So off to our computers we dashed — Terry to hers and me to mine. We quickly Googled Rite-Aid Roseville, found the store and began registering and signing up for our first shots.

Naturally, we couldn’t

get the same day. My shot is March 3 while Terry’s is the following day. But that’s fine since they fall on a Wednesday and Thursday, our slowest days. If Tuesday was the only day available, I would have to decline since that is production day at the Grosse Pointe News. All hands on deck!

I don’t understand why doctors’ offices aren’t getting doses. Or why the auto plants aren’t getting shots. All the plants have their own clinic and staff on hand. My brother-in-law gets his flu shot there every year.

Union halls would be another great location. And don’t forget senior centers and The Helm

here in Grosse Pointe. We should be sending trained shot-givers with doses to seniors’ homes.

Fortunately, my mother-in-law, who turns 91 next month, was able to get her two shots at Beaumont’s Southfield service center. Other than the drive — we shot over Eight Mile to Lahser Road — the experience was not too bad.

It was a two-person job, though. Terry drove, as she always does. I rode shotgun to get Mom out of the car close to the service center door while Terry went to find a parking spot.

I guided Mom through the door to a waiting row of wheelchairs and got her safely seated in one.

Once inside the registration area, I noticed there was a pretty good line wrapping back and forth between ropes. I was afraid my transporter skills would not be up to the challenge of maneuvering the ropes.

But I feared for naught. The Beaumont employee escorted us to the front of the line and Mom was at a registration desk in short order. After helping with her identification and insurance information, I wheeled her into the vaccination room.

Couldn’t tell how many stations they had, but I may have seen numbers in the 20s. We were soon flagged over to a waiting technician who, after I

helped Mom off with her coat, swabbed the arm and had the needle in and out in no time. She was friendly and professional.

We were then shown to the waiting room, where I got Mom signed up for her second dose 21 days later and we waited for 15 minutes to see if she would get a reaction. She didn’t and seem annoyed for wasting time sitting there. (What else does a 90-year-old stuck at home in the middle of a pandemic have to do?)

If we had our choice, Terry and I would prefer to go to the Beaumont Service Center and get the Pfizer shots. But at this point, we will take anything we can get!

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

POINTE OUTGROWS SCHOOL SYSTEM: The possibility of classes of 40 to 45 pupils, half-day sessions and transportation of many more elementary and junior high school children to schools outside their district, loomed as possibilities for the schools to face if building relief is not provided in the tax election on March 4, according to a study reported at the Richard Parent-Teacher Association meeting last week by John R. Barnes, assistant superintendent of schools.

POINTERS LOSE RIGHT TO VOTE: The lackadaisical attitude of the people of the Pointe toward their civic responsibility as voters

is accurately illustrated by the pulling from the voters’ list the names of those citizens who have failed to vote for the past two years in any township election. Henry Lavers, the township clerk, has within the last few days withdrawn the names of 4,928 such persons from the township voter roles.

Obituaries: Bill Dansbury, Dr. Frederick William Evans

1971

50 years ago this week

TAX DEMAND STIRS FIRE: Are residents living in homes on the west side of Wayburn, from Jefferson to Mack avenues, citizens of the Park or of Detroit? More than 120 of these people gathered to declare themselves residents of the

Park, in spite of what Detroit claims. The controversy came about when Detroit dunned the west side of Wayburn residents for Detroit income taxes, including penalties and interests, for the years 1968 through 1970.

BUS LINES TO END SERVICE: Three Pointe councils gave top discussion priority to the threatened termination of service of the Lake Shore Coach Lines Incorporated. The firm had sent letters to officials of the five Pointes and St. Clair Shores, the communities it services, that because of financial problems, it will discontinue operations as of Feb. 28.

Obituaries: Arnold Diesing, Caroline E. Todd, Joyce Stevenson, Mary P. Vanderbeken, Clarence L. Thompson, Robert Umlauf, Clake S. Jacobs

1996

25 years ago this week

CABLE UPGRADE ALMOST COMPLETE, CONFUSES CUSTOMERS: As the upgrade of Grosse Pointe’s cable system moves into its final phase, system operators have learned a valuable lesson — customers can never have enough information about the new system. Changing the way cable is delivered can be very disorienting to some customers. The new remotes, for example, can be used as universal remotes and will work automatically on the new converters and can be programmed to work on customer television sets using codes in the instruction manual.

NORTH MAKES HISTORY WITH DISTRICT TITLE: Grosse

Pointe North’s wrestling team made history last week. “This is the first time North’s ever won a wrestling district,” said coach Art Roberts after the Norsemen beat Notre Dame 40-34 and Lakeview 56-21 in a Division II dual meet.

Obituaries: Anthony Licata, Matilda Hedrick Johnston, Philip Ditta, Sandra H. Gregg, Alice Britt Cook, Florence Hoatson Nigro, Patricia Marie Van Sile, Wilhelm H. Bundesen, Elizabeth Vallan, Frances F. Bedwell, Pearle McCormick Yates, James E. Loranger

2011

10 years ago this week

THE FINAL CHAPTER: Borders Books and Music in the City of Grosse Pointe is among four of

the chain’s Michigan stores closing due to bankruptcy.

SHORES WOOS WOODS MUNICIPAL COURT: With the enactment last year of legislation letting Grosse Pointe Shores voters partner with another city in the election of a shared municipal judge, Shores representatives are making overtures to neighboring Grosse Pointe Woods. The Shores and Woods have been sharing a judge for many years. Until legislation was signed into law, Shores voters had no say in who presided over their municipal court. A judge elected by Woods voters was contracted for the job.

Obituaries: Jean J. Mijal-Puleo D.D.S., Catherine Bracci, Anne E. Lemhagen, Helen Elizabeth Honderich, David A. Templeton, Jeanne Davidson Trubey, Janet L. Smith

Ford first to promote responsible mining

DEARBORN — Ford has become the first American automaker to join the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance, or IRMA, an expansion of the company’s commitment to safeguard human rights, communities where such work is done and the broader environment.

The membership is another step toward the company’s human rights aspiration to responsibly source all raw materials used within vehicles globally — a journey Ford has been taking steps toward for more than 20 years.

Ford also has committed to lead the electric vehicle and sustainable mobility revolution and nearly doubled, to \$22 billion, what it will invest in

developing EVs and create solutions. That work will increase the company’s reliance on mined material, particularly related to production of electric vehicle batteries.

Historically, mining activities have contributed to negative environmental and social effects, including use of child labor, acid runoff into essential water and food sources, and noise and air pollution. Many materials are mined in areas of the world designated as conflict-affected and high-risk areas, where poor governance can lead to higher risk of conflict and exploitation.

IRMA works to advance responsible mining practices, providing third-

party verification and certification against comprehensive environmental and social criteria for all mined materials. The global standard was developed over 10 years, in consultation with more than 100 stakeholder groups including mining companies, affected communities, NGOs, labor groups and purchasing companies using mined materials. The standard covers all mined materials, except for energy fuels, and is applicable to all sizes of industrial mines in all parts of the world.

“Everything we make

and everything that goes into our products throughout the supply chain must not only comply with local laws, but follow our commitment to sustainability and human rights protection,” said Sue Slaughter, Ford’s purchasing director for supply chain sustainability. “Joining IRMA helps us and other companies consistently achieve that goal by forwarding best practices to address environmental, social and governance issues.”

The company’s work with IRMA will support collaborative work with cross-industry brands so

that together they may communicate to mining companies consistent, clear, shared expectations for responsible practices.

“We welcome Ford’s membership and commend their leadership as the first American automaker to join IRMA,” said Aimee Boulanger, executive director, IRMA. “We look forward to working with Ford as it joins a growing number of com-

panies leveraging their purchasing to protect communities and the environment on which they depend where mining happens.”

Ford will continue to conduct outreach to mining companies to engage with IRMA and undergo assurance. More information on how Ford responsibly sources materials and about IRMA is available online.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at **7 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 via ZOOM** before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council to offer the following resolution. Please check the website for a clickable link.

Whereas, The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City, County of Wayne, State of Michigan has become aware that temporary recreational boating and surface water use problems exist on Lake St. Clair within the riparian boundaries of Grosse Pointe Shores in Wayne County.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City is submitting an application for Temporary Local Watercraft Control with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

Bruce Nichols
City Clerk

GPN: February 23, 2021

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on March 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

2006 Dodge Caravan	1D4GP24R06B623620
2007 Unknown 4 Wheeler	L6ASCKL147A800251
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2008 Chrysler Twn/Ctry	2A8HRS4PX8R625853
2001 Dodge Ram Van	2B7HB11X51K516725
2007 Chevy Cobalt	1G1AK55F977353761
2000 Dodge Neon	1B3ES46C4YD851765
2003 Ford Taurus	1FAFP56S93G134762
2000 Buick Park Ave	1G4CW52K0Y4123787

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

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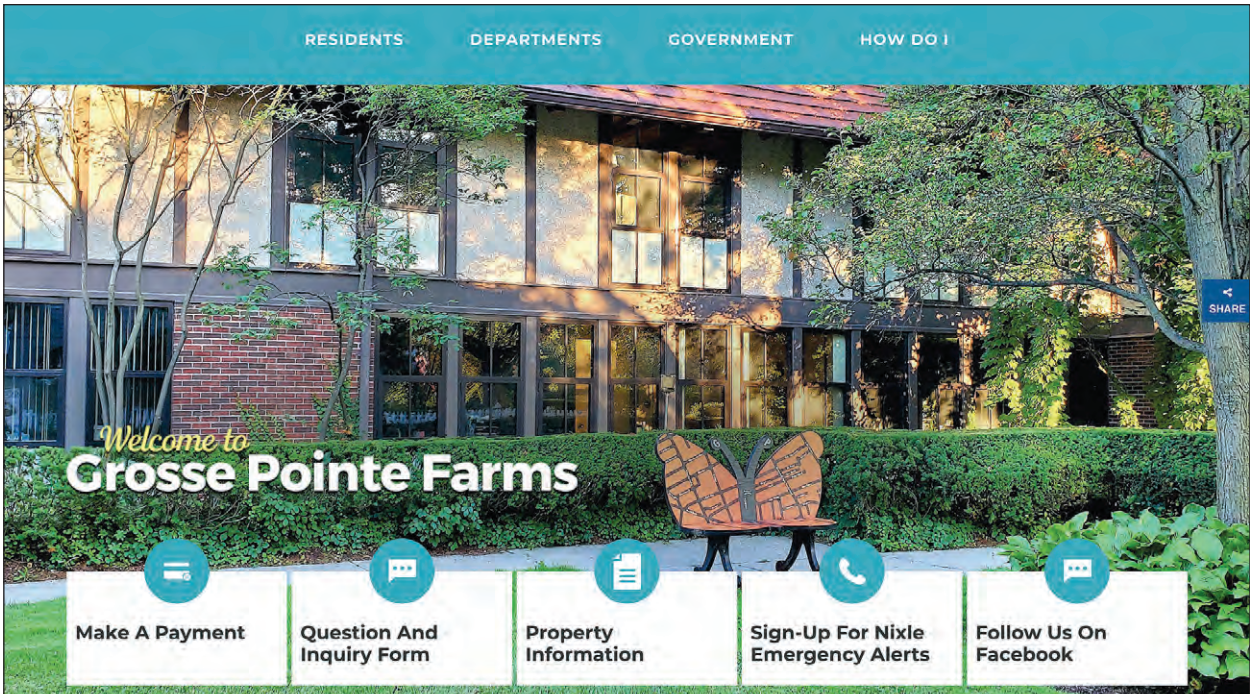
Farms website redesign complete

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — After its first update since 2013, the redesigned Farms city website is now live.

The new and improved website features ADA compliance and increased security, with a focus on simpler processes to sign up for important programs, such as Nixle emergency alerts, and easier ways to make payments on court tickets, dog licenses, property taxes, water bills and more. The changes also have made it easier for city administrators to update the site.

“I think the website is an improvement,” said Beth Konrad Wilberding, councilwoman and communications committee member. “I think it’s going to be far more user-friendly and I just



COURTESY PHOTO

The redesigned homepage features city alerts, for which residents may sign up to receive; an area for the latest news; a section of upcoming city events pulled from the city calendar; city council agendas and minutes; and a search engine within the website itself.

compliment the staff moving forward with it.” The \$15,679 job to redesign the website through Revize LLC,

which specializes in municipal websites, began last March.

“This is one of the first

things that I ended up talking about when we came to council,” said Neil Sroka, councilman

and communications committee member, “and it took a little bit longer than we expected, but I think the results speak for themselves.”

Additional upgrades anticipated to be implemented in the future include uploading video recordings of city council meetings and merging more links so residents don’t have to be redirected to separate websites, such as for municipal court searches.

“This is going to be a work in progress and that’s intentional,” Assistant City Manager and City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said. “We don’t want to just launch the site and then leave it alone for 10 years. We want to continually be looking at every inch of the website, which is what all the departments have done during this redesign process.”

House fire on Broadstone

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — At 9:09 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Woods Public Safety received a call to respond to a house fire in the 1800 block of Broadstone Road.

Upon arrival, crews found the two-story colonial house full of thick, black smoke and an

active fire in the basement. The two residents of the house were able to get out and did not sustain any injuries.

Their 18-year-old cat did not survive.

Crews were able to put out the fire by 10:18 p.m. with help from the public safety departments in

Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods. The house was left with heavy smoke damage and fire damage in the basement, where the fire originated.

Investigations into the cause of the fire are ongoing.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Winter weather causes vaccine shipping delays

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — While harsh winter storm conditions in Kentucky and Tennessee delayed shipments of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services last week, local administration agencies managed to remain largely unaffected.

Among those that were impacted, however, was the Kercheval Rite Aid, which just began administering the vaccine the week prior.

Because the pharmacy is set to receive shipments of 100 federally allocated doses of the Moderna vaccine each Tuesday, last week’s shipment was canceled, forcing those with appointments to reschedule.

“What happened here is exactly what happened anywhere else across the nation because of the snowstorm,” pharmacist Fadia Sadek said.

A shipment of 100 doses is expected for this week, she said, and second doses will get priority over first, but are not a current concern since the first doses were so recently administered.

The vaccine shipment to Beaumont Health System was not affected by weather delays, nor were shipments to the Wayne County Health Department or the Detroit Health Department. The two departments receive their weekly shipments Mondays and Sundays, respectively, which was prior to the storm.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the conditions prevented

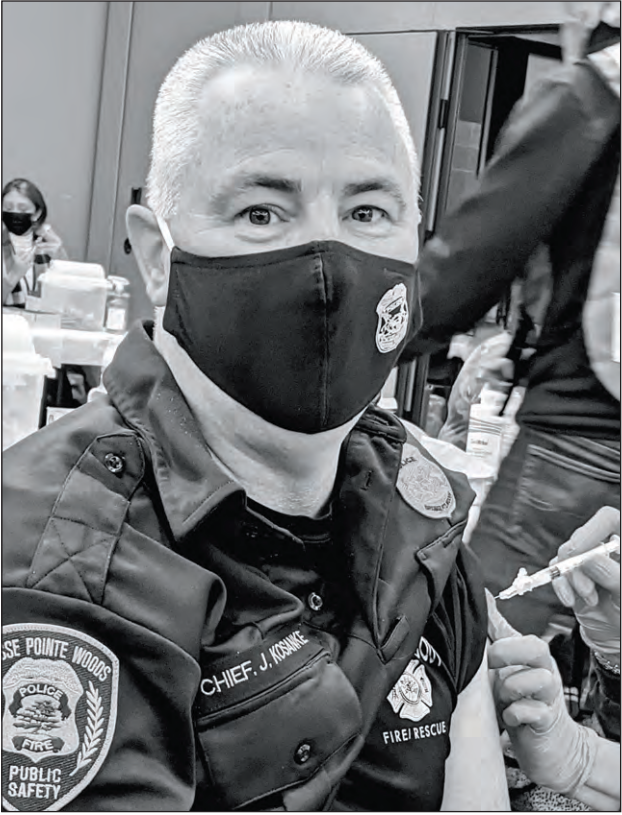


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Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke receives his second vaccination shot against COVID-19.

Pfizer doses from being shipped out Monday, Feb. 15, while severe weather at the McKesson distribution center in Memphis put a halt to shipping Moderna doses Monday, Feb. 15, Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Wednesday, Feb. 17.

“We ask that Michiganders confirm their appointments prior to traveling and to have patience as providers seek to reschedule any appointments,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in a press release last Thursday. “Unfortunately, distribution of the vaccine in this circumstance is simply out of our control. Vaccine providers across the state are working hard to get 70 percent of

Michiganders age 16 and older vaccinated with the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as possible.”

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, through which select pharmacies began receiving federally allocated doses of the vaccine for community administration, began Feb. 8.

The initial participating pharmacies in Michigan have been Rite Aid Corp., Meijer Inc. and LeaderNET and Medicine Shoppe, which are Cardinal Health’s pharmacy services administration organizations.

Rite Aid customers can schedule vaccination appointments online; the Kercheval location offers 20 spots a day. Sadek expects to begin receiving 200 doses per week in March.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Newly opened

Village Nutrition is open in The Village at 16837 Kercheval, in the former Sanders location. Village Nutrition serves healthy meal replacement shakes and energizing tea. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber President Jenny Boettcher; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak; Erica Ray, owner; and Chamber Administrator Regan Stolarski.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Assessments for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores in Wayne and Macomb County has been completed for 2021. The Board of Review will hear petitions on the following dates:

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 8TH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
795 LAKE SHORE RD.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. **Following COVID-19 CDC Guidelines, facemasks and social distancing is required.** All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf). Appointments may be made by calling 881-6565. **Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/15/21) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner.** You may call 881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions please contact the Assessor’s Office at 313.881.6565 or email pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov.

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more serious situation.

“I can help him in any way that he needs,” Poloni said, “and legally be able to do that.”

Although Poloni holds both positions, the public safety director reports to the city administrator, not the police commissioner.

The additional position will be at no cost to the city and Poloni will be

responsible for keeping his training current.

“For me to keep my certification as a police officer,” he explained, “I still have to complete the same requirements as any other police officer from that standpoint.”

Staff, students preparing for return to in-person learning

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s latest guidelines for schools call for six feet of social distancing. Unfortunately, that can’t be universally achieved in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean told the school board Monday.

There will be some six-foot distancing. But some areas will have less.

However, the district will mandate the use of

masks when schools reopen in March for full-time in-classroom instruction. Desk shields will be used when possible and the district will use larger spaces when it can, Dean said.

Grosse Pointe Public School System students return to full-time in-classroom education March 1 for students through fourth grade and March 15 for all older students.

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

The debate about in-

classroom education versus online learning has raged across the country, as school districts struggled with how to educate students during a pandemic. A couple hundred families left the district for schools that have face-to-face learning, upping the district’s declining number of students issue.

According to the new CDC guidelines, Grosse Pointe schools are in the yellow category, the second lowest of four categories, in terms of COVID-19.

The district has been ramping up its COVID-19

protection in anticipation of reopening schools full time. Two-thirds to three-fourths of the staff has had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The second dose will be administered March 4.

Voluntary COVID-19 testing will begin for high school students March 1, and it’s important that enough students sign up for the testing for it to work.

“If we only have a couple of hundred kids sign up, it won’t be a statistical model of students,” Dean said.

After that, voluntary testing will continue

every two weeks to track COVID in the high schools.

Testing is important because it should help limit quarantines and other mitigation factors when it comes to returning to school, Superintendent Gary Niehaus said.

Mitigation walkthroughs, when a team including a teacher, parent and administrator inspect each building, take place Feb. 25 for elementary and March 1 for secondary schools, and each building’s score will be posted.

The district ordered 16

air purifiers for interior classrooms that don’t have access to outside air. Grosse Pointe’s older schools, with their older ventilation systems, mean the ventilation solutions vary from building to building.

Schools have been checked to make sure the balance of outside air and indoor air is at its maximum potential. Repairs and maintenance are being addressed as quickly as possible, air filters have been replaced and outside air flow has been increased to the maximum possible for each building.



Bobbie Chaset, manager at Old Pony, and Joyce Wagner, resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, hold up gift cards from the community for Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers and school staff to use.

Old Pony meals support GPPSS teachers, staff

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joyce Wagner worked out a deal for meals to be pre-purchased at Old Pony Martini Pub for any teacher or staff member in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

All they have to do is visit the eatery on Notre Dame in the City of Grosse Pointe and show their school ID to receive a sandwich, fries and a martini.

Wagner’s son attends Richard Elementary School, where the PTO purchased meals for the first 25 Richard staff members or teachers.

Dine-in and carryout options are available.

Nearly \$1,000 has been donated so far to support GPPSS teachers and

staff, Wagner said. She hopes donations continue to come in.

Bobbie Chaset, manager at Old Pony, worked with Wagner on the deal. Old Pony owner, Feras Nahhas, also donated out of his own pocket to show support.

Wagner said she wanted to support GPPSS staff and her efforts with Old Pony are just the start; she hopes other businesses will agree to participate in the future.

Those interested in supporting teachers by donating toward a meal can donate via Venmo to Joyce-Wagner-2 or call Old Pony at (313) 458-8807 and request to donate to the school staff meal fund.

Three ways to participate in superintendent search

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The public, students, teachers and community will have three ways to give their input into the search for a new superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

First, response to a survey circulated by the district has been excellent. That survey runs through March 5. The survey is available on the home page of the school district’s website, gpschools.org.

Second, specific Zoom focus groups will be held next Monday and Tuesday. These groups will include several stakeholder groups, such as teachers, parents, students or community members, among others.

Anyone who wants to be a part of a focus group can email Assistant Superintendent Amanda Matheson at mathesa@gpschools.org.

Finally, there will be two at-large focus groups held in the future, times and dates to be named later. One group will be for teachers, a second group will

be for community members and anyone can attend their group.

At a special meeting Monday, the board also defined four areas that will be used to help identify potential candidates for the position. The four areas include: strengths of the district, challenges for the district, first-year focus areas for the new superintendent and qualities the new superintendent should have.

Teachers topped the list of strengths and attributes. Parental and community involvement also were identified as district strengths.

“I don’t think there is a more dedicated group of teachers and I think that’s one reason why people want to come here,” Board Treasurer Colleen Worden said.

Declining enrollment was identified at the biggest challenge. Each year there are 200 to 300

fewer kindergarteners than there were high school graduates the previous spring. This issue was aggravated during the pandemic by families who left the district in favor of schools that maintained face-to-face education.

Completing navigating COVID and reaching out to the six communities that are included in the district should be on top of the new superintendent’s to-do list, survey respondents said.

Finally, the board wants the superintendent to be a decision maker. Board Vice President Margaret Weertz said the community is educated, with people in positions of authority.

“You need to have a strong leader who’s going to have a conversation back with people you know are going to challenge them,” Weertz said.

“I need someone who’s really a problem solver, who can say these are our strengths and this is the way we can address the weaknesses we have,” Board President Joseph Herd said.

‘You need to have a strong leader who’s going to have a conversation back with people you know are going to challenge them.’

MARGARET WEERTZ
Vice President, GPPSS



New friends
Snow lover Ginger made fast friends with this snowman — the first she’s ever seen — in the 60 block of Webber Place in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Preschool teachers develop resource center for students

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Betina Davis and Cate Williams, two Trombly preschool teachers, are developing a library and resource center to aid early childhood education students in their exploration of knowledge. The Early Childhood Hands On Library and Resource Center, or ECHO, will consist of books and hands-on manipulatives to

enhance the educational experience of preschool-aged children. Students and teachers will be able to go to the center, which will be located at Trombly Elementary School, and explore sensory and S.T.E.M. materials. There also will be opportunity to check out materials from the center. “We wanted to make it so, even though it would be housed at Trombly, the whole school (system) with kids these

ages can benefit,” Williams said. With a downsized children’s section at the newly renovated Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the two teachers thought this would be a great addition to the community. And, because the kids will have their own space, they will be free to be as loud and explorative as they want. “They can be free to explore those ideas,” Williams said.

Davis and Williams have set up social media and a website to aid the project’s development. They created an itemized list of desired materials for the center in January and have received many large donations, including around 700 books thus far. This fall, only residents who are part of the preschool program in the community will have access to the center. The pair is hopeful it will

eventually be possible for them to extend opportunities to use the center to all of the public. Until then, activity resources will be made available online through the center’s website to help parents who won’t have access at the beginning. “We want to continue being a resource because even if we can’t (involve) the community (children) the moment we start it ... we want to

reach out and show we’re here for the kids,” Williams said. Though they will not have a physical space until the fall, Davis wants the community to know they are providing resources starting now. In March, the pair will kick off a literacy event. “ECHO is very much alive,” Davis said. More information may be found on Instagram @echo_library_and_resource or at tinyurl.com/GPPSSEchoLibrary.

John Schulte of Grosse Pointe, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School majoring in chemistry, has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Baldwin Wallace University.

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Lauren Fleckenstein of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Fairfield University.

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Stuart Standish of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for earning honors for the fall 2020 semester.

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Alex Batts and **Lia DeCoste** of Grosse Pointe Woods, and **Paul Gusmano** and **Nathan Lloyd** of Grosse Pointe Farms recently were named to the fall 2020 Dean’s List at Cedarville University.

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Tiffany Furicchia of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the fall 2020 Dean’s List at Montclair State University. Furicchia is a musical theater major.

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Adrian Martinelli of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List at Endicott College for the fall 2020 semester. Martinelli, the son of Elizabeth and Paul

PRIDE OF THE POINTES



Lauren Fleckenstein



Stuart Standish



Alex Batts



Lia Decoste



Tiffany Furicchia



Adrian Martinelli



Calvin Stricker



Stephen Stapleton



Cameron Schreiber



Jacqueline Veneri

Martinelli, is majoring in criminal justice.

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Calvin Stricker and **Claire Sheeren** of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Stephen Stapleton** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Wheaton College.

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Roy Bai and **Elyse D.**

Beach of Grosse Pointe Park, and **Cameron M. Schreiber**, **Madeline M. Stacheit** and **Jacqueline M. Veneri** of Grosse Pointe Woods recently earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December.

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James Clevenger of Grosse Pointe Park and **Lilly Reinhard** and **Ashley Sexton** of



Lilly Reinhard



Chloe Kline



Wilson Moin

Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List at The University of Alabama for the fall 2020 term.

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Chloe Kline of Grosse Pointe Park and **Wilson**

Moin and **Lauren Sexton** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the President’s List at The University of Alabama for the fall 2020 term.

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Sophia Kopicki** was named to the Dean’s List at Sienna Heights University for the fall 2020 semester. Kopicki is studying communications.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System (“Owner” or “School District”) will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

PROJECT - GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (GPPSS) 2021 ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Contractor’s Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, Deputy Director of Business office of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, on or before **2:00 p.m.(local time) on Monday , March 8, 2021 (“Due Date”)**. The Board of Education will not consider or accept a Bid Proposal received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location.

A non-mandatory **Pre-Bid Proposal** meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at 11am:**

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89419649127?pwd=UGNlalhNUk9peHVORnRhaDhuV3RNdz09>

Meeting ID : 894 1964 9127

Passcode : 117623

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Notify Mr. Rich VanGorder at vangorr@gpschools.org prior to visiting any site. Bidders must follow GPPSS COVID protocols when accessing project sites.

Each Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

Bid documents, including Bidders Information Manual, scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available Monday, March 1st, 2021 at the following website : <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/54f0e584a238df0800778ee6/> (Search for Grosse Pointe)

For questions regarding the projects, email **Mr. Rich VanGorder** at vangorr@gpschools.org and **Jackie LaDuke** at jladuke@sda-eng.com. Reference “GPPSS 2021 Roof Replacement Projects” in the subject line.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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CASES:

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according to MDHHS, including Plymouth Christian Academy in

Canton and Lutheran Westland High School in Westland.

In all, 20 schools were added to the MDHHS list of ongoing coronavirus outbreaks

Monday. Four were in Macomb County and another three schools were in Oakland County.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System follows the CDC guidelines when it comes to a reported COVID-19 outbreak, Fannon said.

The guidelines include asking anyone in contact with the ill person to quarantine for 10 days. The 10-day quarantine can be waived if the infected person was not in contact with anyone.

Information about past COVID cases in schools may be found on the district’s website, gpschools.org, under “News” and “GPPSS COVID-19 Case Transparency.”

A COVID-19 outbreak means two or more cases can be linked to a place and time where there was shared exposure.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2021 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH.

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Storyteller gets personal
Former Grosse Pointe Academy teacher,
documentarian publishes memoir

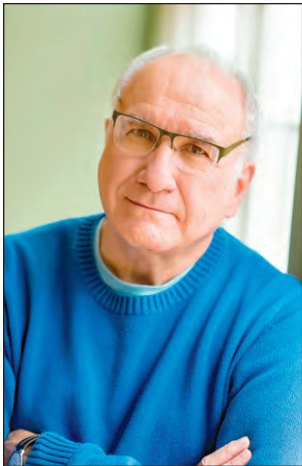
By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Harvey Ovshinsky has spent his entire life telling other people's stories.

Or as he puts it, "Spinning my yarn with other people's thread."

The former City of Grosse Pointe resident's titles have included journalist, radio news director, documentarian, screenplay writer and teacher. As the release date nears for his memoir, "Scratching the Surface: Adventures in Storytelling," Ovshinsky adds "author" to his list of designations.

"I had to," he said when asked why he decided to write the book. "I loved life as a documentarian and journalist, but my own voice was missing from



Harvey Ovshinsky

my storytelling. I felt the need to try, to figure it out."

Through "Scratching the Surface," Ovshinsky chronicles his childhood in Detroit; founding "The Fifth Estate," the nation's oldest underground newspaper; his experiences as an award-winning director, including his

work on "The Night Martin Luther King Jr. Came to Grosse Pointe" documentary; and nearly two decades of teaching creative writing at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Through his memoir, "Mr. O," as he was affectionately known, also details the nature of the need for storytelling and how one may go about expressing themselves.

"Regardless of which media platform or format I used, I chose them all based on the need to spill my beans, what I was feeling, to share with others," Ovshinsky said. "It's not just writing, but letting it go and letting it show. I've always loved to express myself. I'm not picky which platform is used, as long as I get it off my chest."

Part of writing this book, he added, was not just to share his adventures, but to give examples of "doing everything I could to help others do the same."

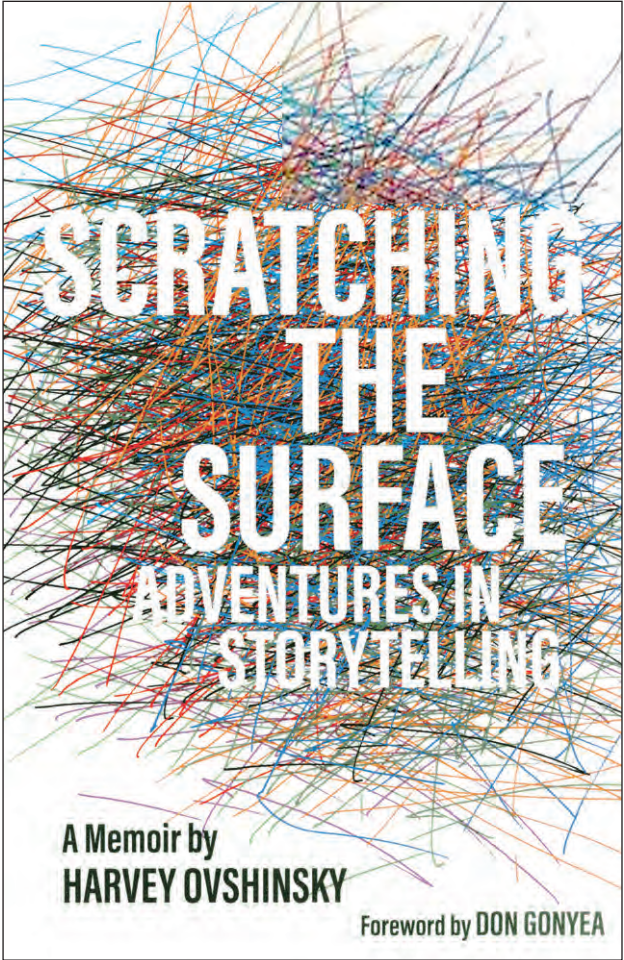
The Grosse Pointe Academy, he said, was his Petri dish. It's where he taught himself to inspire others to express themselves. One particular lesson he gave students inspired his book title.

"I had hundreds of titles, but none of them nailed it," he said. "When I first approached Wayne State University Press, they said, 'Harvey, you have four books here; we can only publish one. ... What's the one way to connect all these dots?' The one thing they had in common was my need to scratch the surface."

As he explains in the book's preface, he would draw a line on the blackboard in class and ask students what it was. The line, he would explain, is a symbol, a metaphor, a writer's nemesis.

"There's nothing new above the surface," he said. "You need to go below the surface, to the heart of your matter, to what you value, your treasure, what's important to you. How do you get there?"

A literal nails-on-chalkboard scratch through the line would bring students to attention. In doing so, Ovshinsky showed them how to get there — by



"Scratching the Surface" is due out in March.

scratching the surface — instead of telling.

"In my world, it's what you have to do," he said, noting getting to the heart of the matter isn't the only important step in the process: "You also have to have the courage to share it with others."

Ovshinsky said encouraging students to share their stories stemmed from a lack of doing so during his own childhood.

"I didn't have a chance as a child to express myself," he said. "I didn't feel safe to express it."

During his years in Grosse Pointe, not only did Ovshinsky teach children, but he also led creative writing classes and screenwriting workshops for adults at The War Memorial, and was instrumental in forming the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council.

When he lives in a community, he said, "I'm committed to contributing to that community."

Currently, Ovshinsky lives and works in Ann Arbor, but he continues to think fondly of his Grosse Pointe past.

"I loved teaching at The Academy," he said. "I have very fond memories of the place. ... If the first part of the book was my first childhood, my time at The Academy was my second childhood. It was fun, a joy, a delight and a pleasure."

"... I hope this book reconnects me with former students, parents and neighbors," he added. "I'm not just telling my story, but helping others find and tell theirs. ... You don't have to be a genius or especially creative. All you have to do is have something to say and get it off your chest, some-

thing you want to come out. We all share differently, but we all have the need to share with others. And with it, there's an element of risk."

The book, he added, is not just a memoir, but a guide to self-expression.

"My Academy students had a lot to say," he said. "They had a lot of content and needed someone to structure and organize it. I didn't want this book to be a selfie — 'Look at me, look at what I did, look who I was.' ... One of the first things I target, whether you're a grad student or a fourth grader, is that nobody cares about the story unless you find a way to make your story look like theirs. Whether you're writing a commercial or a documentary or a screenplay or a novel or a Facebook post, if you want to tell your story, be sure you find a way to make your story sound like theirs."

Ovshinsky said he hopes to take the book on the road to "share with others how to scratch the surface and share with others," he said. "I want others to experience what my students have. For now, I want to share what I've learned and what I know — not just creativity, but self-expression."

A virtual book tour kicks off with a webinar hosted by Literati Bookstore at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. More information is available on Ovshinsky's Facebook page.

"Scratching the Surface" will be available next month. Visit wsupress.wayne.edu/books/detail/scratching-surface for more information.



A montage of Ovshinsky and his Academy students.



"Mr. O" and some of his students at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

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Lorie Kamm and her son, Steven Kamm, went cross country skiing at Ghesquiere Park behind Grosse Pointe Woods city hall. Kamm and her husband snowshoed there the day before. Now that there's snow, she said they wanted to get out and enjoy it by skiing and snowshoeing in their city.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



In the 300 block of Cloverly in Grosse Pointe Farms, Matilda Konieczki and her cousin, Norah Konieczki, made a snow mound with three tunnels. Matilda sits on top while Norah crawls through one of the tunnels.



David Staperfenne and his sister, Madison, sit in the entrance to the igloo they built. It took about an hour to create the igloo, which sits in the 1800 block of Manchester in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Winter wonderland

A blanket of snow covered much, if not all, of southeast Michigan last Tuesday, Feb. 16, leaving plenty of outdoor activities to do for creative, cold-loving Grosse Pointers the following day.



A church and truck were sculpted on a front lawn in the 400 block of Roland Court in the Farms.



Lucy Distelrath and her sister, Everly, built a snow fort in the 400 block of Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms with the help of their dad, Aaron. The fort, which took them two hours to complete, includes seats with cup holders.

AREA ACTIVITIES

GPA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's exhibition, "The Challenge: Try Something New," is displayed in its gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with extended hours. Visitors are welcome to view the exhibition 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 9, and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays, March 4 and 11. Reservations are requested for timed visits. Register at grossepointeartcenter.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs: ♦ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

♦ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday, Feb. 25. ♦ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. The group will discuss "Caste," parts 4 and 5. ♦ Spice of the Month, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27. February's spice is cayenne. ♦ Harry Potter Trivia, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 2.

♦ Reading and Self Care, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. ♦ Family Dance Party Pop Up, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3. Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives: ♦ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit. ♦ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, St. Mark Church, 26830 W. Park, Roseville. ♦ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. ♦ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 8, Roseville-Eastpointe Recreation Authority, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

♦ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park. Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the BOLL Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs. ♦ The movie "Judy" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members, and includes snacks. ♦ Creating Confidence Caregivers, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, March 11 to April 15, with facilitator Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited. ♦ Medicare counseling, free to members and non-members, via telephone or videoconferencing. Email mfrench@helm

life.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. ♦ Carryout lunches, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations close at 10 a.m. each morning. Register by calling (313) 882-9600 or emailing mcooper@helmlife.org. ♦ 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, March 3. Nina Gazel will give a vocational talk. 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. the first and third Monday of each month. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

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OBITUARIES

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

Anne Mary Maliszewski Hall, M.D.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Dr. Anne “Annie” Mary Maliszewski Hall, 44, of Ft. Collins, Colo., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, after a valiant 7 ½-year battle with metastatic breast cancer.

A 1994 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, Annie excelled at academics as well as athletics. She was named the 1994 female scholar-athlete and most dedicated female athlete of the year. She also was named 1994 conference MVP in track and field.

Annie graduated from the University of Michigan in 1998, and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in 2005. She completed residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at U of M in 2009, and a fellowship in neonatal and perinatal medicine at the University of Colorado in 2012. From 2012 to 2017, she was an assistant professor of neonatology at the University of Minnesota. At her death, she was affiliated with the University of Colorado as a neonatologist at Children’s Hospital of Colorado, Denver, and Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins.

Annie is survived by her husband, James Terry Hall Jr.; sons, Archer James and Hugh Thomas Hall; parents, John B. and Caroline Heppler Maliszewski of Ft. Collins, formerly of Grosse Pointe; brother, Jed Craig and family of Berkeley, Calif.; in-laws, Kathy and James Terry Hall Sr.; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and a legion of friends throughout the country.

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

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Breast Cancer Research

Foundation, 28 W. 44th St., Ste. 609, New York, N.Y. 10036; or bcrf.org.

Elizabeth Sites Kuhlman

Longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Elizabeth Sites Kuhlman, 92, passed away Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, in Denver, with her daughter, Sarah K. Mervak, at her side. She was born Jan. 5, 1928, in Port Huron, to Dr. Edgar Curry and Margaret Waddell Sites.

Liz graduated from Kingswood Cranbrook High School and attended Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. She graduated from Northwestern University in 1949, where she was a member of the Phi Sigma Iota National Honor Society and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She earned a graduate degree from The American School of International Management, Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University, in 1950.

She was an assistant buyer at B. Altman & Co., from 1950 to 1952.

Liz married the love of her life, Henry M. Kuhlman, Nov. 1, 1952, in Port Huron. Her married life was dedicated to her family, church and community. Liz served on the boards of the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic at Detroit Institute for Children, Hutzel Hospital and United Community Services. She also served as the first woman trustee on the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council from 1975 to 1985, with a special focus on community beautification.

Liz also had a passion for the environment, which she expressed through serving as Environmental Awareness Chairman for the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and writing “Understanding Groundwater: Michigan’s Hidden

Resource,” via the Macomb County Cooperative Extension Service. The effort involved multiple organizations, including the Michigan League of Women Voters. In 1989, the EPA subsequently chose the Michigan League to produce an educational film on drinking water, and Liz chaired a committee that produced a 27-minute film and study guide, “Drinking Water: Quality on Tap,” in 1991. The EPA-approved film, which aired on Grosse Pointe cable and PBS television stations in Michigan, addressed the problems and challenges of maintaining quality drinking water.

Her passion for gardening and flower arranging was evident through years of participation and leadership at local garden clubs, her work for the Macomb County Master Gardener Program and serving on the Macomb County Master Gardener hotline. Liz was selected Macomb County Master Gardener of the Year in 1992. She also was a Master Composter and thoroughly enjoyed serving as a horticulture judge at Garden Club of America events.

With her co-chairs, Marilyn Gushee and Betsy Campbell, Liz established the Detroit Institute of Arts Friends of Art & Flowers group for beautification of the DIA in 1988, including year-round floral arrangements in the lobbies and plant displays throughout the museum arranged by FAF volunteers. She worked hard to establish the Art & Flowers Tribute Fund, which continues to support FAF. To promote the museum and FAF, the DIA initiated a lecture series – the Elizabeth Sites Kuhlman Lecture Series – which brings a nationally known expert in floral design or gardening to the museum each spring. She served as one of the first FAF arrangers at the DIA,



Anne Mary Hall M.D.

thoroughly enjoyed creating arrangements and helped recruit and train FAF volunteers.

Recognizing a need for a more personal touch in the altar flowers and the fellowship that would be generated by a common project, Liz formed the Sanctuary Flower Committee at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, purchasing flowers and training members in flower arranging.

Liz received the Matilda R. Wilson Award of Honor from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Detroit in 1977, the Garden Club of America’s Zone X Flower Arrangement Award in 1999 and Medal of Merit in 2007, the Winifred Wessel Standart Leadership Award in 2002, and Jeannette Hawkins Ferry Award from the Garden Club of Michigan in 2015.

Liz loved cooking and entertaining for friends and family, hosting special events and holiday gatherings; many friends looked forward to her plates of a wide variety of Christmas cookies.

Liz is survived by her brother, Edgar C. Sites Jr. (Linda); children, Sarah K. Mervak (Brian) and Henry N. Kuhlman (Laura); grandchildren, Jane M. Erickson (Paul), Anne G. Ellington (Keith), Henry K. Gray, Caroline K. Rios (Nicolas) and Margaret A. Kuhlman; and great-granddaughters, Elizabeth and Ruth Wasmund. She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Henry M. Kuhlman; and brother, William N. Sites.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, gpmchurch.org; or Detroit Institute of Arts Friends of Art &



Elizabeth Sites Kuhlman

Flowers tribute fund, fcastronova@dia.org.

A memorial service will take place at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church this spring.

Jean Betty Wright

Longtime Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park resident Jean Betty Wright (nee Gould), 100, passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, in Illinois, at HarborChase of Naperville. She was born Oct. 14, 1920, in Detroit.

Jean was the beloved wife of Oliver Willard Wright since their marriage Oct. 30, 1943; she was predeceased by Oliver Jan. 12, 2005. She was the loving mother of Marilyn Kay Wade of Claremont, Calif., and Joann Moylan (Thomas) of Naperville; adored grandmother of Tommy Moylan III, Maggie Leen (Chip), Julie Imfeld (Mark) and Kathleen Wood (Phillip); cherished great-grandmother of Keira and Marla, Ava and Lily and Brody, Landon and Lincoln; devoted daughter of the late Roy and Gladys (nee Doyle) Gould; dear sister of the late Jack Gould and Roy Don Gould (the late Mary Jane); fond aunt of Donna Sinatra (Tony); and great-aunt and friend of many.

Jean grew up in Detroit and attended Denby High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education and a Master’s in Education degree in 1967, from Wayne State University. A teacher at Brownell Middle School, Jean also taught students in Detroit at Carstens, Fleming and Foster elementary schools.

Jean was a founding member of the College Women of Wayne and a longtime member of Pi



Jean Betty Wright

Lambda Theta, an education honor society and professional association for U.S. educators. She was the 2007 recipient of the Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education Scepter and Key Award. Jean also was a member of Cercle Dramatique.

She was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Jean belonged to many educational and genealogical organizations throughout her long life, including The Colonial Dames of America, National Society of the American Colonists, National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons, Beta Sigma Phi, Plantagenet Society and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private visitation for immediate family will be held.

Private interment will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements are entrusted to Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, Ill.

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Therese Naoum Issa

Therese Naoum Issa, 77, passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at home. Cherished sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend, she was born April 14, 1943, in Beirut, Lebanon, and emigrated to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1976.

Therese worked many years as manager of her sister-in-law’s obstetrics and gynecology practice, followed by several years as manager of her brother’s gas station.

Therese loved to socialize and was the go-to companion for all generations. She was devoted to her family and had a core role in the lives of her siblings and their children as a cheerleader for their dreams, co-conspirator to their adventures and second mother to the younger generation.

A coffee-drinking confidante, partner in child-care and the glue that bound the wider family together, Therese was “the village” for her siblings. From early breakfasts to late-night movies, she never missed a chance to spend time with her nieces and nephews and held a special place in the hearts of the littlest. She was present at their



Therese Naoum Issa



Linda K. von Schwarz

Linda Kathleen von Schwarz

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Linda Kathleen “Kathie” von Schwarz (nee Griffis), 72, passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born May 19, 1948, in Lincoln, Neb., to Thomas Arthur and Adahbelle (nee Snodgrass) Griffis, both now deceased.

Kathie was raised with her sister, Roslynn, in an actively religious family. As a child, she was encouraged to read and experience other educational opportunities, which she enjoyed.

Kathie was inclined to music from a young age and received her musical talent from her father. In college, she learned to play multiple instruments, although she primarily played piano and violin. She attended many symphony concerts, National

major events and available to talk endlessly about life’s minutiae. Her door was always open and hers was a second home for the newest arrivals to the U.S.

Therese was predeceased by her father, Naoum; mother, Nazira; and brother, Pierre (the late Claire). She is survived by her siblings, Hoda (the late Hanna), Joseph (Alexa), May (Boutros), Antoine (Hoda), Hanane (Raif), Mona (Ghassan), Georges (Hayat) and Gabriel (Bernadette); 20 nieces and nephews; and 31 great-nieces and great-nephews.

No funeral service will be held in Michigan at this time. Therese will be buried with her parents and brother in Maad, Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lebanese Red Cross, redcross.org.lb; or Baytna Baytak, baytnabaytak.com.



Gerald Pochert

Geographic films and musicals. Kathie loved to dance, was an exceptional student and strived to do things correctly. She was a creative person in all aspects of her life.

After Kathie graduated from Southeast High School in Lincoln, her sense of adventure took off. She attended Colorado Women’s College, Ottawa University, Wesleyan University, the University of Nebraska, Wayne State University and a year at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Kathie earned undergraduate degrees in music and education and a master’s degree in music.

She moved to Grosse Pointe Farms after studying at Wayne State University. She met her future husband, Jeff, while playing violin in the Scandinavian Orchestra. The couple married in 1981. Kathie helped raise their children, Laura and Sean, and shared in all their successes and life challenges. Eventually a grandmother, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She placed high importance on keeping in contact with family and friends from early childhood throughout her life.

Kathie was very sociable and part of many clubs and organizations. She was a member of the professional music fraternity, Mu Phi Epsilon, and Alpha Delta Kappa sorority. At Alpha Delta Kappa, she served as local president and a term as state chaplain. She also volunteered at The Lake House and Gilda’s Club.

Kathie taught elementary school students at Cathedral School in Detroit, and elementary music in the L’Anse Creuse Public Schools district.

She and Jeff enjoyed theater and attending concerts. The couple especially loved the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre and Grosse Pointe Theater productions. They also were active members of the Fine Arts Society of Detroit.

Kathie and her husband were longtime

active members of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She sang in the chorale, served on various committees and outreach groups and helped found the Cancer Connects Ministry. Her love of children extended to her life at CCGP, where she was a Sunday School teacher and an active supporter of the partnership with the Church of the Messiah in Detroit, where she helped many youth receive scholarships to study music.

Kathie was the loving wife of Jeff; dear step-mother of Laura Green (Sean) and Sean von Schwarz (Angela); beloved grandmother of Meghan von Schwarz and Shannon, Margaret and Nathanael Green; and cherished sister of Roslynn Griffis Niemeyer (Dearell), Lucille Payne (Tom) and Marjorie Ravenscroft (Willis).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Church Grosse Pointe choir, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Church of the Messiah, Kathie von Schwarz Scholarship, 231 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48207.

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Gerald Pochert

Former Grosse Pointe resident Gerald “Jerry” Pochert, 94, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, at his home at the Lakeshore Senior Living community in St. Clair Shores, after a short hospitalization.

Born May 6, 1926, in Detroit, to Hugo and Mildred (nee Finkel) Pochert, he graduated from Denby High School in June 1944. Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Navy June 19, 1944, and served as a radar technician in the Pacific on Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands, until his honorable discharge July 2, 1946.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Lawrence Institute of Technology June 12, 1951. As a student at Lawrence Tech, he worked part-time selling new Dodge cars. After graduation, he was district manager for Mid-Atlantic states at Chrysler Co.’s Dodge Division.

Jerry met Joan Gerondale at a VFW dance in 1951; the couple married Jan. 24, 1952, and soon transferred to North Carolina. In 1958, he and Joan started a new business in Charlotte as national distributors of instrument-grade valves, tube

fittings, gauges and related hardware, which became very successful. When they returned to Michigan in 1963, the business continued to thrive and they supplied their products to additional states; eventually, they branched out into instrument-grade filters. The company continues operation under the management of their son.

Jerry was very fond of boats, going back to his days at Lawrence Tech when he and his friend built a 16-foot Chris-Craft kit boat. This boat went with him to North Carolina, where he made many fishing trips safely to the 12-mile marker in the Atlantic Ocean with only an auto compass as a guide. He always was calm and in control at the helm in the roughest of weather, including during a sudden gale-force storm that struck as he captained his 39-foot cruiser with 18 guests aboard. When Jerry returned to Michigan, his passion for boating culminated with a 47-foot Chris-Craft Commander tri-cabin. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Woods Boat Club and Clinton River Boat Club.

Jerry also camped with his young family, starting out with a tent set up in Wilderness State Park and quickly graduating to a shiny new Airstream trailer. A member of the Pointe Campers, he enjoyed camping with the group and relaxing around campfires. Soon the family became “motorhomers.” Jerry took great pride in his 40-foot Monaco diesel pusher coach. He always had a full-sized compact car in tow; people said he must have been a truck driver in another lifetime because he handled it all like a pro. Jerry also was a member of the Family Motor Coach Association, a national motorhome club. He enjoyed meeting people from across the U.S. and international locales.

He also was a fan of classic cars, World War II history and Glenn Miller.

Jerry was a devoted family man who worked tirelessly to provide a good life for his loved ones and ensure their safety and happiness.

He also was devoted to his church, Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; children, Thomas and Susan; and several cousins.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be scheduled for a later date. Cremation will be performed

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The Finer Pointes: Meet Scott Brown

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This series profiles the finalists of the Grosse Pointe News’ “The Finer Pointes” art contest. Due to a tie, 11 finalists have been selected to compete for a \$5,000 prize. Artwork must be submitted by April 30, at which time Grosse Pointe News subscribers will have the opportunity to vote for

their favorite entry.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Scott Brown has been painting and drawing since childhood. While attending Grosse Pointe North High School, he was the only four-year student in his figure-drawing class. He studied art at Central Michigan University before earning a degree in business.

“Fast forward 30-some years and I was riding my bike through The Village,” Brown said. “I stopped to rest in front of the Grosse Pointe Art Center and my whole life changed. The art was incredible; it brought me to my knees.”

Brown took a class at Rainy Day Art & Framing Co., and has been painting with pastels and oils ever since. An award-winning artist, he has been commissioned for several paintings, from landscapes and sunsets to sailboats and pet portraits.

“My goal, my mission, is to enhance your living space and brighten your world,” he said.

A longtime contributor to the arts in Grosse Pointe, Brown’s butterfly bench sits at the corner of Washington and Mack, and his three painted dogs stand in front of Eastside Dermatology, The War Memorial and a private home on Audubon.

For Brown, who won the top prize in the



“A Colt 45” by Scott Brown.

Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s “Our Rivers, Our Lakes” exhibition and whose “Pastel Passions” solo show featured 65 colorful works, entering “The Finer Pointes” contest was a natural.

“This Grosse Pointe News art project is so very appealing to me because it has great substance and longevity,” he said. “If I do a wonderful job and am lucky enough to win, it will be up and visible for my progeny to see and enjoy long after I have traveled on, sort of like my father’s name, etched in bronze, on the World War II wall at The War Memorial.”

Inspired by his family and life experiences,

Brown said he finds contentment and excitement in a blank canvas. For “The Finer Pointes,” he plans to paint “a classic view from the wall at the Crescent Club, War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Lakeshore,” he said. “The water, the sky, the boats – all the best of Grosse Pointe – with a hint of Canada in the background. It is a painting of those cool little Opti dinghies and sailing boats, being watched over and protected by the oddly shaped, yet comforting, Red Trawler. I always felt safe seeing that red boat protecting our youth, kind of like a sheepdog, herding the kids together

while they learn to sail.”

The entry will be oil on canvas and likely will be named “Red Right Return.”

The Finer Pointes finalists

In alphabetical order

Linda Boyle
Scott Brown
Callie Lewicki
Sue Majewski
Jane McFeely
Kathleen McNamee
Hugh O’Connor
Rachel Quinlan
Leslie Rabaut
Sarah Stahl
Basil Zaviski



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“Torch Lake” by Scott Brown.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Thad Galvin, LMSW

Finding help for addiction in an overly isolated world

Q: I’m struggling with alcohol abuse. Where can I find help?

A: It’s hard to believe nearly a year has passed since COVID was declared a pandemic and our national sequestration was imposed as a new way of life. For nearly everyone, the natural order of things shifted dramatically and in ways that have impacted our behaviors, our thoughts, our emotions and our physical and mental health. Each of us has come to understand that many of our old, patterned connections to the experiences of our lives have been upended and we’ve had to find ways to adapt. This has been a formidable challenge even for those who are mentally and emotionally stable.

Consider now, the experience of those who have lost their way with drugs and/or alcohol. In the foreword to Oliver Morgan’s excellent book “Addiction, Attachment, Trauma, and Recovery,” American psychologist Louis Cosolino writes, “Disconnection is intolerable for human beings. From deep within our evolutionary past, it signals an extreme threat to our survival. We do anything to avoid the dread of separation: from staying in abusive relationships to sacrificing all we have worked for by medicating the terror. We all strive for embeddedness and when this fails we look for substitutes — whatever form they may take. The problem with substitutes for love and connection is that there is never enough.”

Addicts and alcoholics are notorious for withdrawing from friends, family, hobbies, passions, activities of daily living and many other patterned behaviors. They resort to keeping secrets, telling lies, emotional outbursts, unpredictable behaviors, impulse control problems, etc. They become disconnected.

Now, consider being inside that personal sense of isolation and despair that addiction brings and having no place to go for in-person help. Where does anyone with a substance abuse or dependence problem go for help in our current lockdown reality? The healing

appeal of recovery groups of any type are the components of mutual support and empathic connection — what researcher William White called “the kinship of common suffering” — and in-person meetings are essential for establishing that connection.

On the east side, including the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores, the two best ways to find meetings are:

AA Area 33 website meeting directory and search engine: aa-semi.org/meetings

NA Metropolitan Detroit Meeting Directory: michigan-na.org/metro-detroit-region/meetings/

And finally, a word about the importance of connection in early recovery:

It’s vitally important for addicts and alcoholics in early recovery — and all of us — to maintain a daily routine that incorporates movement, especially walking, as well as sleep rituals and healthy nutrition. Lack of movement, lack of sleep and poor nutrition will degrade anyone’s life experience, but for the substance dependent, they can lead to depression, hopelessness, emotional volatility and a return to self-destructive urges and behaviors. Also, creativity, expressive arts like writing, music and dance, and hobbies can be a proverbial port in the storm. Lastly, the practice of abdominal breathing and meditation both provide systemic and neurobiological calming effects that recondition the body toward a healthier baseline.

Thad Galvin, LMSW is a private practice psychotherapist in Grosse Pointe Park, who specializes in the types of developmental trauma that underlay addictions of all types. For additional resources or information, email thad@calmsafeplace.com.

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by Amy Alkon

The arf of reading people

I'm a woman who judges potential boy-friends by whether dogs like them. My friends think I'm crazy, but I'm convinced that my dog picks up on who a person really is. Is there any research on whom animals are drawn to?

— Muttperson

Dogs have proved useful for sniffing out drug stashes, dead bodies, and IEDs. How great would it be if you could dispatch your German shepherd Tinker Bell into a bar or party to sniff out the human minefields? "Naw...skip this dude. Serious intimacy issues."

People will swear that their dog is a great judge of character -- focusing on the, oh, two times he growled at someone they despise but conveniently forgetting all the times he snuggled up to their sociopathic ex. The reality is, research does not support dogs (or even chimps) having what they'd need to assess a person's character -- a sophisticated cognitive

ability humans have called "theory of mind." Theory of mind describes being able to guess the mental states of others -- to infer what they're thinking or intending. For example, when you see a man across the street get down on one knee in front of a woman, theory of mind leads you to figure he's about to ask her something -- and it probably isn't, "Could I borrow a pen?"

That said, the little purse Cujo that growls at some Mr. Skeeve probably isn't doing it out of the blue. Dogs do seem able to read even subtle aspects of human body language -- like our tensing up upon approaching somebody we dread talking to -- and they may respond in kind.

However, dogs' perception of people and the world is dominated by their exceptionally powerful sense of smell -- estimated to be between 10,000 and 100,000 times more powerful than ours, according to anthrozoologist and "Dog Sense" author John W.S. Bradshaw.

In other words, though dogs can't read a person's mind, they may be able to smell what's on it -- or rather, the chemical messengers released by what's on it. For example, doggy cognition researcher Alexandra Horowitz explains in "Inside of a Dog" that adrenaline (triggered when a person's afraid or angry) "is unscented to us, but not to the sensitive sniffer of the dog."

Additionally, Bradshaw points out that the types of people dogs are socialized with -- women, men, men with beards, people wearing different kinds of clothes -- make a difference in whom dogs snuggle up to and whom they snarl at.

So, no, your dog is not a background-checker. But he can help you see something important about men -- if you look at how a potential boyfriend treats him: with patience or annoyance. And as I often advise, it's



also important to put some time (and a lot of observation) between thinking a guy is really awesome and seeing whether he actually is. It's tempting to believe you've found everlasting love, just as it's tempting to believe that your dog is some sort of crystal ball for reading character -- and not responding to how some guy just kneaded all the stuff together for homemade liverwurst and then wiped his hands on his pants.



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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



New job changes too soon after hire

Q: I went through a formal interviewing process and accepted the job offer soon after. At the interview I was given a complete job description and told to read it carefully so if I were to be chosen for the job, the work and procedures would become second nature. I was fine with that, and studied it when I was hired. As I became more proficient in the job, only four to five months in, my tasks and responsibilities increased tenfold.

I had taken the job and accepted the salary based on the type and amount of work. As it has changed, my salary has not. I casually mentioned the situation to my boss, who said that would be considered at the yearend. (I would not have taken the job had I been told about the increased workload and changes in job duties. I didn't think a company could make changes that soon after hiring a person.

It is the yearend now and not a word has been mentioned to me about a raise, a bonus, or a salary adjustment due to the changes. I've worked for nine months waiting to see what would happen, and I stopped my job search after accepting this job. Is it too soon to start another job search? How

long do I have to wait before looking for another job? I don't necessarily want to leave, but I'm not pleased about the situation. I like the company and my co-workers. I just

don't like being put off or lied to by my boss (assuming these tactics of false promises are intentional). The trouble is I don't know. We have our annual reviews according to our hire date, not the yearend, so I don't know why the boss said this. Can I remind her of her promise?

A: A casual comment about reviewing the job situation is not a promise



and to make changes of any kind. You are also too new on the job to make demands for more money or job changes, even though your tasks and workload substantially changed soon after your hire. Perform your duties as best you can; complain to no one, and prove your worth. You have three months until your annual review, and that's the time you'll find out where you stand.

At the same time, make a list of priorities, your wants and your needs for a job, as well as a preferred type of company. Look for similar job titles and their salaries, but don't send out resumes. You're performing due diligence only. At your first year work anniversary and performance review, your questions will be answered. Keep track of which needs and wants are met and what gets passed over. If you are not pleased with the outcome and not compensated according to the current job market, you can start a

discreet job search. Don't announce to anyone at the company that you are looking for a new position. Workplace friends can change overnight depending on position changes and any gossip could be your undoing. The number or lack of interviews you receive will tell you if your job skills and salary expectations are realistic. Go on the interviews even if you'd rather not leave. The new job search will show you're your potential and save you from delivering unreasonable requests or embarrassing ultimatums. In fact, ultimatums usually net an employee a quick and untimely exit, which defeats your ultimate goal.

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Helpful husband is caught twice with younger women

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 26 years. Five years ago, my husband gave a young lady \$5,000 through credit card charges over a six-month period. We are not wealthy. When I found the charges in our credit report, he took a second job to pay it off.

I don't think their relationship was sexual because he is impotent. It was hurtful. While he was taking this young lady shopping, he told me he was at work.

Recently, I (accidentally) caught him going to another young lady's apartment to help her with things like hanging a TV. I don't care if he helps people. What I DO care about is his sneaking around to

do it. I have tried talking to him about why he feels he needs to sneak. He has no answer. What makes men sneak? -- DECEIVED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DECEIVED: Your husband may fear your disapproval of his relationships -- however platonic they may be -- with these younger women. What makes people of both genders sneak, by the way, is usually a sense of guilt.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, my 33-year-old son, his girlfriend and their 4-year-old son all live with me. They are expecting their second child. I own the home and pay all the bills (utilities, phone, food, etc.).

The problem is, my kids don't like my boyfriend. His grandkids call me Grandma, so I would like my grandkids to call him Grandpa. My son and his girlfriend won't allow their son to do it. They insist on calling him by his first name.

I asked for a compromise and to call him Uncle. They refuse and say he didn't "earn" that name. I said it's just teaching the children to respect their elders. When I grew up and when I raised my son, we called older people Auntie and Uncle. I'm not sure what to do because we all live in the same house, and I would like all of us to get along. -- WISHING FOR RESPECT IN HAWAII



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR WISHING: You may have taught your son to respect his elders when he was growing up, but it appears he has had a serious memory lapse. Shame on him.

Because you foot all of the bills for the roof over his and his family's heads as well as the food in their mouths, remind him that you are the head of that household, and you will not have anyone with whom you are involved disrespected. As it stands, you and your boyfriend are being disrespected, so as head of the household, please assert yourself.

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Justin," is getting married. He told his dad the other day that his fiancée would like for my husband to go with Justin to his salon to get his hair cut and beard trimmed for the wedding. My husband is upset about it because he feels his soon-to-be daughter-in-law is implying that his haircut isn't good enough. As the wife and future mother-in-law, I'm unsure how to handle this situation. Help, please. -- GROOMING GROOM'S DAD IN GEORGIA

DEAR G.G.D.I.G.: Try

to get your offended spouse to laugh about it. Point out that EVERYONE looks better with a fresh haircut and a trim. Even you and me. Most people want to spruce up and make themselves more presentable for a special event. Why should your husband be any different?

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Dear Ann Landers: The following appeared in the San Pablo Catholic Church bulletin. I hope you think it's good enough to print.
-- Marathon, Fla.

Dear Marathon: I do, and I will. Here it is:

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can overlook it when something goes wrong through no fault of yours and those you love take it out on you,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

Classic
Ann Landers

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics,

Then, my friends, you are almost as good as your dog.

Dear Ann Landers: Please publish this letter. I would like to send it to a young woman who needs to see it in

print. As of now, she has done nothing to indicate that she knows how to behave decently.

My son recently attended the wedding of a friend who married the woman I'm writing about. Three days after the wedding, the groom told the bride (on their honeymoon) that he didn't love her and he was sorry he didn't have the courage to tell her so long before the ceremony. They came home and are now being divorced. Somehow, the bride ended up with all the money (a considerable amount) they received as wedding gifts.

The people who gave the couple money intended to help them start their lives together. I feel that by keeping the money, the woman is being selfish and behaving in a manner that is socially incorrect. That money, along with all the other wedding gifts, should have been returned to the senders. She has no right to benefit financially from this unfortunate incident. What do you think, Ann? -- Outraged in New York

Dear New York: I agree with you. I hope the ex-bride sees this column and decides to do the decent thing.

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Better with Age

Years ago, on a trip to Bordeaux to taste samples from a new vintage, I had the opportunity to have dinner at Domaine de Chevalier. The host, Domaine de Chevalier owner Olivier Bernard, used the occasion to raid the Chevalier cellar for a couple of seriously old bottles of wine.

If memory serves, the vintage was 1927, or thereabouts. There were two wines. Both had been decanted and presented at table. One was red; the other white. Remarkably, both were the same color.

Bernard explained that red wines get lighter as they age, and white wines get darker. To my surprise, both wines were quite drinkable although well past their prime.

If you drink enough wine over enough time, you will no doubt eventually encounter an old wine that rocks you, hence the quaint bromide that wine improves with age. Some wines do. Many don't.

The beauty of an older wine that was made to evolve slowly is found in the complexity of the bouquet and the taste and the texture on the palate. A fine Bordeaux or Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon served at peak maturity can be a transformative experience, consigning you to a lifetime pursuit of that next truly great bottle of wine.

Or you can do it the easy way, buying a few bottles of young but cellar-worthy wine and tucking them away for 10 years or more. The trick is knowing what to look for.

Classified growths of Bordeaux are a good place to start, even at the lower end of the price spectrum. California cabernet sauvignon from Paso Robles to Napa and Sonoma also have the potential to improve with age. Don't bother with cheap bulk-production wines; even though they may taste just fine now, they won't have the guts (structure) to age gracefully.

From Italy, take a look at the three B's: Barolo, Barbaresco and Brunello. Most are better at the age of 10 than the age of 5.

Burgundy -- red and white -- is another candidate to improve with additional time in the cellar. But stick to premier cru and grand cru wines, or you will likely be disappointed.

Spain also produces age-worthy wines, notably the reds of Rioja. For my money, Rioja offers the greatest aging potential for the least financial investment. Many Rioja reservas priced in the \$20 range will age beautifully for 15 years or more.

And finally, there are German and Australian rieslings that don't hit their best stride until approaching 20 years old. There are other wines with excellent aging potential, including many syrah-based wines from France's Rhone Valley. But the aforementioned are the easiest to find and the most reliable.

Tasting Notes:

Hawk And Horse 2013
Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Hills (\$75) -- Hawk And Horse is an underrated winery that should get more attention. Its fruit sources are impeccable, and its style is bold, ripe and powerful. This muscular cabernet shows complex black-fruit layers with hints of wood smoke and spice, as well as firm tannins that will soften over the next three to five years. It's a good candidate to cellar, though it's plenty enjoyable to drink now. Rating: 96.

Oakville Ranch 2014
Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville (\$90) -- Oakville Ranch has an excellent track record with cabernet sauvignon. This vintage is right in the winery's wheelhouse. It delivers complex layers of red and black fruits with a generous dose of new oak, which the fruit handles with poise. This wine is rich and spicy with impressive depth and length. Rating: 96.

Acorn Winery 2014
Dolcetto, Alegria Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$35) -- Dolcetto is often called the Beaujolais of Italian wine because it tends to be lighter in color and less likely to hammer

the palate with astringent tannins. This Dolcetto from California's Russian River Valley is in the mold of top-notch Dolcetto from Italy's Piedmont district. It shows a floral nose followed by red berry fruit on the palate and a modest bite on the finish. It's a beautiful red for picnics, Mediterranean appetizers or charcuterie. Rating: 95.

Handley Cellars 2015
Gewurztraminer, Estate, Anderson Valley (\$22) -- Milla Handley's 2015 dry gewurztraminer invites you in with an alluring and seductive hint of jasmine on the nose. On the palate, this wine offers honeysuckle and lychee aromas, spice and impressive length. It's another beautiful gewurz from the underrated Handley, winery and another triumph for the Anderson Valley in the arena of aromatic Alsatian white wines. Rating: 95.

J. Lohr 2014
Cabernet Sauvignon 'Hilltop,' Paso Robles (\$35) -- J. Lohr's 2014 Hilltop Cabernet is of the sort that made Paso Robles cab famous. It's ripe and juicy, and spicy and racy, and priced modestly. With loads of blackberry and blueberry fruit and supple tannins, it's a crowd-pleaser that is primed for stardom during the upcoming grilling season. Rating: 95.

Nguilleu 2016
Chardonnay Reserva, Valle Central, Chile (\$25) -- Moderately expensive for a Chilean chardonnay, this wine delivers a lovely pear note with a hint of citrus and wood spice. Rating: 92.

Oak Farm Vineyards 2015
Zinfandel, Lodi (\$24) -- Zinfandel lovers, beware: This one is right in your wheelhouse, with aromas of smoked meats and jammy black fruits. Rating: 92.

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Feel like a good parent again in two easy steps

By Anne Marlatt
Guest Writer

Feeling like you've lost the will to parent? I think we are all about there. There's been so much family togetherness that some of us (who shall remain nameless and definitely include myself) have resorted to hiding from them and allowing more time on iPads and TVs. If you're like me, you then cycle through feelings of guilt, followed by failed attempts at playing Barbies and hearing about Pokemon cards, and then finally followed up by the grand finale of desperation - which leads right back into the electronics drawer where the iPads live.

First, I was determined to earn back my title as "Sometimes Fun Mom" from the most recent - "The Boringest Mom", but I had to do it on my own terms that definitely did not include Pikachu or bb guns. A friend who is a more fun mom than me, pointed me to an obvious place: the library, where the choices are infinite and I don't even know where to begin. The library "Book Bundles", that they'll curate for you based on your age and interests with a few clicks of the mouse or a quick phone call! Available at Ewald, Woods and Central, all you have to do is go to www.grossepointelibrary.org/youth and you'll find the world's easiest form to fill out. Then, faster than you can say "Hurry up it's time for your zoom call where is your computer please for the love of all that is holy brush your

hair?!", you will receive an email from your friendly librarian saying that your 5-10 books are ready for pick up. Well ok maybe it's not THAT fast, but it's pretty quick. There's just something about kids getting to choose what they like, but then getting a bunch of surprises that are all new. In all of this I discovered something - there's no shame in demanding some quiet time - for everyone in the house. And nothing makes the parenting pride well up like seeing your brood engrossed in books, rather than Five Nights At Freddy's on a cracked up phone. Best news of all - it's free.

Second, I am not a great cook. And frankly I'm pretty tired of my home menu - along with everyone else in my house. Pretty much at least one small human complains nonstop about the dinner I've painstakingly planned, shopped for and executed per night. If I'm lucky. However, everyone wins when you make a dessert together. And this one has four ingredients that are usually always at home or available at any grocery store, gas station or party store. So anyway, here goes the world's easiest cookie recipe. I

dare you to eat just one...

Brownie Cookies

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper (unless you are content with chocolate cement on your cookie sheet soaking overnight in your sink).

Ingredients:

- 1 box of any brownie mix
- 1/2 cup of any oil
- 1 or 2 eggs, depending on if you like them crispy or chewy
- 1 handful of chocolate chips

Get a big bowl and dump everything in it. Stir, trying not to break your wrist, because it's super thick. Fear not, you didn't forget anything, that's just how it is. Spoon about 2 TBSP of dough into round balls on your cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Cool on the cookie sheet for a few more minutes or they will fall apart just before they burn the roof of your mouth off.

Pairs well with smug Facebook "I'm killing it" parenting posts.



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It’s never too late to go electric

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Car Talk:
We are thinking about trading in our 2015 Taurus for a small SUV because we -- and our friends -- are finding it harder and harder to get in and out of the car, which is pretty low to the ground. We’re in our 70s.
We are considering either a 2021 Escape Plug-In Hybrid or the electric Mustang SUV. My first car was a 1953 Ford and this will probably be my last car, so I want it to be another Ford. Probably 95% of our driving will be easily within the range to get us back home without having to recharge.
My concern with the all-electric is finding recharging stations when traveling a long distance. At our age, 300 miles is a long distance. What would you recommend? I value your suggestions more than my wife’s, but don’t tell her I said that.
-- Ken

Ken, your wife wrote to us separately and said the exact same thing about you.
First of all, good for both of you for wanting your next car to be environmentally friendly. It can be a tough call whether to go all-electric now. You’d still be a somewhat early adopter. But, on the other hand, lots more electric cars are coming, and coming soon. They’re more environmentally friendly, cheaper to own and maintain, and often quicker and quieter to drive.
I’m going to assume

you’ve driven both the Mustang Mach E and the Escape Plug-In Hybrid and find both of them easy enough to get in and out of. And that you’d feel comfortable driving either car.
The advantage of the plug-in hybrid is that you’ll get many of the benefits of an EV, without any risk of running out of electricity. The Escape Plug-In Hybrid gets an impressive 37 miles of all electric range before its gasoline engine takes over. That’s enough for many people to do a full day’s worth of driving (37 miles a day is more than 13,000 miles a year).
And if most of your driving is around town, doing errands, shopping and trips to the bookie to pay off your gambling debts, Ken, you may find you almost never need to plug in away from home. So you will be driving an EV.
And, the fact is, there are places to plug in at shopping areas and parking garages now. So you would be able to top up, even in day to day driving, if you found it necessary or desirable. Or if you just want to park in those primo spots saved for EVs only.
The plug-in hybrid also has a gasoline engine to back you up, so your total range is about 500 miles. That’s plenty for those long trips, too. So you can think of that as a “starter EV.” The Mustang Mach E is completely electric, and the longest-range version gets between 250 and 300 miles on a full charge. That would be way more

than enough for most of your day to day driving. But would make the 300-mile trips a little more challenging.
If you want to see what longer trips would look like, Ford has put together what it calls the FordPass Charging Network. It’s mostly made up of charging stations by Electrify America and Greenlots but allows you to have one account to cover all those chargers. If you go to <https://tinyurl.com/y2qja39v> you can map out any prospective trip. The map will show you charging stations that are available along the way. Now, there’s no guarantee that they won’t be in use or out of order when you get there. But that’ll give you an idea of how widespread charging stations are right now in your area.
And if you’re not comfortable with that risk, you can always call Enterprise and rent a gasoline-powered barge for the few weekends a year you actually travel 300 miles or more to visit your ungrateful children or your no-good cousin Leonard. Or go with the plug-in hybrid for now and revisit the full EVs when you shop for your next “last car.”
Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.
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Mustang Mach-E takes on gravity, lightning, DNA and more in new science-inspired campaign

DEARBORN, Mich., Feb. 11, 2021 –
Ford debuts the Mustang Mach-E v. Everything campaign, a series of five short films that highlight the strengths of the all-electric Mustang Mach-E in impressive and visually captivating ways.
Why? To help shatter every misconception customers might have about electric vehicles by pitting the all-new Mustang Mach-E against the forces of gravity, lightning, a racing pit crew, DNA and even a rocket.
“Mustang has always been disruptive, and the all-new all-electric Mustang is no different,” said Suzy Deering, chief marketing officer, Ford Motor Company. “We needed a campaign that brought the spirit of Mustang to life in the most compelling, entertaining way possible. And Mustang Mach-E v. Everything does just that.”
The Mustang Mach-E v. Everything name came about in part because of a rise in how customers are searching online. Automotive comparison searches using “versus” have gone up – specifically around electric vehicles – by 64 percent in the past year.
The campaign was developed by creative collaborator BBDO NY and 1stAveMachine directors, Aaron Duffy and Bob Partington, who



are known for their technical approach to filmmaking. The films comprise the following:
• Mustang Mach-E v. Gravity: The torque in the 2021 all-electric Mustang Mach-E is powerful. But is it powerful enough to challenge the laws of gravity? See how the electric pony’s off-the-line performance fares against a falling chandelier.
• Mustang Mach-E v. Rocket Science: The range of the 2021 all-electric Mustang Mach-E is impressive. But what does an impressive range look like? A 12-foot rocket helps visualize the EPA-estimated 300-mile range of the Mustang Mach-E Premium model with available extended-range battery and rear-wheel drive**.
• Mustang Mach-E v. Pit Crew: Over-the-air update capabilities allow the 2021 all-electric Mustang Mach-E to update from almost anywhere. But can they compete with a mobile

pit crew harnessed to the bed of a truck? Only one way to find out.
• Mustang Mach-E v. Lightning: The 2021 all-electric Mustang Mach-E can be charged super-fast. But can it beat the charge of lightning generated from a 12-foot Tesla coil? Find out when the Mustang Mach-E’s impressive DC fast charging capability goes head-to-head with lightning.
• Mustang Mach-E v. DNA: The 2021 all-electric Mustang Mach-E is capable of learning the behaviors and adapting to the preferences of individual drivers. But is it smart enough to tell the difference between identical ones? See what happens when the personalized technology in Mustang Mach-E takes on twins.
• Mustang Mach-E v. Everything goes live on Ford.com and YouTube today. The campaign debuts Sunday, a few days ahead of National Battery Day, with TV and digital placements.



A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Leo.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021:
Giving, intuitive and powerful, you lead an active unconscious life -- thus sleep is very important to you, including dream time. This year, you manifest a dream you have, and it is tremendously successful. Trust yourself. If single, vibrant feelings of passion and a creative spirit lead you to your mate. If attached, astounding spiritual insights develop with your partner this year. You decide to work together. **PISCES** is deeply psychic.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Today encourages you to splurge or take a gamble. Do enjoy some special goodies or luxuries in moderation, but don’t go to extremes. You’ll realize that there is so much to appreciate and be thankful for. Tonight: Catch up with an old lover.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Work out anger issues with family members. Compromise is the solution to domestic conflicts. Your residence might need some maintenance. Patiently work out differences and make much needed repairs. Shop for the best prices. Tonight: A long and arduous family dinner.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Relationships with siblings and neighbors can be demanding. Be patient. Undercurrents and extenuating circumstances are afoot. As the day ends, facts come to light. You’ll be glad that you were understanding and tolerant. Tonight: Allow others to grow and explore.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Old financial obligations or debts are becoming more manageable. You are entering a more promising security cycle. Learn more about financial management. Do not repeat patterns and habits that led to previous disappointments. Tonight: Conversations about monetary matters are enlightening.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is wonderful for study and analysis of all kinds. Social prospects are especially bright. Adorn yourself. Assemble an especially wonderful costume. Much can be accomplished. There is a deeper understanding of your own psyche. Tonight: Any confusion will clear.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a time for rest and reverie, with the Moon in your sector of solitude and subconscious yearnings. Take note of dreams. Answers come from within. Allow nature and wildlife to draw nigh. The natural world offers peace and comfort. Tonight: Quiet time.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Competitors provide inspiration, but take time to relax and regroup if you start to feel pressured. Community involvement will be rewarding. A mission to make the world a better place has appeal. Tonight: Enjoying a renewed appreciation for your cherished friendships.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Career prospects are both interesting and challenging. Innovate; be creative. Combine business with pleasure. Listen

carefully to others. Today indicates that valuable information is offered during social situations and at Zoom meetings. Tonight: Sincerity is the best form of communication.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A deep awareness is present. Your intuition is wonderful. Heed those inner voices, and you’ll be guided toward success. Your energy level will be high, but do quell irritation. It’s especially easy to overreact now. Tonight: Friends are willing to give your career a boost.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your priorities and desires are in flux. It will be a wild but interesting day. Decide what it is that you really want and pursue it. There are endings and beginnings in process. Fate intervenes in plans, so be flexible and observant. Tonight: Relax.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Talented and powerful people are drawing closer to you. The promise of partnerships is very real. You discover much about others and how they feel toward you. Tonight: Keep an open mind and seek the truth, then all will be well.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your work is rewarding and interesting today. You’ll be thinking of how best to manage your time and resources. Needed materials and supplies become available. Communication with the very young or the elderly is excellent. Tonight: Be aware of how old habits come into play.
BORN TODAY
Artist Pierre Auguste Renoir (1841), musician George Harrison (1943), actress Tea Leoni (1966).

Contract Bridge

HIDDEN BENEFIT

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 9 7
♥ Q 4
♦ K 7 6 4 2
♣ A J

WEST

♠ J
♥ J 10 8 6 3
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 10 7 5 2

EAST

♠ 8 2
♥ A 9 7 2
♦ A Q 9
♣ K 9 6 3

SOUTH

♠ K 10 6 5 4 3
♥ K 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q 8 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

When declarer has a choice of two suits to play, he should favor the one from which he might eventually derive some additional benefit, even if his initial hope meets with disappointment.
Consider this deal where South failed to make four spades. East won the opening heart lead with the ace and returned a heart to South’s king.
Declarer drew two rounds of trump ending in his hand and led a club

to the jack, losing to the king. East returned a club to the ace, whereupon South crossed to his hand with a trump, cashed the queen of clubs and led a diamond to the king. When East turned up with the ace, the contract was down one, declarer losing two diamonds, a heart and a club.
While South was unlucky to find both the king of clubs and ace of diamonds offside, he should have made his game. He simply played the wrong suit first.
After drawing trump, declarer should ask himself whether there is any advantage to be derived from playing clubs before diamonds or vice versa. He should reason that if the club finesse loses, he has done nothing to help his cause, but that if the king of diamonds loses to the ace, it might still be possible to establish dummy’s diamonds for club discards.
In the actual deal, if declarer leads a diamond to the king at trick five, the defense is helpless. East wins the trick and can do no better than cash the queen of diamonds and play another diamond, ruffed by South.
When West follows suit to the third diamond, declarer is home free. Dummy’s two remaining diamonds provide a parking place for two of South’s clubs, and the club finesse becomes unnecessary.

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by Steve Becker

Puzzles and

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

Scott Adams



Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



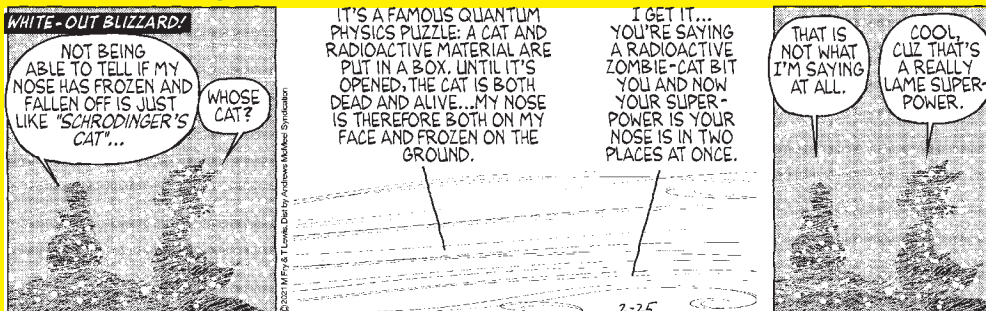
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Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



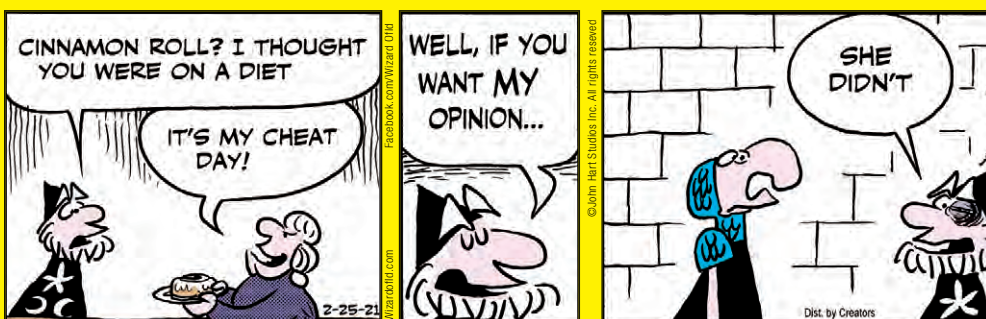
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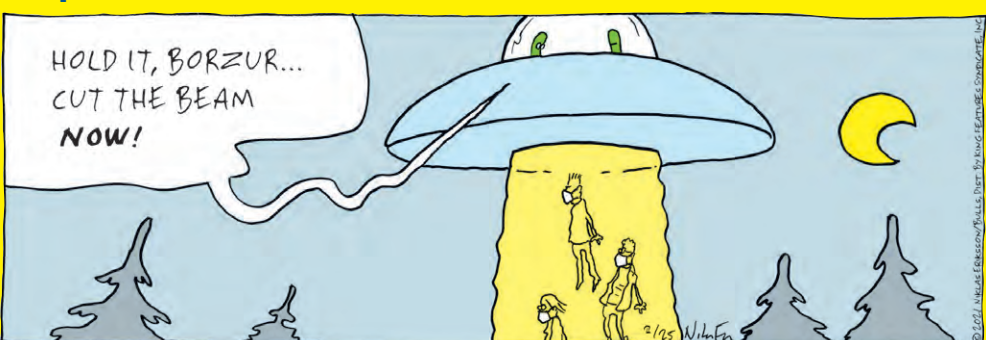
Wizard of Id

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



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 25, 2021

ACROSS

- Dull-colored
- Lumberjack's tool: Var.
- Gather together
- Italian city whose name anagrams to "anise"
- "Star Wars" villain Kylo
- Word before "airplane" or "home"
- "Butt heads"
- Make up (for)
- Grown-ups
- Openly transgender
- Woodwind that uses treble clef
- ___ mortal
- "Architecture or construction"
- Palindromic horn sound
- Did a 10K, say
- Bundle of grain
- Noisy kiss
- Part of a play
- "Something that catches you off guard"
- Source of cash
- Trigonometry ratios
- Extremely angry
- Neurologist's scan, briefly
- Spanish for "this"
- "Evade conviction"
- Adele or Cher, vocally

- Opposite of exo-
- Dress code requirement, at times
- Hosted a show
- Contribute to the mix
- Directly in your path, or a hint to what can precede each starred answer's first word
- Wafer cookie brand
- Summer hrs. on Cape Cod
- School year segments
- Costly
- Pastrami bread
- Pie (popular ice cream bar)
- Palindromic

- The "D" of LED
- Happen repeatedly
- Piece of low art, informally?
- Thai money
- Cry from a pirate
- Noble gas in arc lamps
- Come after
- Physician's org.
- The Supremes' record label
- Chicken (Filipino dish)
- Mister, in Mexico City

- Smooth and glossy
- Shut loudly
- Munch
- Museum's Scandinavian capital
- Flashlight, to a Brit
- "Challenge accepted!"
- Pretend to know what you're doing
- Compensate for
- Org. for mom-and-pop stores
- Like the weather in Florida, often
- Stately tree
- Mrs., in Marseille
- Flummoxed
- Pie mode
- Director's cry
- Casual top
- "Correct!"

- Raised for discussion
- French for "star"
- Raced
- Coffee grinder inputs
- Send a breakup text, say
- Confuse
- Duck with downy feathers
- Like a swamp with many plants
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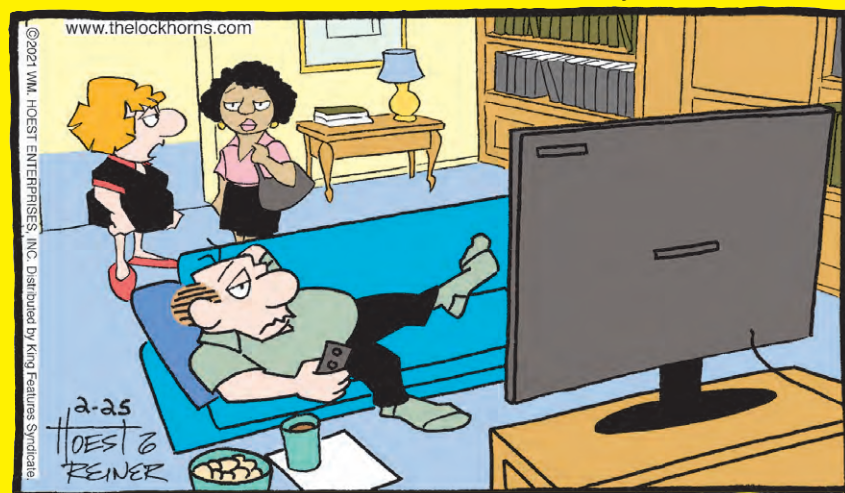
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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"THE APPLE OF MY EYE BECAME THE POTATO OF MY COUCH."

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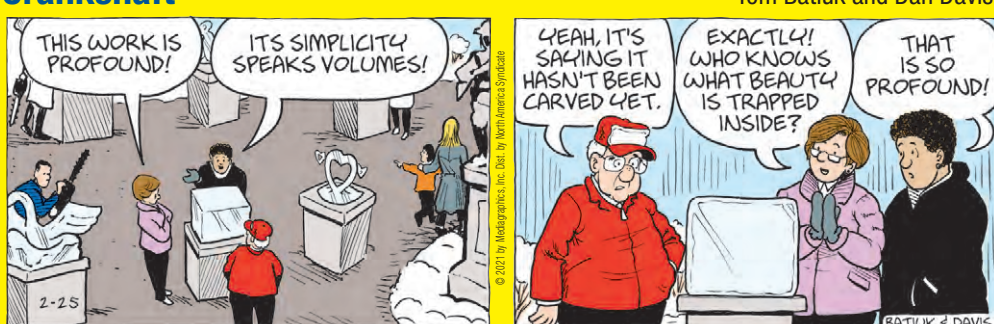


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“With our busy lives, we order so much takeout that we decided to just have a small branch of the restaurant opened up at home.”

Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



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"I'm not buying that the other bowl is for a friend."

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Liggett’s Ian Gudenau takes on Richard’s Jack Waldo at the faceoff dot.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM GEBECK

Knights fall short of CHSL title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Saturday’s CHSL championship game between University Liggett School boys hockey team and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard was as back and forth as a hockey game can be. In a contest that saw the lead change hands four times, it was Gabriel Richard junior Jack Waldo who netted the game-winning goal in the final moment of the third period as the Irish topped the Knights 4-3. “I was proud with the effort for a couple of periods, but not the whole 51 minutes,” said Liggett coach Mike Maltese after the loss. “We need to learn to play three strong periods and string them all together.” The Knights went on top to start the game with a goal by senior Tommy Gebeck 12 minutes into the first period. However, the Irish struck back quickly with goals from Quinton Gove and John Lapinski in the opening moment of period two. With the game tied 3-3 in the third period, the Knights successfully killed off a series of pen-

alties in the late stages of the game. Although the Irish’s eventual game-winner did not come on the power play, Liggett’s penalty troubles may have shifted the momentum at the game’s most crucial time. “They’re not timely penalties,” Maltese said. “They’re never really timely anyways, but it doesn’t really help when we’re trying to go for the win and we’re killing 6 minutes of penalties.” Even with the Knight’s close loss, Maltese said he feels that a game like this will help his team mentally as they prepare for state playoffs later this season. “This was a great game that gets us ready for state playoffs,” Maltese said. “This was a great state playoff-type atmosphere here today. ... I think we’re going to be a stronger team come March because of it.” Up next for the Knights this week is a contest against Woodhaven on Thursday followed by games against Gabriel Richard Riverview and University of Detroit Jesuit in Saturday’s Liggett Showcase.

Undefeated week for Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team has enjoyed three wins in the last week of competition. Victories over Chippewa Valley, Utica Stevenson and Tommy Hessburg all finished with double-digit points. “When we have multiple players score in double digits, we have a

last Tuesday, overcoming a 13-point deficit in the fourth quarter. That victory was followed by another win 71-66 against Utica Stevenson on Thursday. In Thursday’s win, Anthony Benard, Will Johnson, Jacob Harris and Tommy Hessburg all finished with double-digit points. “When we have multiple players score in double digits, we have a

great chance to get a win,” said South coach Steve Benard. “We continue to stress playing fast, sharing the ball and being a strong defensive team.” South’s win against Utica was a particularly big game for Anthony Benard. The sophomore finished with 27 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and six steals. “We knew it was just a matter of time before

Anthony had a breakout game and it came at the right time against Stevenson,” Coach Benard said about the sophomore guard. The third straight win for the Blue Devils came Monday night 69-64 over Utica Ford. Eleven players on the roster scored at least a point for South, with the biggest performance of the night coming as a 17-point, 11-rebound

double-double by senior Tommy Hessburg. One thing that has stood out to Coach Benard during his team’s win streak is increased ball movement. His team recorded a season-high 15 assists in the game against Utica Stevenson, a performance he hopes to keep building on. “I think that with the way the season started with no pre-season or

contact practices, the team was a bit out of sync before the Stevenson game,” he said. “We watched some film and stressed about making the extra pass to open shooters. We have a talented shooting team.” The upcoming stretch of games for South basketball include show-downs against Warren Mott, Dakota and L’Anse Creuse North.



North led from start to finish in Friday’s win over Port Huron.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen victorious over Port Huron

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After opening last week with an overtime victory against rivals Grosse Pointe South, the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team ended the week with another win. Although the Big Reds of Port Huron made it a close game at certain points, the Norsemen held the lead from start to finish in what ended up as a 57-44 win. “When you’ve got kids playing that hard and the other kids coming along with it, it’s fun to watch,” North coach Gary Bennett said after the victory. “I thought we had some nice finishes and some nice moves.” The Norsemen took control of the game from

the very beginning. Freshman Natalie Babcock netted a layup in the first quarter to make North’s opening run 10-0. Bennett was particularly proud of how one of his starting freshmen played Friday. “She was getting her hand on every loose ball that there was,” Bennett said. North’s scoring came from a variety of places in the win, with almost every player on the roster recording at least one point. Three Norsemen players ended the night in double digits. Sophomore Annabell Ayrault had 11, sophomore Sophia Borowski had 10 and senior Meadow Venet led the team with 13. Nearly the opposite can be said for the Big

Reds when it came to offense. Junior Julia Gilbert and senior Morgan James combined for 35 of Port Huron’s 44 points. Even with the victory, Bennett said he believes there’s still plenty of room for improvement as the season rolls along. “I don’t think we defend the ball very well, so I think we need to dig in and not let the ball penetrate,” Bennett said. “We need to learn to read situations when we’re passing and understand that ... you’ve got to counter what the defense is doing to you.” Up next for North girls basketball is a road contest against Dakota on Thursday followed by a rematch with Grosse Pointe South on March 1.



Owen Schaaf with parents Roger, left, and Sara

North All-State swimmer commits to Albion

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As Owen Schaff’s fourth and final season with the Grosse Pointe North High School swim team gets underway, his plans for the future are being set. The 2019-20 All-State honoree has announced his decision to continue his swimming career at Albion College.

“Albion was actually one of the first schools to reach out to me,” Schaff said about his decision. “I was interested in them from the start because they’re a smaller school and they’re relatively close to home ... and they also have so a swim team so that was a major sell-

ing point.”

In addition to his years on the varsity swim team at North, Schaff also has been a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Gators and Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors swim clubs. From his experience swimming for high school and club teams, Schaff always has been encouraged by the support of his various coaches.

“All of them have been pretty big motivators,” he said. “They’ve always pushed me to do my best. Even when I’m not in the greatest mindset, they’ve helped me get through that and do better.”

Schaff has accepted an academic scholarship with Albion, where he

will then join the swim team. His work ethic both in the pool and in the classroom have helped him reach this milestone and should continue to help him through college. Schaff’s mother, Sara, is proud of the hard work she’s seen her son put forth to reach this point.

“He’s maintained a consistent 4.0 average throughout his schooling and he just pushes himself with swimming even when he has a really hard meet,” she said. “... He still pushes through and comes back stronger.”

Schaff will graduate from North in the spring and plans to study biology when he gets to college.



Owen Schaaf is in his fourth year as a Varsity swimmer for North.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF REVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2021 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 22, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor’s office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org, or www.michigan.gov/taxes; Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor’s office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 22, 2021 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00%1.0000
Commercial	52.86%0.9459
Industrial	49.05%1.0194
Residential	44.44%1.1251
Timber-Cutover	50.00%1.0000
Developmental	50.00%1.0000
Personal Property	50.00%1.0000

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk
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North loses OT battle with Crusaders

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Monday night’s boys basketball matchup between Grosse Pointe North and L’Anse Creuse North was a tale of two halves. The Norsemen dominated for much of the first half, but the Crusaders overcame a 13-point halftime deficit to end up victorious in overtime 57-56.

“I think we got a little tired. ... Our intensity was really good in the first half and as a result we took a nice lead,” said North coach Andy Ayrault. “This is probably the best game we played so far. ... It was more of a fatigue thing than anything else.”

The Norsemen were led by sophomore Adam

Ayrault, who helped North jump out to an early lead, scoring 10 of the team’s first 12 points. Ayrault finished the game with 25 points, his biggest bucket being a three-pointer with 15 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game at 49 and force OT.

Ayrault’s 25 points led all scorers, with senior teammate Jordan Shepherd adding 21. Coach Ayrault knows this duo’s performance is key for his team’s offense.

“When they’re not hitting shots, we’ve got big trouble,” he said. “Both of them are probably our top scorers. ... We need them to do that, then the other guys need to fill in spots to get extra baskets and crash

the boards.”

Ayrault’s three-pointer forced overtime and in the extra period, a layup by Shepherd tied things and 56-56. However, it was a successful free-throw attempt by L’Anse Creuse North’s Charles Riley in the final seconds of OT that decided the game.

Despite North’s close loss, Coach Ayrault believes he saw improvement from his squad on Monday night.

“Our shooting was a lot better and I thought we were sharing the ball a lot better and our defensive intensity was very high,” he said.

Upcoming for the Norsemen are games against Chippewa Valley, Henry Ford II and Warren Mott.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North senior Jordan Shepherd finished with 21 points.

MHSAA sets date for spring sports

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has released a start date for spring high school sports. In a press release Monday, the MHSAA announced spring sports can begin practices March 22, with competition starting March 26.

In the press release,

M H S A A Communications Director Geoff Kimmerly said the schedule changes were made to accommodate the later end of this year’s winter sports season. Kimmerly said the changes to the calendar should relieve pressure on indoor athletic facilities and athletes transitioning from winter to spring sports.

With the beginning of

the spring season pushed back slightly, the MHSAA is keeping the originally scheduled tournament dates for spring sports. State finals in baseball, softball and girls soccer will conclude June 19.

Member schools played a role in the association’s decision to adjust the spring calendar.

“The council based its decision in part on feedback from a survey of MHSAA member high schools, which saw 74 percent favoring a delay in spring sports activity of at least one week,” Kimmerly stated in the release.

The return to competition next month will have been long-awaited by players, coaches and parents after the 2020 spring sports season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Spring teams currently are allowed to hold general conditioning and other off-season training programs like open gym. According to the MHSAA’s statement, these activities are allowed to continue through March 21.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL:

Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session for reviewing the 2021 Assessment Roll. Sessions will be held by video (Zoom) and telephone conference in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services restrictions on indoor gatherings and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Resolution adopted November 16, 2020, establishing rules for remote attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as amended. This notice is being provided to ensure that those wishing to participate in the meeting have an opportunity to do so.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2021, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-2435. Information to appear by Zoom will be posted on the date of the scheduled appointment at <http://www.gpwmi.us/aboutus/communityCalendar.html>. Resident taxpayers must appear or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

Tentative State Equalized Factors:

Commercial property	1.000
Industrial property	1.000
Residential property	1.000
Personal property	1.000

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Eric Dunlap
Assessor



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The University Liggett Knights are 5-0-0 to start the season.

Liggett girls hockey team remains undefeated

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

It was another exciting and undefeated week for girl’s high school hockey in Grosse Pointe.

After having a week off of practice for midwinter break, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils came back strong Sunday, Feb. 21, for a 5-1 win over the Livonia Knights at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. Senior Kamryn Shocker scored four of the five goals for the Blue Devils. Senior goaltender Peyton Steinhebel saw 25 shots. The Blue Devils currently are in third place in the league with a 3-1-0 record. Head Coach Hailee Craig believes her team is taking the right steps forward and improving where it is needed.

“We are excited to keep building on our progress,” she said.

The University Liggett Knights had a busy week with three games. The first was a high-scoring 9-5 win over Ann Arbor Huron-Skyline at Veterans Memorial Ice Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Liggett sophomore Morgan Hamilton scored a hat trick for her team. Other Liggett goals were scored by Giuliana Lufty (1), Natalia Dragovic (2), Elle Quinlan (1), Sofie Ancona (1) and Ava Jacob (1).

The Knights’ next game was played at home at McCann Ice Arena on Friday, Feb. 19, against the Livonia

Knights. The final score was 6-1 with goals from Ancona (2), A.C. Doppke (2), Gabrielle Anusbigian (1) and Kendall Zinn (1).

The Knights kept their undefeated streak alive the following evening with an 8-0 win over Brighton-Howell-Hartland. Liggett goals were scored by Guiliana Lufty (1), Quinlan (2), Madeline McKee (1), Emmalyn Stahl (1), Hamilton (2) and Jacob (1).

“Our girls had a good weekend with impressive wins,” said Liggett head coach Greg Paddison. “Offensively, we have all three of our top lines hitting on all cylinders and when our depth players are getting into the game, they’re making the most of their opportunities.

“Defensively, we’ve gotten a bit careless at times with players getting tunnel vision on the offensive side of the puck, but our goalies, Brooklyn Peshl and Logan Merriweather, have been up to the task when they’ve been called upon.”

Paddison said he is proud of how well-rounded and unselfish his team is playing this season.

“Through only five games, every Knights’ player has recorded at least one point and 17 different Knights have found the back of the net.”

The Knights currently stand undefeated, holding the first-place spot in

the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League with a record of 5-0-0.

When asked if there were any standout players on his team, Paddison applauded his newest additions to the squad.

“Freshman Elle Quinlan seems to only have two speeds: fast and faster,” he said. “Freshman Sofie Ancona is an absolute force with the puck on her stick and freshman A.C. Doppke has also been a very pleasant surprise, constantly finding herself in the right place at the right time and generating several high-quality scoring opportunities.”

Paddison complimented a number of his players when talking about the season thus far. He said he feels the coaching staff is seeing a well-rounded team, one where each player contributes and buys into their role.

The Knights will attempt to keep their first-place spot in upcoming games versus the Northville Mustangs Feb. 24, Grosse Pointe North Feb. 26, and Plymouth-Canton-Salem Feb. 27.

The Grosse Pointe North Norsemen also play Troy United on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Troy Sports Center. Grosse Pointe South takes on the Northville Mustangs on Sunday, Feb. 28, at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

Woods native is versatile star at Parkway Christian

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In the midst of his senior season with the varsity basketball team at Parkway Christian School in Sterling Heights, Grosse Pointe Woods native John Stricker is getting noticed for his athletic talents. As one of the standouts for the Eagles basketball team, Stricker has the unique ability to play anywhere on the floor.

“I’ve played all five different positions at one point on varsity before,” Stricker said. “I’m primarily a shooting guard. ... The best aspects of my game, I would say, are shooting three-pointers and driving to the basket.”

Stricker’s basketball coach at Parkway Christian, Steve Hammel, knows that having a talented athlete with such a diverse skill set is a major boost to his team.

“He’s one of those kids who puts himself in a position to make things happen. ... I play this kid at point guard, small forward and cen-

ter just depending on what we’re doing at the time,” Hammel said.

According to Hammel, Stricker is averaging about 26 points per game this season and shooting around 38 percent from beyond the three-point line. In addition to being able to play multiple positions on the court, Stricker’s athletic talents extend beyond basketball. Stricker has been the starting quarterback for the Eagles’ football team the past two seasons.

“He’s smart and he understands the game and he did that with football, too,” Hammel said about Stricker’s multi-sport success. “His coach trusted him to run everything through him. ... He’s going to be successful where he goes no matter what.”

Stricker began his senior season with a 32-point and 11-rebound double-double performance in the Eagles’ season opener Feb. 8. In the shortened basketball season, he has scored

at least 20 points three times already. Stricker said his hard work during the uncertain off-season has helped with his strong start.

“I ate a lot healthier to help stay in shape. I went running and weight lifted a lot,” Stricker said. “Even though it was cold, I would practice in my driveway because we have a basketball hoop, so I would get shots up and make sure my shot was still there.”

When it comes to the future, Stricker is considering his options while being recruited by both basketball and football programs at certain schools. He recently made a basketball recruiting visit to Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids. With the future still open, Stricker is more focused on finishing his high school career strong.

“I’ve made three specific goals that I want this season,” Stricker said. “I want our team to win the conference, then I want to be conference MVP and make all-state for Class D.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE HAMMEL

During his three seasons of varsity basketball, John Stricker has played every position.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, at their meeting held February 22, 2021, declared a vacancy in the office of Council and an appointment procedure has been established. All interested and qualified members of the community are invited to apply to fill the vacancy until the term expires at the next regular general election, November 2, 2021.

To be considered for the appointment, submit a resume, letter of interest, and other materials by March 25, 2021, at 4 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications may be emailed to Lisa Kay Hathaway, City Clerk, at lhathaway@gpwmichigan.us, placed in the City’s drop box or mailed USPS to:

Lisa Kay Hathaway, City Clerk
Attn: City Council Vacancy
20025 Mack Plaza
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to appointment;
- Be a qualified and registered voter of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods;
- Not be delinquent on City property taxes or other City bills or be in default to any state agency.

Applicants should include qualifications, skills, and experiences that demonstrate leadership, such as service on governing boards, service organizations, or committees. An applicant may submit supporting documents, however, none are required. A person may not simultaneously serve as a Council Member and hold a second public office that is incompatible with the office of Council.

G.P.N.: Publishing Date 02/25/21

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2021 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
March 15, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

APPEAL HEARINGS
March 15, 2021 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 16, 2021 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor’s Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer and done by a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor’s office. Written petitions must be received by the end of day Tuesday, March 16, 2021 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the “Open Meetings Act”.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor’s Office at (313) 885-5800.

GPN: February 26, March 5, March 12, 2021

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2021 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting
March 9, 2021 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings
March 9, 2021 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 23, 2021 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. In person hearings are by appointment only and write in petitions will be accepted. COMPLETED 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS (L-4035 FORMS) ARE NECESSARY, and must be filled out entirely prior to your appointment or petition drop off. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by a taxpayer representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor’s office. Written petitions must be received by the Assessor’s office end of day Tuesday, March 23, 2021 to be reviewed by the Board. **Postmarks are not accepted.**

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor’s Office at (313) 822-6200.

GPN: February 18, February 25 and March 4, 2021

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FEBRUARY 26TH AND 27TH
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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