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	Cases	Deaths
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Harper Woods	734 (+11)	42 (+0)

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Last Main Street ED selected

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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Senior citizens in the Grosse Pointes are last among residents of east-side suburbs being offered vaccinations through Wayne County. Grosse Pointe Shores is at the tail end.

“We’ve always been a donor community to Wayne County,” Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. “I think they see us as people having substantial resources so, therefore, they don’t feel a need to provide us with as much as other communities.”

True, at least in this case, as shown by the Pointes’ stacked nearly head-to-toe at the bottom of the Social Vulnerability Index, compiled from census data.

“This index is used all across the county for health studies,” said Tim Killeen, Wayne County commissioner representing the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit. “It looks at things like health data. In general, people 75 years old living in Detroit have poorer health than someone 75 living in the Grosse Pointes.”

The index’s 15 criteria are sorted into four categories: socioeconomic status, family composition,

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Willcock to lead revitalization efforts

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the next step toward revitalization of The Village, the Main Street Grosse Pointe Board hired an executive director Monday to lead the organization. Cindy

Willcock previously was the deputy director for the Ferndale Downtown Development Authority and brings more than a decade of Main Street experience.

After being selected into the Michigan Main Street program in June, the City soon will enter a five-year period of intensive technical assistance featuring revitalization strategies to attract business investment,

economic growth and job creation in The Village.

“Despite the challenges that the past year has brought,” Willcock said in a press release, “I believe the future is bright for The Village. I’m looking forward to working with the board, businesses and the community to help make sure the district remains the central destination to shop, dine, work, live and play in Grosse Pointe.”

Noted for her ability to connect people and organizations and bring them together to serve the community, Willcock holds certification in Community Transformation and Leadership Development from the Main Street America Institute and aided in Ferndale winning the Great American Main Street award during her tenure.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Welcome back!

Monteith Elementary School teacher Susan Howey’s students work on their tablets, with masks and behind shields. Howey currently has a class of 16 students, whereas normally she would have had around 24 students. This week, kindergarten through fourth grade students are returning to face-to-face learning; fifth through 12th graders will return to full-time, face-to-face learning March 15.

“Today was a very exciting day for Monteith,” Principal Shelleyann Keelan said. “We all had the first day of school butterflies getting ready for cohort A and B to see each other for the first time this year in person. Our staff has worked so hard to prepare for this day and it has gone so well and we know there are big smiles under those masks.”

New parking app arrives

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As a coinless and no-touch method of paying for parking, the City has implemented a new parking app that allows payment via smartphone.

Available from Google Play and the Apple app store, Passport Parking is now available everywhere within the city apart from the municipal parking structure.

To use the application, look for a Passport sign on the nearest light pole and enter the parking zone number to begin a session.

“The zone number corresponds to the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The City recently implemented the Passport Parking app.

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Late fees waived

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — At a meeting Monday, March 1, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved a proposal by city Clerk Lisa Hathaway to waive late fees associated with business license renewals for 2020.

Out of around 287 businesses, 29 businesses were unable to pay their renewal fee on time to meet the April 1, 2020, deadline. This results in a \$100 late fee as required by city code, section

10-22e, doubling the cost of the renewal to make the transaction a total of \$200.

Hathaway emphasized the importance of up-to-date business licenses for safety purposes. The department of public safety uses business licenses for information regarding emergency contacts, alarms and more. Because many businesses are located inside buildings attached to other businesses, Hathaway explained, business license renewal

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Charles “Chip” Berschback

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Former city attorney sets sights on judgeship



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Riney named chairman of Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation

The Parade Company recently announced Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert G. Riney, president of healthcare operations and chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health System, as its new chairman of the board of directors for the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation.

“Bob is a remarkable leader and plays a significant role in our community,” said Tony Michaels, president and CEO of The Parade Company. “We are proud to have him as our new chairman given his extraordinary commitment to our



Robert G. Riney

foundation and true understanding of America’s Thanksgiving Parade, presented by Gardner-White, the Ford Fireworks and what

these traditions mean to our city, region and state. I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to Dan Loepp, our immediate past chair and president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.”

“A m e r i c a ’ s Thanksgiving Parade, the Ford Fireworks and all of the other events sponsored by the foundation, with the participation and support of thousands of volunteers and community groups, bring joy to millions of people each year,” Riney said. “It is an honor to be named chairman of the Michigan Thanksgiving

Day Parade Foundation and to contribute to the legacy of family entertainment and community engagement that are the hallmark of the foundation’s events.”

Riney and Henry Ford Health System have been longtime supporters of The Parade Company. Unveiled in 2018, Henry Ford Health System’s float, “Path to Wellness,” is now one of the remarkable floats in America’s Thanksgiving Parade presented by Gardner-White. Henry Ford Health System debuted its first float in 2015 to celebrate its 100-year anniversary.

Riney was appointed chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health System in 2003 and president of healthcare operations/COO in 2017. In this role, Riney oversees all hospital and service operations for the six-hospital health system consisting of more than 60 clinical locations, 30,000 employees and annual revenues of \$6 billion. In addition, Riney is responsible for corporate information technology, corporate facilities and security, international strategies and the system chief nursing office. Riney is a passionate

contributor to the overall quality of the community as well as his profession and he often is sought out for input on major community strategic issues. His current board and community roles include board member, Nemours Foundation; board member, past chair, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; board member, Detroit Zoological Society; board member, M1 Rail Transit Authority; chairman, board of directors, The Parade Company; and board member, Hudson-Webber Foundation.

Farrow named president, CEO of Central City Integrated Health

Central City Integrated Health recently announced Dr. Kimberly Farrow has been appointed president and CEO of the Detroit-based nonprofit, effective immediately. She was named as interim president and CEO in October 2019. The announcement was made by CCIH Board Chairman Alfonso Bermea, who said the organization chose to maintain her leadership based on strong gains made in 2020.

“We have full confidence in Dr. Farrow’s ability to provide strong leadership at CCIH for the long haul,” Bermea said. “She has been an extremely effective leader for the past year, growing our integrated health services and



Dr. Kimberly Farrow

expanding partnerships to benefit the community, even during the most difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. We can think of no one else who would be a better fit to lead us in our strategic efforts to improve the health and well-being of Detroit’s most vulnerable populations.”

Farrow, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, joined CCIH in 2016 as chief medical officer and vice president of clinical operations until being named in her interim role. Her vision for CCIH — which works to provide high-quality health care and housing for all residents regardless of socio-economic status — is to grow the nonprofit’s integrated care model to maximize benefit to the public.

“We really have a diverse set of services we provide to the community and we will be leveraging the fact that we are the only local Federally Qualified Health Center that can provide primary care, dental care, behavioral care, housing support and employment support,” Farrow said. “The goal is to turn CCIH into a national model for integrated care. Every person who enters our doors has access to our full menu of care services and all their needs can be addressed in real time, without having to come back through multiple visits. It’s service on demand.”

During her time as

interim president and CEO, Farrow implemented a strategic plan to improve the nonprofit’s financial situation. This included the sale of real estate holdings to help pay off debt and set the stage for a more positive financial path forward.

Another key part of Farrow’s next steps will be to continue and grow key partnerships in the community. The organization currently partners with numerous agencies on various projects and programs. These partnerships occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, a situation that created significant barriers she had to navigate successfully, such as securing the necessary personal protective equipment to keep CCIH staff safe. Due to Farrow’s efforts, CCIH has been able to secure more than \$1.1 million in funding and has hosted regular events offering COVID-19 and antibody testing to thousands of Michigan residents, often in partnership with local faith-based institutions.

“Partnerships are criti-

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Ascension Michigan appoints Johnson to key leadership role

Ascension Michigan recently named Shanna Johnson as the chief operating officer of Ascension St. John Hospital and Ascension River District Hospital.



Shanna Johnson

Cecilia Rutherford was selected as vice president of nursing for Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital.

Both leaders have years of extensive leadership experience in the healthcare industry, serving for both local and national healthcare organizations.

Johnson is a seasoned executive leader with more than 15 years of experience. She comes to Ascension Michigan from Trinity Health at Home, a member of Trinity Health, where she served as senior executive director the past two years. Prior to that, Johnson was vice president of Service Excellence and Imaging Services at Beaumont Hospital. Her professional experience also includes leadership roles with Henry Ford Health

System, Orchard’s Children’s Services and University Health Services Pharmacy.

In collaboration with the hospitals’ executive

leadership team, Johnson will be responsible for formulating and overseeing strategic planning for both hospitals, as well as operations and policies and practices. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a Master of Health Services degree in administration from the University of Michigan.

“Shanna Jonson is a transformational leader with a proven track record for improving organizational quality and the patient experience,” said Kevin Grady M.D., president of Ascension St. John Hospital and Ascension River District Hospital. “Her commitment to collaborating with various teams will help push our mission, vision and values forward.”

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parking rates,” City Manager Pete Dame explained. “The parking rates differ on Kercheval compared to parking lots, and different parking lots (also) are different rates than others.”

As an incentive for new users, the City is offering \$1 off their first parking session. Upon entering any Grosse Pointe zone into the app, first-time users will be offered the complimentary discount by using the validation code 1DOLLAR.

While the City’s previous parking app option, ParkMobile, will continue to work, Passport boasts some improvements. Most notably, users of Passport will not get charged for each session extension as ParkMobile users do.

Instead, there is a one-time convenience charge of 25 cents — the convenience charge for ParkMobile is 35 cents — and there are no additional charges no matter how many times the session is extended.

“ParkMobile hasn’t been widely adopted,” Dame explained, “so we

were looking for something that people would use more frequently.”

In the future, Passport also will be integrated with Google Maps.

“If you’re coming from outside of the City and you’re looking for a place to park, it will point to places to park,” Dame said, “and you can pay through your Google Maps application by using Passport.”

A step-by-step guide on how to use the Passport parking app may be found on the city’s website — grossepointecity.org — under the parking section.

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is important for peace of mind, as well.

“(The licenses) help reassure the other businesses that everybody’s doing what they’re supposed to be doing for safety’s sake,” Hathaway said.

Due to struggles through COVID-19, council approved waiving the late fee altogether for businesses unable to meet the 2020 deadline.

In fairness to the other Woods businesses, the 29 businesses that failed to

meet the 2020 deadline must renew their 2020 business license as well as their 2021 business license by the April 1, 2021, deadline.

“I greatly appreciate the city council approving this just as a small token of appreciation for the businesses,” Hathaway said.

J&J vaccine gets FDA emergency use approval

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

After receiving emergency use approval from the Federal Drug Administration Saturday, Feb. 27, the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine has become the third COVID-19 vaccination available in the country. As of press time and according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 82,700 doses of the vaccine were expected to begin arriving in Michigan on Wednesday and then be shipped to local health departments and hospitals. The J&J doses create

an approximately 50 percent increase of COVID-19 vaccine supply to the state, reported Usamah Mossallam, M.D., MBA, emergency medicine physician and vice president and medical director of International Initiatives at Henry Ford Health System. Authorized for individuals age 18 and older, the J&J vaccine only requires one dose and can be stored at normal refrigeration temperatures, which will make widespread dissemination throughout the state and country considerably easier. “After a thorough analysis of the data, the FDA’s scientists and physicians

have determined that the vaccine meets the FDA’s expectations for safety and effectiveness appropriate for the authorization of a vaccine for emergency use,” said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, in the Saturday press release. “With today’s authorization, we are adding another vaccine in our medical toolbox to fight this virus. At the same time, the American people can be assured of the FDA’s unwavering commitment to public health through our comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the data submitted for vaccines to

prevent COVID-19.” An ongoing randomized, placebo-controlled study conducted in the U.S., Mexico, South Africa and some of South America, within which 19,630 participants received the vaccine and 19,691 received saline placebo, has found the vaccine was approximately 67 percent effective at least 14 days after vaccination and 66 percent effective at least 28 days after vaccination in preventing moderate to severe/critical COVID-19. When it comes to preventing strictly severe/critical COVID-19, the study showed approximately 77 percent effi-

cacy at least 14 days after vaccination and 85 percent efficacy at least 28 days after vaccination. “This vaccine is not only highly effective against severe disease in the United States, but was also highly effective against the highly transmissible South African variant that is now showing up in the United States,” said Paul Kilgore, M.D., MPH, one of the co-principal investigators of the J&J trial at Henry Ford that began in November, and an associate professor and director of research in the Department of Pharmacy at Wayne State University, in a press release. “It is 100 percent effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths and is also equally effective across all races, including whites, African Americans and Hispanics.” The most commonly reported side effects — most were mild to moderate in severity, lasting one to two days — were pain at the injection site,

headache, fatigue, muscle aches and nausea. More data is needed, according to the FDA, before it can be determined how long the vaccine will provide protection or whether it prevents transmission of COVID-19 from person to person. Additional trials are ongoing regarding the efficacy of a two-shot regimen of the J&J vaccine. Henry Ford is a Phase 3 trial site and currently is enrolling volunteers age 60 and older through the Henry Ford website. With the introduction of a third vaccine, officials are cautioning against the idea of “vaccine shopping” for what one may consider the best vaccine, because of the limited supply. “The best vaccine for anyone to take is the first one that is available to them,” Kilgore said. “They all prevent severe disease, hospitalizations and death, and that is the key to controlling this pandemic.”



Sworn in

Grosse Pointe Park held a swearing-in ceremony for its newest public safety officer, Esho Matty, Monday, Feb. 22. Matty, who is originally from Iraq, begins his fire academy training in March for 10 weeks and will return to Grosse Pointe Park to work with a field training officer for training. PSO Esho Matty is sworn in by Jane Blahut, Grosse Pointe Park city treasurer and clerk. Interim Chief Jim Bostock watches the ceremony.

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State property tax poverty exemption altered

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Changes impacting how local units, boards of review and assessors handle the state property tax poverty exemption beginning with the 2021 tax year are making their way before city councils and township boards. The exemption offers relief from a portion of property taxes when a property owner meets guidelines under the poverty exemption statute MCL 211.7u and the changes come with a requirement for localized adoption. “This is really codifying what we have already been doing,” Farms Director of Finance and Operations

Debra Peck Lichtenberg said, “and making it more transparent and more available to our residents who may be eligible for a reduction in their taxes.” Following the Public Act 253 of 2020, signed into law Dec. 23, the State Tax Commission recently issued these guidelines for implementation including adoption by city councils of updated policy, guidelines and application forms, which should then be posted on the city website. “This is really the only subject that’s not done uniformly throughout the state of Michigan,” explained Doug Shaw, managing partner of WCA Assessing, the assessing firm for the five Pointes. “Everybody had different applica-

tions and policies and procedures, so ... this is a great opportunity to start getting everybody uniform, so that way taxation’s the same throughout the state of Michigan.” The main change Michigan communities individually can decide on is the income threshold for a qualifying applicant. With the majority of communities going by the previous year’s federal poverty standards, Shaw said, the Grosse Pointes each have chosen the same route. Therefore, the income of the household must be less than the poverty threshold for the number of persons within the household. Under 2020’s guidelines, the poverty threshold is \$12,760 for one person

and goes up by \$4,480 for each additional person in the household. Along the same lines, maximum asset holdings also are set at federal poverty guidelines, where total assets, apart from the income and home, cannot exceed the threshold for the number of persons in the household. While communities previously used a formula to determine the reduction, the new legislation only allows for 100 percent, 50 percent or 25 percent reduction options. Using the average reduction for the past three years in several communities, all five Pointes also have now established a 50 percent reduction factor across the board. See TAX, page 8A

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Infrastructure Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Planning & Visual Merchandising Best Practices Workshop with Bob Gibbs, 6 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communications Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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“We are pleased to have found such an experienced professional who will help us execute the Main Street plan,” said Sheila Tomkowiak, mayor and member of the executive committee that spearheaded the search on behalf of the Main Street Board, in the press release. “This is the first time we have had a full-time professional dedicated to The Village. We are confident Cindy will work well with property and business own-

ers, the City and the larger Grosse Pointe community to create a renewed vitality in the district.” With an executive director now leading the charge, Main Street Grosse Pointe will be working with experts at National Main Street Center and Michigan Main Street in the coming weeks to develop a community transformation identification strategy, which will guide the program’s efforts. Stakeholder meetings, which will provide key insights to developing said strategy, are set to

begin later this month, followed by a virtual community visioning session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, when residents, officials and business owners will have the opportunity to share ideas for improving The Village. “We’re going to do a lot of work,” Willcock said, “but we’re going to have a lot of fun when we do it.” City Manager Pete Dame has served as acting executive director for the Main Street Board up until this point. “This entire process

that is almost coming up on two years, Pete has supported us as our acting executive director (and) has done a lot of behind-the-scenes work,” Board Chair Kasey Malley said. “His role was pretty big in this whole thing, so I just can’t say enough about how much we appreciate (him) always being there and doing what we needed to get us to this place.” Those interested can learn more about Main Street Grosse Pointe and how to get involved on the City’s website, grossepointecity.org.

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Family, resilience and pursuing your own life

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Charles “Chip” Berschback learned the importance of family, resilience and pursuing his own life at a young age, though he said it did not feel that way.

When Berschback was just six months old, his father died suddenly of a heart attack at age 42, leaving Berschback’s mother a widow in charge of parenting seven children.

“She (would be) working and trying to raise seven children,” Berschback said. He remembered her being up late at night taking care of everyone’s laundry after a full day of working.

Eleven years later, his mother died of a neurological disorder.

With three boys younger than 18 still in the family home, Berschback’s sister moved back to the Park for a few years to act as guardian to her siblings, bringing with her her own three children who were still in diapers. After her husband was transferred for a job, another brother moved into the house to act as Berschback’s guardian until he turned 18.

“The beautiful thing of the story, in spite of the sadness of all that, our family really kind of hung together and has always since,” Berschback said. “I felt like I had a normal childhood and even in my grade school and high school days, I didn’t want for anything, thanks to my sister and my brother.”

When Berschback was a teenager, he started a small lawn service in Grosse Pointe.

“By the time I was a teenager and cutting lawns, if I needed any kind of spending money at all, I had to make it myself,” he said.

Not only did he need the lawn service for spending money, but he used the money he made cutting lawns, coupled with a caretaking gig, to



COURTESY PHOTOS

Chip Berschback, with his wife, Suzy, and daughters, Maddie and Charlotte.

put himself through college and law school.

Berschback moved to Ann Arbor when he was 18 to attend the University of Michigan, where he opted for a pre-law track, majoring in American history and minoring in political science. Though he thought about being a pilot or an architect in high school, when he attended college he knew law was a good path for him.

“I thought that it was a good profession to become self-sufficient, earn a good living, but still have free time,” Berschback said. “So it was a nice balance.”

Berschback’s understanding of a need for self-sufficiency did not fall off in college. Because he was putting himself through his studies, he missed out on many college extracurricular activities to work.

“I would come home on the weekends and cut lawns,” Berschback said. “I went to as many football games as possible, but I missed many of them because I was coming home and working.”

Berschback graduated from the University of Michigan in 1979. He went on to study at Wayne State’s law school and graduated with the class of 1983.

Upon graduating, Berschback worked as the Michigan Court of Appeals prehearing

attorney from 1983 to 1984, followed by a stint as the Michigan Supreme Court law clerk for Justice Michael Cavanaugh from 1984 to 1986, and the Grosse Pointe Shores public defender. In 1987, he declined an offer from one of the largest law firms in Michigan to pursue starting his own private practice.

“Having clerked for the Michigan Supreme Court, I was fortunate enough to be able to interview with some of the big firms in Michigan, which, interestingly enough, had always been one of my goals,” Berschback said.

He said when the offer to work at a big firm was staring him in the face, he realized that was not necessarily what he wanted.

“I always wanted to be

my own boss, because I had been in charge of my own destiny since high school,” Berschback said. So, he started a private practice in 1987, which he still works with today.

In 2001, Berschback’s older brother, Don, was hired as the city attorney and prosecutor for the Woods. Berschback became his assistant. The city became the pair’s biggest client and, after his brother retired a few years ago, Berschback stayed on as city attorney and prosecutor for the Woods.

After working for the city almost 20 years, Berschback stepped down at the end of 2020 and looks to fulfill a position he has dreamed about: running for judge in his hometown.

Judge Matthew Rumora, the current

judge of the Farms and Shores, is set to step down from the position due to statutory age limitations, leaving the judgeship in both communities up for a new candidate.

“I never was interested in being a Wayne County circuit court judge,” Berschback said. “What interests me ... is being a part-time judge in my hometown, which I’ve lived in since 1987. It gives you a chance to make a difference in people’s lives and hopefully it’ll give me an opportunity to do that. It’s a way to continue to be involved in my community and hopefully give back.”

Berschback’s interest in becoming a judge stems from his active engagement in the community. He has been involved in the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Berschback met his wife, Suzy, at a Halloween party at the Hunt Club. They bought a house in the Farms a year before they got married, fixed it up and moved in after they were married in 1987. They raised two daughters in the house and still live there today.

Aside from the career he has built himself, Berschback enjoys spending time with family, traveling, boating, biking, golfing and reading.

Berschback said his childhood — the sadness the family faced but overcame through supporting each other — taught him just how important family and resiliency are throughout life.

“It taught me the importance of family,” Berschback said. “It taught me to be resilient. It taught me that you have to make your own life.

“Life is short; make the most of it.”



Berschback and his mentor and friend, Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanaugh.



Smiling members of a Berschback family reunion.

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cal to improving and enriching the services we provide and help us keep

our ears to the streets about what’s most needed in the community right now,” Farrow said. “Knowing the needs of the community allows us to update our care model to meet these concerns, whether it be winter coats or community housing.”

A graduate of the

University of Notre Dame and Wayne State University School of Medicine, Farrow also has been a physician at Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University since 2009. Prior to joining CCIH in 2016, Farrow served as medical director and CEO at Detroit East

Health Service. She also served as medical director at Salvation Army Harbor Light of Southeastern Michigan.

Farrow is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians, a Hope of Detroit Academy board member and Michigan

Primary Care Association Leadership Committee member.

She was recognized by Wayne State University/DMC for Outstanding Patient Care in General Ambulatory Practice; received a Leadership Award from Payne-Pullman for Outstanding Community Service; was

2019 Michigan Primary Care Association Clinician of the Year; and earned the Detroit Wayne County Authority Health 2020 Best of the Health Net Award. In her career, she has successfully obtained funding for research worth more than \$9.4 million in grant support.

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tion and disability, minority status and language minority and, lastly, housing type and transportation.

Within those fields are factored poverty rates, age distributions, housing density, transportation access and more.

The higher the index, the worse off the city. In Wayne County, Ecorse is at the top, meaning worst rating wise, at .9220. The Shores is best at .0402. No Pointe rates above

.1231 (the Woods). Harper Woods is .6571.

“We have three health systems within close proximity of the Grosse Pointes,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said. “Our vaccination rate may be higher due to our proximity to three major hospitals.”

To compartmentalize vaccine distribution to 182,443 senior citizens among the county’s nearly 1,100,000 residents, excluding Detroit, which has its own health department and COVID program, the county is sectioned into four

regions of roughly equal senior populations.

“In each region — not across the whole county — you rank cities from the highest to lowest index,” Killeen said. “Whoever has the highest index in that region goes first for vaccinations. The idea is to get to the most vulnerable first. Everybody wants to be first in line. But this is a plan to get to the 65-plus crowd that has great vulnerability to the virus.”

Of 96,375 doses the county received for distribution sans Detroit, 44,625 doses went to hos-

pitals and 51,750 were marked for residents. The latter figure represents nearly 5 percent of Wayne’s non-Detroit population. Figures come from the county website’s COVID-19 vaccine dashboard.

The Pointes have a combined 65-and-older population of 8,857, according to county data.

Other options

Seniors can get vaccinated through a health system, Rite Aid and Meijer stores or wait for their municipality’s invitation for treatment when

supplied by the county health department.

“I registered a month ago with Wayne County as an essential worker,” Kedzierski said. “They told me they’d contact me in five to eight days. I went on Beaumont’s site. I registered at Henry Ford (Health System) and Meijer. Quickly, Beaumont called. I got my first vaccination at Beaumont Oakwood. Then Meijer called. I still haven’t heard back from Wayne County.”

His sister lives in Macomb County. “She went to Macomb

Community College and has both of her shots,” Kedzierski said.

Ditto with at least a couple people Kedzierski knows living on Fairlake Lane in the small section of the Shores contained by Macomb County.

“They had shots care of Macomb Community Health Department,” he said.

Killeen said part of Wayne’s delay is a vaccine shortage.

“The supply chain is as slow as molasses,” he said. “It’s not going to be a smooth process until we get more vaccines.”

City of Grosse Pointe

Unlocked invitation

An unlocked vehicle in a driveway in the 400 block of Washington Road was the site of an attempted larceny between 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and 5 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

While nothing was taken, the owner found the center console open and his belongings placed on the driver’s seat.

Handing over the keys

Also in the 400 block of Washington Road, a vehicle was stolen between 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

The vehicle was unlocked with the keys possibly inside and it is believed the suspect may be the same person who attempted larceny in the previous report.

Officers were able to track the vehicle to a location in Detroit, where it was retrieved and a 65-year-old Detroit man, who had been going through the back when they arrived, was arrested.

Scam in prevention’s clothing

While accidentally on an unsecured PayPal website Friday, Feb. 26, a 79-year-old Grosse Pointe man was notified of possible fraudulent access to his account and was informed to contact customer service. In doing so, he spoke with two men who claimed to work for PayPal and ultimately transferred \$9,973.38 out of his account.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Disappearing driver

After a vehicle fled from officers who tried to pull it over due to an expired license plate at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, officers were later able to locate it parked on a Neff Road driveway.

While the vehicle was unoccupied and a resident at the home denied specific knowledge of it, officers recovered a loaded handgun from under the driver’s seat. The vehicle was then seized when it was determined to be stolen out of Wayne.

The driver of the vehicle who fled officers has yet to be identified.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Bumping into the law

After being pulled over at Lakeshore Road and Crestwood Drive because her vehicle didn’t have a front bumper, a 31-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at 11:09 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, when a LEIN search showed no proof of insurance.

Driving outside the lines

After being observed drifting in his lane near Lakeshore Road and Webber Place at 1:21 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, a 43-year-old Macomb Township man was pulled over and arrested for operating under the influence and improper lane usage.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content was .16 percent.

Drunk and speeding

Officers discovered the moderate odor of intoxicants and slurred speech after pulling over a 38-year-old Woods man for speeding 50 mph near Vernier Road and Michaux Lane at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

The man admitted to having a few drinks and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content was .18 percent, for which he was arrested.

Don’t operate heavy machinery

An officer pulled over a 31-year-old Sterling Heights man at Lakeshore Road and Willow Tree Place at 3:10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, to make sure everything was OK since the man was driving on a flat tire and swerving at different

speeds.

The man denied drinking, but said he had taken medication. After failing sobriety tests, but showing a .00 percent blood alcohol content, he was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs.

Drunk and run

After her vehicle was reported for possibly being involved in an accident in which she didn’t stop, a 54-year-old Roseville woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated near Lakeshore Road and Lake Shore Lane at 11:04 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content was .16 percent.

Out a headlight and bail

A 22-year-old Harper Woods woman was pulled over near Lakeshore Road and Briarcliff Drive because a headlight on her vehicle was out at 12:09 a.m. Monday, March 1.

She was consequently arrested for not having insurance, speeding and defective equipment.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unlawful driving away

At 12:26 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, a resident of the 1800 block of Prestwick reported he heard his truck’s exhaust, though the truck had been locked and he was in possession of his car keys.

When he looked out the window, he saw a man sitting in the driver’s seat of his gold 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. He watched the man drive the truck away at a high speed.

The resident reported that he also saw a black Pontiac Grand Prix in the

area and it left at the same time his truck was driven away.

Sleepy

A 49-year-old Harrison Township man was arrested at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Mack and Vernier for operating while under the influence.

The man first was noticed when an officer saw his black Jeep sit through three green lights without moving through the intersection. When the officer approached the vehicle, he saw the man asleep behind the wheel, with the vehicle in drive and his foot on the brake.

After being woken up by the officer knocking on the window, the man tried to exit the Jeep while it was still in drive. The officer told the man to turn the car off, at which point the man started the car again, put it back in drive and moved forward eight feet.

The driver failed sobriety tests and registered a 0.09 percent blood alcohol content in a preliminary breath test, for which he was arrested.

He later blew a 0.11 and 0.12 percent blood alcohol content on a chemical Breathalyzer. The man was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Identity theft

A resident of the 1000 block of Audubon became a victim of identity theft Monday, Feb.

22, when an unknown person opened two bank accounts at TCF in the resident’s name through online banking services.

Stolen Jeep

A 2020 Jeep Compass was stolen at 2:05 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, from the 700 block of Balfour.

The Jeep was parked in front of the house. Video camera footage showed the theft, including a timestamp, but the suspect could not be seen due to the darkness of the footage.

The suspect is still unknown, as is the car they arrived in.

Suspicious transaction

A resident of the 1300 block of Wayburn reported identity theft at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Citizens Bank notified her of suspicious activity, which made her suspect that an unknown person used her debit card information.

55 in a 30

A 32-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Beaconsfield at 12:05 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

He was driving 55 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone.

An officer investigated the scene and arrested

the man for operating while intoxicated.

Unlocked cars

The 1000 and 1100 blocks of Kensington and Yorkshire were hit by a car-targeting thief at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Reports show several unlocked vehicles were rummaged through overnight. The suspect took sunglasses, change and a golf necklace.

Video camera footage shows a white man in his 60s being responsible for the thefts; he also is suspected in several thefts in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The identity of the man is still unknown.

Essential bus arrest

A man involved in a previous assault and ethnic intimidation incident was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at I-94 and Cadieux.

The 54-year-old Park resident had spat at a bus driver for telling him he could not re-enter the bus Thursday, Feb. 18, then proceeded to call her a racial slur.

He was charged through the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

— Kate Vanderstelt
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OUR VIEW

Superintendent search needs you

In Grosse Pointe, it’s hard to go almost anywhere without passing a school or seeing children walking to and from school. City clerks often use schools as voting precincts.

Though there are fewer children these days to attend them, schools influence the community and its reputation. That’s why even people who’ve never had a family here may want to pay attention — and contribute — to the search for a new superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

One opportunity involves an online survey the district’s search firm will use to create a profile of the sort of person being sought to lead the district. It’s available for just one more day at the district’s website (gpschools.org) and includes a variety of questions, most of which involve choosing options from a slate of choices.

Together, the answers will help determine the community’s perception of the district’s strengths and weaknesses, along with the characteristics and skills a superintendent needs to work here. There’s a final spot for open-ended comments.

The Board of Education discussed the same categories at its most recent meeting, focusing on dedicated teachers and involved families as district strengths, and declining enrollment as the biggest challenge. Board members are hoping for an inspirational, charismatic problem-solver with solid experience and communication skills. (The board already has targeted better communication with two new hires in that area.)

It’s easy to think that school families should have the most say here, or that choosing a superintendent became solely the board’s job when current Superintendent Gary Niehaus announced late last year that he would leave at the end of the school year.

But an involved community, like the populace here, has plenty of viewpoints, whether or not they have children in school. And it’s a fractious community, reflected in a school board election that ousted some but not all incumbents and seated some but not all of the candidates who wanted to reopen closed schools.

Now the community appears just as divided about returning to full-time school, as the district is doing this month. Although that issue — and the prevalence of COVID-19 — presumably will be in the rear view mirror when a new superintendent starts, it’s continuing evidence of how articulate, confident and vocal the community can be about its schools.

Now’s the time to be part of that articulate group in the search for a new superintendent. The survey is online at gpschools.org through Friday, March 5 or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B7SFHQ.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

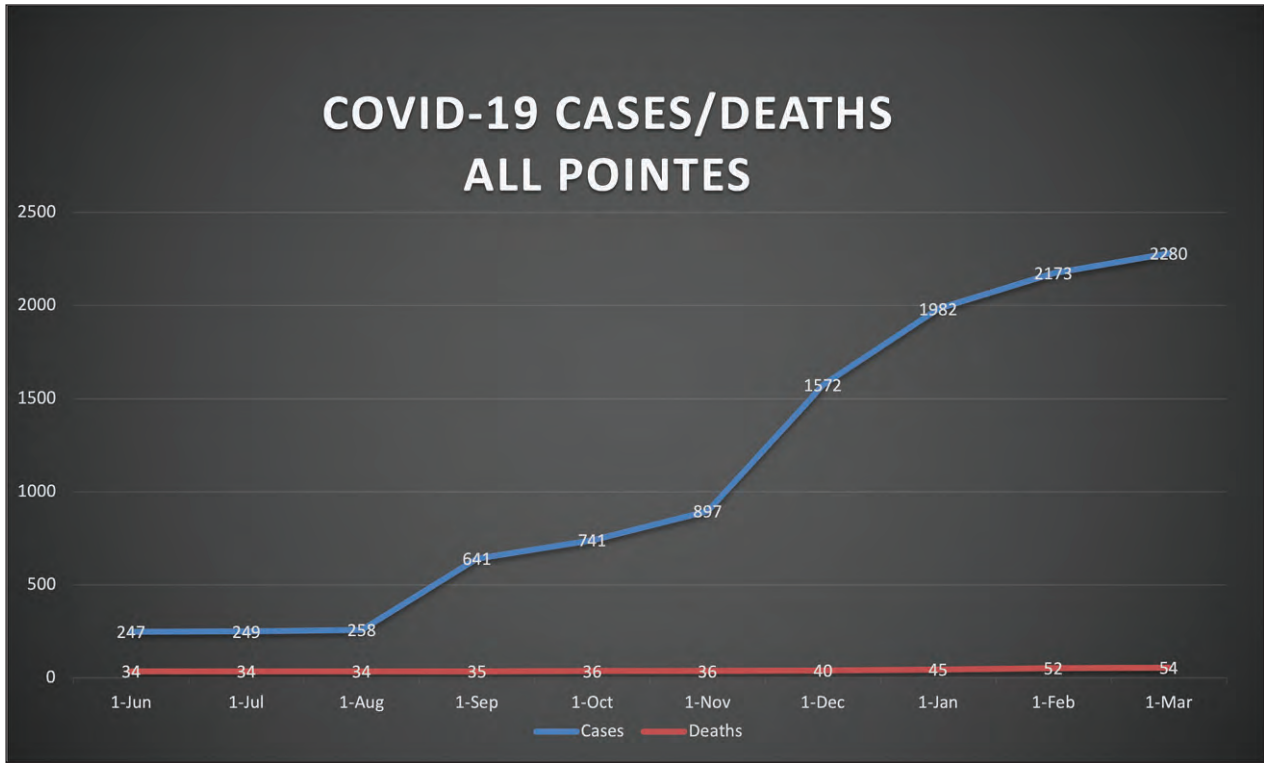
Struck a nerve?

I struck a nerve with some readers last week in my “I Say” column where I relayed the horrible experience two of my trusted friends in their 80s endured when they went to Meijer for their first vaccine shots. Both are mobility challenged, one with a walker, the other a cane. They were not prepared for a trek to the back of the store and a nearly hour-long line at their appointment time. The setup at Meijer was confirmed to me by a co-worker who experienced the same thing.

The night I wrote that “I Say” and after we went to press, I got a text from Meijer inviting me to register for the vaccine. I did so for Thursday. Once there, I experienced the same thing as the others: a 40-minute line snaking throughout the store.

I am grateful to Meijer for doing the vaccinations. My beef is with the failure to account for the handicapped, which they should have expected among the 65 and older crowd. A special handicapped line with chairs spaced 6 feet apart near registration would have been ideal.

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One year into the pandemic

The rise of COVID-19 cases in the Pointes began to taper off at the beginning of the year after seeing a steep incline in November leading into the holidays. The Pointes surpassed 2,000 cases Jan. 12. Fortunately, deaths remained low — 20 in eight months of June through February — which speaks well of our hospitals, doctors and nurses and support staff. While we seem to be plateauing, now is not a time to let our guard down. Mask up, socially distance, wash hands and get your vaccine as soon as you are able.

OUR VIEW

Residential coming to Village

What’s old is new again: The Village is experiencing a very small return to a previous era with the addition of one upstairs apartment above the store frontage along Kercheval Avenue.

The living space, designed as a studio apartment with 580 square feet, is expected to be ready later this month. It is above a store formerly occupied by Kramer Bed and Bath and now divided into two spaces, one open in the front and one hosting the Village Groom Room in the rear.

“Hopefully this venture will spur more growth in residential living within The Village,” Jim Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company, which owns the building, told the Grosse Pointe News.

That prospect holds some excitement. Living on

the second floor of a retail district presumably holds the most interest for people who own the businesses below or work there, but easy access to restaurants and other services has appeal to many folks these days.

If it is a revival of a “live-work environment in The Village,” as Mr. Bellanca put it, or a way to attract younger residents, perhaps, the prospect seems well worth pursuing. A potential drawback, parking, is expected to be resolved for now by allowing the tenant to lease a space in the parking structure.

Some residences — the condos next to the Chase Bank branch — are technically in the district designated as The Village. But living above the storefronts is a whole different vibe and one that seems like it could have renewed appeal.

PONDERING IN THE PARK By Greg Theokas

‘Beware of Park donors ...’

This paraphrase of Virgil’s famous line from “The Aeneid” epitomizes how Park benefactors now feel about their public image.

That sentiment reached a crescendo at a pre-COVID council meeting where Paul Schaap was in attendance. He, along with others, is funding and endowing the \$35 million art and performing arts center. Mr. Schaap was invited to participate in a discussion about the project. Unfortunately, loud boos and catcalls — directed at him from the audience — forced him to leave the meeting.

And it’s not as if Mr. Schaap was an unknown patron. He and his wife already had made a major donation to the Schaap Theater at Windmill Pointe Park and were supporting the K-Line trolley.

The Schaaps are just one of many loyal Park supporters who, over time, have funded our many amenities. Recreational and community facilities that all residents enjoy, and have made the Park a desirable “Top 50” US city (WSJ24/7).

Following are just a few (with donor names in parenthesis). As you read them, imagine what the Park would be like if these gathering places didn’t exist.

The land parcel that makes up Patterson Park was

donated by the McMillan Estate. The skating rink (Hutton), the warming center (Lindell), the outdoor fireplace (Denner), the current playscape (community donors), the boardwalk (Foundation) and the gatehouse (Foundation) are just a few of Patterson’s donor-sponsored facilities. This year, a new dog park (Becker) is scheduled for construction.

The story is the same at Windmill Pointe Park. The Tompkins Center, the Lavins gym, the Okulski and Schaap theaters and the gatehouse (Foundation) were all initially funded by donors.

There also are non-recreational examples. The Ewald Library (Ewald), the K-Line trolley (Schaap and Manoogian), the Two Cities sculpture (Detwiler) and the Jefferson greenspace (Marcks Estate).

In 1984 the Park became the first Grosse Pointe community to form a civic foundation. It has funded numerous public initiatives. Throughout that time, there has been a collegial synergy between the Foundation and donors. A willing and charitable spirit that could almost be described as competitive.

But the confusion that now surrounds the Park

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LETTERS

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Applauds Meijer

To the Editor:

In response to “I Say, Vaccination dreaming in the Pointes,” John, you should have continued

on to Meijer.

Like you I had registered for a couple of options to get my vaccine and Meijer came through. I completed the application and got a

time to show up. I was surprised at the line but as an able adult I persevered.

I saw folks that needed assistance and Meijer employees brought chairs for them to sit on. The whole procedure took one hour and that included my 15-minute wait time.

I applaud Meijer’s team for their organization.

ELIZABETH SMITH
Grosse Pointe Park

Unfair to Meijer

Dear Mr. Minnis:

I read your “I Say” column about the COVID-

19 vaccine and the difficulty in getting a shot. My husband and I got our first shot at Meijer on Thursday, Feb. 18, and we take exception to your portrayal of how Meijer handled the process.

By the way, I am a little surprised, given your profession, about the hearsay you used in the piece regarding what an horrific experience people went through. I’m sure you also know, as a consequence of your profession, that it’s a small number of people who typically make neg-

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Quicker things change, less they stay the same



We are now into the first week of March and exactly six days away from it being a year since the first reports of COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Michigan; 20 days away from it being a year since the state went into its first stay-at-home order.

At this time last year, some Michiganders were getting nervous, but it's doubtful any of us fully realized the magnitude of

how our lives would change in a matter of weeks.

Adjusting to life during a worldwide pandemic was no small shift, but now here we are a year later and looking back, it's fascinating how quickly social norms can change.

I clearly remember the first time I ventured out to Meijer during the shutdown. The silence was palpable as none of the shoppers spoke with each other or even made eye contact, with most people fully avoiding an aisle if there was even one other person already on it. In that moment, I got the impression it was exactly what the beginning of an apocalypse would feel like.

It was a feeling that left me in awe, just as the thought that I am currently living in a major moment in history does, and that now leaves me intrigued about why I no longer feel that way.

It's true that people have begun acknowledging each other out in public again, but in most ways, the changes that began last March are still here. We still wear masks, socially distance, limit outings and many of us are still working from home.

We are still in the midst of a global pandemic and yet, I've begun to find it feeling somewhat normal.

Perhaps the greatest example of the speed at which social norms have

180'd is masking. This time last year, if I had walked into Meijer wearing a mask, I would have received curious glances and strange stares to no end. In fact, there's a good chance I wouldn't have been brave enough to walk into Meijer wearing a mask this time last year. Now, for obvious additional reasons, I wouldn't be brave enough to walk into Meijer without one, but if I did, I'd be on the receiving end of countless stares because of it.

As strange as it is to admit, I'm one of those people who actually enjoy wearing a mask. As an introvert, I find it provides the same level of comfort when out in public as a big, soft sweater. While

recently discussing this with a friend and remarking on how I'll actually miss masks once, hopefully, COVID-19 cases are all but depleted, his response was, "I don't think masking will ever really go away."

What he was referring to is the fact that this is now a social norm, meaning there'll likely be a decent amount of people who continue to mask, whether it's because they're cautious during flu season; they don't feel well that day and are looking out for others; or even because they want the mental comfort of a big, soft sweater on their face.

Another great example is our long tradition of handshakes when we

meet new people or when doing business. That has gone right out the window and, at least in my circle, that whole bumping elbow thing never really caught on, so I'll be curious to see if anything of the sort will ever make a return or if we'll now simply continue to meet others without the requirement of physical contact.

Seeing as how women taking over the factory jobs of men when they went off to war during World War I and World War II became one of the most notable factors that led to women wearing pants as a social norm, it's likely that a few factors of our new normal are now here for the long haul.

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donor scene is making new projects harder to initiate. Are donors now viewed with skepticism? And what is the impact of the recently approved Park donor policy?

The policy's five detailed pages include a formal application that prospective donors must fill out and sign. One of the questions asks the donor to estimate the "projected yearly maintenance and operational costs" of the proposed project. Can you imagine asking the McMillan Estate to estimate the future costs of operating Patterson Park?

The Park is the only Grosse Pointe city to have such a complex donation procedure. Although most of our donors reside here, their donations are fungible and often time sensitive. They can easily be offered to other communities, or 501(c)(3) organizations. Will private citizens want to deal with bureaucratic barriers to their generosity?

At least one proposed project — a \$175,000 Patterson Park children's playscape — has been slowed as these changes are assessed by the Foundation's legal experts. How many other gifts will simply evaporate?

This is a critical juncture. Doubt and uncertainty must be replaced with sincere harmony between the city and its donors. There must be a genuine respect and recognition for all the good works that our donors have funded. There must not be — like Vigil's warning — an underlying presumption that our donors possess ulterior motives.

Otherwise, Park residents (both adults and children) will pay the price. The city will either raise property taxes for new projects or go without them. An unpleasant choice in these economically stressed times.

Greg Theokas is a past mayor of Grosse Pointe Park.

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ative comments while the vast, silent majority is either satisfied or very satisfied.

Our experience started with the opportunity to make an appointment with emails sent Tuesday, Feb. 16, for that coming Thursday. When we got there for our 9:55 a.m. appointments — a little early because I was going to do some grocery shopping — we are taken aback by the number of people in line, but we got in a well-defined line with 6-foot taped segments for the entire portion of the line, which means that Meijer's anticipated a great many

people.

I will admit that I was a little worried that they'd run out of the vaccine before we got there, but not to fear. The line actually moved right along and, yes, there were some wheelchairs, but the vast majority of those we saw were just like us: standing on our own two feet and moving in lines (not unusual to wait in lines anywhere). We made friends with those ahead of and behind us.

While the line moved quickly, the slight backup came with the registration but, once through that, we got right to a person waiting to administer our first shot and then directed to a large area to sit for the requisite 15 minutes. Again,

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

CHIEF URGES NEW CURFEW: Chief of Police Tom Trombly of the City intends to recommend to the City councilmen at their next meeting that they amend the present curfew law of the city. The law was passed May 23, 1921, and has become obsolete in many respects. The present law provides that all children under 15 years of age shall be off the streets by 9 o'clock

unless accompanied by their parents. The chief wants it changed so the curfew will sound at 10 o'clock instead and with this the age limit advanced to 17.

1971

50 years ago this week

WOODS REFUSES REQUEST: The Woods City Council turned down one of the most unusual requests it has faced, because of the "nuisance value" of the appeal. In a letter to the

council from the Parents Committee for University-Liggett School Commencement Dance, the council was asked to approve the use of the municipal pool from 3 to 5:30 a.m. (that's right, in the morning) on June 10, by the U-L graduating class.

Obituaries: Eleanor F. Handy, Mack Stanley, Ruth Dunwoodie, Eileen S. Lehrter, Stephen Jann, William M. Leach, Marie Stroh, Geraldine Jarackas, Mary Mabley

North's Derek Phillips and Dan Shefferly each won championships in their weight classes, while two other Norsemen — Kevin Brandon and Gary Bordato — also qualified for the state individual tournament in Battle Creek. Four state qualifiers matches North's best showing since Roberts became coach in 1988.

Obituaries: William G. Pack, Alfred R. Decker, Georgina Ruth Hartkop, Helen Roberta Benedict, A. Frederick Kammer Jr., Frank A. Sweet Sr., John G. Graham M.D.

1996

25 years ago this week

FOUR NORTH WRESTLERS ARE STATE QUALIFIERS: Art Roberts was one happy fellow after last Saturday's individual Division II regional wrestling tournament in Algonac. Grosse Pointe

2011

10 years ago this week

Obituaries: John R. Nicholson Jr., Richard M. Larson, Betty G. Henrichs, G. Paul Olson M.D., Julia Skiffington Cotter

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WCA selected as Farms new assessor

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With the city’s assessor for 27 years, Tim O’Donnell, scaling back on his client base, city council has approved a contract to end July 31, 2023, with WCA Assessing. The firm already represents the other four Pointes and Harper Woods.

With a city the size of the Farms requiring its certifying assessor to be of a Michigan Advanced Assessing Level or above, Eric Dunlap, MMAO, of WCA has been named the certified assessor.

In addition to the

annual property assessments, WCA’s projects will include updating the city’s assessing records, adding digital plans and photographs to the database and leveraging the technology to provide better information for residents, prospective residents and Realtors.

While WCA representatives will only physically be in the Farms half a day per week, upgraded technology will allow them to access necessary information any time.

“We will make sure that your taxpayers and property owners are properly serviced in a professional manner,” WCA Managing Partner

Doug Shaw told council. Under the contract, the city will pay \$25,725 the first year, \$45,865 the second year and \$47,700 the third year.

The city previously had been paying O’Donnell \$1,900 per month to be in the Farms one day a week with more limited access.

“It is an increase; however, we feel that we’re gaining some valuable services along with it, not only in terms of the technology now that’s available,” Director of Finance and Operations Debra Peck Lichtenberg said, adding the contract can be ended by either party. “They do have represen-

tation for us for small claims issues and, where the city attorney feels that it’s appropriate for them to be involved, they have the staffing to do that and that is an included part of our contract.”

Due to assessing being a specialized field — options for service providers with the qualifications and certification levels needed at a cost-effective fee structure are limited — paired with the city’s rush to contract an assessor to get current assessment notices out on time, a request for proposal process was not used.

“In the future, I really

would like us to do request for proposals, especially when we’re doing a transition from someone who’s been working with us for so long,” Councilman Neil Sroka said, “and hopefully we’ll have a business relationship with this firm for a long time as well. It’s just when we’ve got these moments where we can make pivots, I think it’s good to do (RFPs) where possible.”

WCA was chosen, City Manager Shane Reeside said, after speaking with other Pointe city managers who had selected the service through an RFP process and had more time to vet.

“In a sense it had gone out in some of our other neighboring communities to a full bidding process, so we are somewhat piggybacking from their experience,” he said.

A resolution honoring O’Donnell for his years of service for the city is expected to be presented to the former assessor during an upcoming council meeting.

“He has done a fabulous job of serving our community,” Lichtenberg said, “and we will forever be grateful for all that he’s done to make sure that our tax rolls were properly valued and that all of those issues were handled appropriately.”



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Chilly Fest fun

Grosse Pointe Park’s annual Chilly Fest took place Feb. 27, and instead of having it at the city parks, it was held for the first time on Kercheval and Charlevoix. The event included food samples, street performers, retail raffles, ice sculptures, costumed characters, axe throwing and more. Above, Craig Wise, a performer with Detroit Circus, entertains children with his juggling skills.



The Bricks Pizzeria gave out samples of chili dog pizza during Chilly Fest.

The sign up sheet for axe throwing filled within minutes and people loved it. Everyone got a quick lesson, had 15 minutes to throw and had to throw at the same time.



TAX:

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Among the procedural changes, the board of review is no longer allowed to deviate from the guidelines for compelling reasons

or special circumstances such as significant medical bill debt.

“There were too many exceptions that were kind of vague ... (and) were allowing for deviation from the guidelines and it wasn’t explained,”

Shaw said. “This provides clear-cut reasons why poverty is granted.”

By not adopting the carry-forward option, the five Pointes will require those who are eligible one year to reapply the next.

Bayview Mackinac Race has new rating system

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

There’s a new rating system for the 2021 Bayview Mackinac Race. This year both the Chicago and Bayview yacht clubs are switching to the ORC rating system, or the Offshore Rating Congress. Both races used ORR, or the Offshore Rating Rule, in the recent past.

“There are really a number of reasons (why Bayview switched to ORC), the biggest of which is it is the rating system that is used by the vast majority of the world,” said Chris Clark, last year’s Bayview race chairman and a member of the Mackinac Race Authority, a committee which runs the race for Bayview.

“ORR is primarily used in this country and in not that many events,” Clark said. ORC “is a more flexible certificate for the participants.”

Bayview had been discussing the ORC system for a few years, Clark said. When they decided to seriously consider a move after last year’s race, they talked to their counterparts with the Chicago Yacht Club and both clubs decided it was advantageous to have the same rating system for both Mackinac races.

“It wouldn’t be good, wouldn’t be fair for the sailors, if they have to have an ORR certificate for one race and an ORC decision for another,” Clark said. Making the change at the same time “was just the cherry on top. Our overwhelming objective is just to make it easier on the sailors.”

Cost of ORC certificates

FULLY MEASURED CERTIFICATE	
\$7.50	a linear foot for boats under 30 feet long
\$8.50	a foot for boats under 40 feet long
\$9.50	a foot for boats under 50 feet long
\$10.50	a foot for boats under under 60 long
\$11	a foot for boats over 60 feet long
BASIC CERTIFICATE	
\$3	foot for boats under 30 feet \$3 long
\$4	a foot for boats under 40 feet long
\$5	a foot for boats under 50 feet long
\$6	a foot for boats under 60 feet long
\$7	a foot for boats over 60 feet long

Boat owners can start getting their ORC certificate on the U.S. Sailing website. At that point they will have a decision to make — whether to get the basic certificate or get the fully measured one.

For the basic certificate, ORC will use the rating for the lightest boat of that type and the stiffest boat of that type. Light is fast and stiff is fast in sailboats, said Greg Thomas, this year’s Bayview Mackinac Race chairman.

Both ORR and ORC use velocity prediction programs, or VPP, which predict the performance of a boat in various wind conditions, weight and other factors. It allows racing authorities to rate different boats in a fair manner.

“They don’t want to discourage people of not getting a rating because they don’t want to go through all the business and expense,” Thomas said.

However boats aren’t like cars, in that the same make and model boat can actually be a little heavier or a little stiffer than another boat of the same make and model, Thomas said.

Which is why some

owners will see an advantage in paying more money for the fully measured rating certificate.

“My nemesis (is a boat called) Mostly Harmless,” said Tim Prophit, who is organizing the measurements for BYC. The two boats are similar but not identical.

Mostly Harmless used to owe Prophit’s boat, Fast Tango, 11 minutes on the Mackinac race’s Cove Island course. Then Mostly Harmless got measured, Prophit said.

“I owed him 10 minutes over the Shore Course last year.”

Getting fully measured is a two-part process, with some measurements taken with the boat out of the water and some measurements taken with the boat in the water.

Prophit suggests that with the number of boats getting the ORC rating, owners should plan to quickly get their basic rating. They can then decide whether to get fully measured.

There is information on the ORC rating system on both the Bayview Yacht Club website, byc.com, and the U.S. Sailing website, ussailing.org.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
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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/l4035f_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.

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

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 20, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board held on December 17, 2020.

2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121202 through 121297 in the amount of \$465,300.83 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Cynergy Products in the amount of \$11,980.35 for the outfitting of vehicle #68 as part of the 2019 vehicle lease. (3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,354.33 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of February 2021.

2) to authorize those Councilmembers interested to virtually attend the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Legislative Conference March 16-17, 2021 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, March 4, 2021

Show runs
March 11-14

Much like they did with the fall production of "Steel Magnolias," the



"Every show is an opportunity to learn and grow, but our efforts this year have been exceptionally meaningful," he added. "Being face to face and having an opportunity to work as an ensemble can easily be taken for granted. The

Auditions were conducted virtually, as were the first weeks of rehears-



From left, Mark Saigh, Emilia Bronk and Luke Yoshida.

als. As school reopened to in-person learning after winter break and the Michigan High School Athletic Association opened the winter sports season, a reassessment of the production process moved The Players into live

The air exchange system in the auditorium is the most robust in the school and has been set to "high." The air in the room is cycled every 45 minutes and passed through medical-grade filtration. The room will undergo disinfectant fogging each evening after

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Silver Key: Sophie Cane, Mara

South's Art Department includes Tom Szmrecsanyi, Micki Buksar-Cecil, Amber Mades and Candace O'Leary.

PENDING

A photograph of a single-story brick house with a snow-covered roof and yard. The house has a chimney, a front door with a small porch, and several large windows. The yard is covered in snow, and there are some bare trees and evergreens in the background.

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ERs see sharp decline in patients

By Lauren Korman
Staff Writer

ERs are seeing a sharp decline in patients, according to a recent survey by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The survey found that ERs are seeing a 10% decline in patients, with a 20% decline in non-emergency cases.

The decline is attributed to a number of factors, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to a decrease in non-emergency cases. Additionally, the survey found that ERs are seeing a decrease in patients with chronic conditions, which may be due to a lack of access to primary care.

Despite the decline in patients, ERs are still seeing a high volume of emergency cases, including trauma, heart attacks, and strokes. The survey also found that ERs are seeing an increase in patients with mental health issues, which may be due to the stress and anxiety caused by the pandemic.

The survey results highlight the importance of ERs in providing emergency care, even in times of crisis. It also underscores the need for continued investment in emergency medicine, including training and equipment, to ensure that ERs are prepared to handle any situation.

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The effects of COVID-19 on local real estate

By the Grosse Pointe News Staff
Staff Writer

The housing market in the Grosse Pointe communities has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a recent report by the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the number of homes sold in the area has decreased by 15% compared to the same period last year.

The decline in sales is attributed to a number of factors, including the economic uncertainty caused by the pandemic, which has led to a decrease in consumer spending. Additionally, the report found that the average time a home stays on the market has increased, indicating a slower pace of sales.

Despite the decline in sales, the report also found that the average price of homes sold in the area has increased, suggesting that the market is still relatively strong. This may be due to the fact that the area has a high concentration of high-end homes, which are less likely to be affected by the economic downturn.

Year	Number of Homes Sold
2019	85
2020	72
2021	70

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Boat Club efforts support restaurants, frontline workers

By Lauren Korman
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Boat Club has launched a new initiative to support local restaurants and frontline workers. The club has donated a number of meals to local restaurants, which are then distributed to frontline workers who are working in the community.

The initiative is a response to the economic challenges faced by local businesses and the increased demand on frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The club hopes that this effort will help to support the local economy and show appreciation for the hard work of frontline workers.

The boat club has also organized a number of events to raise funds for the initiative, including a charity golf tournament and a fundraising dinner. The club is committed to continuing this effort and supporting the community in any way possible.

Offering guidance

The Grosse Pointe News is offering guidance to the community on how to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance includes advice on social distancing, wearing masks, and avoiding large gatherings. The newspaper also provides information on local resources, such as food banks and mental health services, to help the community cope with the challenges of the pandemic.

Manufacturer adds hand sanitizer to catalog

The Grosse Pointe News has added a new product to its catalog: hand sanitizer. The sanitizer is made by a local manufacturer and is available in a variety of scents, including lavender, eucalyptus, and citrus. The sanitizer is designed to be used on the hands and is effective against a wide range of germs, including the COVID-19 virus.

The sanitizer is available for purchase through the Grosse Pointe News website and is also available at a number of local retailers. The newspaper is committed to providing the community with high-quality products and services, and the addition of hand sanitizer to the catalog is a reflection of the newspaper's commitment to staying up-to-date on the latest products and services available.

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A spotlight on the Sullivans: Sports-driven lifestyles

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Patrick and Ryan Sullivan, Grosse Pointe natives, are just two cousins who exemplify something many of the cousins in the Sullivan family have learned — involvement in sports can enhance life.

The two cousins grew up together, going from kindergarten through high school at the same time. As kids, they played every sport together.

“Growing up with 25 first cousins, we all played any sport we could,” Ryan Sullivan said. “And I think that’s a

big testament to how competitive we are. We’re in each other’s ears about getting better.”

All 25 of the first cousins have lived in Grosse Pointe. Ryan Sullivan recalled seeing multiple cousins in the high school hallways each day.

He also remembers being involved in sports since he was young; he thinks he got started with hockey and golf when he was around 3 or 4 years old.

Patrick Sullivan’s involvement further exemplifies the idea that sports penetrated their lives from an early age.

“I believe I first started

playing soccer, I think with Ryan, when I was really, really little,” Patrick Sullivan said. “And then I moved into baseball, then into lacrosse. ... I got into hockey and hockey started running into the spring and I wasn’t able to play hockey anymore in sixth grade. (I) gave up hockey for golf. Basically ever since then I’ve been playing golf.”

As the cousins grew up, they chose to focus on different sports, ultimately attending different colleges as a result. Patrick Sullivan grew into a golf player, while Ryan Sullivan found his

groove as a hockey player.

“Hockey ended up becoming my main passion,” Ryan Sullivan said. “I ended up playing just about everything.”

Even in high school, Ryan Sullivan played lacrosse for Grosse Pointe South while he played travel hockey outside of school.

His hockey experience took him to Sioux Falls, S.D., where he played junior hockey two years before attending college. While there, his team won the Clark Cup Championship in his first year and he captained the team in his second.

After a two-year educational hiatus, Ryan Sullivan chose to attend the University of Massachusetts to play hockey. He hopes this experience will lead him to a career playing professionally in the National Hockey League.

Ryan Sullivan still is young in his college career at the University of Massachusetts, but he plans to apply to the business school and potentially pursue a management or marketing major.

Patrick Sullivan’s golf career took him to a commitment with the University of Michigan to study and play golf. He said he really enjoys the relationships he has developed there.

“(My favorite thing about being involved in sports has) been the relationships I’ve made from my team,” he said. “Being at Michigan, the guys that are on my team, I



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK SULLIVAN

Ryan Sullivan, left, and Patrick Sullivan in their younger years.

District seeks students for voluntary COVID testing

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System needs 400 to 500 high school students from North and South high schools to sign up for voluntary COVID-19 testing.

That’s how many students are needed to make the testing statistically significant in the school community.

Testing will especially help identify those with asymptomatic COVID disease, a key to helping to stop the spread of the disease through the schools.

“It’s important

because it’s going to help keep everyone safe,” said Assistant Superintendent John Dean. “We’re going to have a better idea about the spread of COVID in our community, which will help us make better, more informed decisions.”

The first round of testing will be done March 8, with subsequent testing every two or three weeks after that.

The testing will be done by Wayne Health, out of Wayne State University. No appointments are necessary. Testing will be done in the high school gyms, with students called

down for the testing when it’s their turn, Dean said.

Students may sign up through this link on the school district’s website: <https://patienteducationgenius.jotform.com/z/grosse-pointe-public-schools>. Parents or guardians must sign up for minor students to take the test.

The school district is paying for the tests, so the students’ health insurance will not be billed.

Questions about the testing? Contact Rebecca Fannon in the district communications office at (313) 333-8421, Dean said.

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3. Completed artist's biography form

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From left, Mia Pyenta, Darrius Samples, Alexa Kalyvas, Jacob Tomlinson and Mark Saigh rehearse.

LIGGETT:

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the show. The first four rows of the theater have been left open so performers are between 12 and 20 feet from the first row allowed for seating. Students also will perform the show in masks.

Upon entrance to the building, audience mem-

bers will be asked the standard COVID protocol questions and must be in masks at all times. After the show, there will be no meet-and-greet session with cast and crew and all members of the audience will be asked to exit the venue.

“Mamma Mia!” is written by British playwright Catherine Johnson and based on the songs of

ABBA, composed by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, former members of the band. “Mamma Mia!” is the longest-running Broadway jukebox musical, with almost 6,000 performances in its 14-year run.

Tickets are on sale at <https://uls.seatyourself.biz/>

CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed **Special Land Use pursuant to Section 10-643 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:**

1. Proposed revision to a site plan for an existing drive-through restaurant at 19353 Vernier Road, which requires new consideration of a special land use application in the C-1, General Business zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission c/o Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

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The Detroit Riverwalk recently was voted the best Riverwalk in the country.

Detroit Riverwalk is best in America

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Over the last few decades, cities across the country have been revitalizing their riverfronts, transforming them into vibrant spaces for outdoor recreation, entertainment, cultural events and scenic views. The first segment of the Detroit Riverwalk opened in 2006, and its growing popularity has encouraged millions of visitors to visit its plazas, pavilions and green spaces. Continuous effort and improvements have so robustly bettered the area that the Detroit Riverwalk recently was named the 2021 USA Today 10Best Readers’ Choice Award winner as the Best Riverwalk in America.

“It’s a pretty amazing recognition,” said Mark Wallace, president and CEO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. “It’s exciting for the whole team and a great moment to reflect on all that’s been accomplished. ... As an organization that has led this transformation, it’s a great endorsement for the work we’ve been doing.” The Detroit Riverwalk was among 20 Riverwalks nominated by 10Best editors and a panel of urban planning experts. Other contenders included the Chicago Riverwalk, Charles River Esplanade, Wilmington Riverwalk and Smale Riverfront Park. “We’re all very proud,” said Matt Cullen, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy

board chairman. “We had some great competition — Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston, San Antonio. To think that Detroit could be voted No. 1 is a terrific accomplishment. And the fact it was a vote — the people of our community voted for it and showed their pride — is a great endorsement from

our customers. “We have literally gone from worst to first,” he added. “When the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy started 20 years ago, we had an ugly waterfront. You couldn’t even get close to it. It was an industrial waterfront for hundreds of years.” Cullen recalled feeling



A woman practices yoga along the Detroit Riverwalk, near Gabriel Richard Park.

“riverfront envy” looking across the river at Windsor and its beautiful waterfront. He knew something needed to be done. “When Matt Cullen and others looked out the window of the Renaissance Center, they had to have a tremendous amount of vision to see what the riverfront could become,” Wallace said. “This is a great example of what you can accomplish when foundations, corporations and the city come together.” Wallace said the award has caused him to reflect on the partnerships that helped make the Riverwalk what it is today — and what it aims to be in the future. Work continues into 2021, including construc-

tion at the former Uniroyal factory and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park, as well as the development of another greenway similar to the Dequindre Cut. “We have a team of dedicated people who work every day to make this happen,” Wallace said. “We’re really excited to be able to continue to make progress.” “What’s exciting is we have more construction underway this year than ever before,” Cullen added, noting 2021 will be “a year of forward progress from a construction standpoint.” Especially important to Cullen is giving the area’s melting pot of people a place to come together — something sorely missing

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Brownell student an overnight entrepreneur

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Brownell Middle School sixth grader Ava McMillin got creative at Christmas in her search for the perfect gift for her friends. She decided to make them hot cocoa bombs — a trendy alternative to powdered cocoa mixes. The chocolate “bombs,” filled with cocoa mix and miniature marshmallows, melt when added to a mug of hot liquid. With help from her mother, she set about making the treats. But it was when Leslie McMillin posted her daughter’s sweet project on Facebook things really took off. “My cousin said, ‘If she’s going to sell some, can I buy some?’” Leslie McMillin said, noting orders started pouring in via Facebook Marketplace, Grosse Pointe Mom Swap and other social media pages. “My goal was 20 orders,” Ava McMillin said. “We got over 300. ... It was crazy.”



One of McMillin’s cocoa bombs.

Added her mother, “We were full-on cocoa bombs for four days.” The duo used the onslaught of orders to hone their cocoa bomb-making skills and enlisted help from other family members to make supply runs. Though Ava McMillin said the treats are “pretty easy” to make, she admits there was a learning curve. “We used to make them with a hot plate that we had to warm up in the microwave, but we found that was too

time-consuming,” she said. “So we found another way to conjoin” the shell halves. “Every 25 or 30 sets, Ava worked to better streamline the process,” Leslie McMillin added. “She was constantly becoming more creative.” The pair made the treats in stations, creating the shells first, then filling them and decorating them before packaging them once the chocolate set. Once in the groove, they were forming 30 to 40 cocoa bombs an hour, Leslie McMillin said. After initial orders were filled, the family vacationed up north for Christmas, then came home to repeat customers. Ava McMillin said she managed it all with a color-coordinated Google spreadsheet, “so we knew which ones we made, which ones were picked up and which ones we still had to do.” Then, after a successful start, the young entrepreneur’s business flipped gears. “We’ve always taught our children to give back,” Leslie



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Ava McMillin with some of the cocoa bombs she donated to residents and staff at American House.

McMillin said. “We were so blessed with this experience. You have to give back when you have a small business.” Repeat customer Barbara Thomson helped make that happen. Thomson said she was interested right away.

“She was so sweet and she lives close,” Thomson said. “And the cocoa bombs were just gorgeous and they open up just like they’re supposed to. I saw it on Facebook and thought, ‘Yes, I’ll support

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Late Park resident honored with endowed fund

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been more than two years since University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry professor Larry Anderson, Ph.D., passed away, yet thanks to an endowed fund created by his family, his legacy will live on.

"My husband was a legendary teacher, very unorthodox, and he really connected with his students," said Vivian Anderson, Ph.D. "He was the guy who would stir the pot."

Larry Anderson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia College in 1965, and a Ph.D. from Utah State University in 1972. Though he loved his alma maters, he devoted his career to teaching gross anatomy to dental students and residents at UDM.

He won numerous awards for his work during his 40-plus years there, which ended with his retirement in 2016. He was named an honorary alumnus in 2009.



Vivian and Larry Anderson.

"Like me, he was raised by a single mother," Vivian Anderson said. "If there was a guy that championed women's issues, it was Larry."

The longtime Grosse Pointe Park residents, who were married 50 years, met during grad school. "His best friend invited

me out for a beer and said, 'Let's pick up Larry,'" Vivian Anderson recalled. "I thought, 'Really? I'm out with you.' It worked out though; we got married a few years later."

After having two daughters, Vivian Anderson also began teaching at the dental school. She has followed in her late husband's footsteps and, though technically retired, is in her ninth year of teaching gross anatomy.

Apart from teaching, Larry Anderson was an avid runner, having completed 309 marathons or ultramarathons between 1978 and 2006. His longest race was 108 miles during a 24-hour run in 1983. He received a commendation from then-Gov. John Engler in 1993, when he completed his 200th marathon.

"And nary a joint replacement until 2012," Vivian Anderson said. "He loved running; that was his church."

"He also was an extremely clever handy-

man and had a huge variety of interests," she added. "My two daughters and I worshipped the ground he walked on."

Larry Anderson's diverse talents and interests included woodworking, landscaping and anything mechanical, as well as fishing and acting.

"The only time we ever really tangled in 50 years was over gardening," Vivian Anderson laughed. "We had two different philosophies. He was a slash-and-burn man; I would tell him to leave it alone."

Vivian Anderson said her family has a history of setting up endowed funds, so it was an easy step to take after Larry Anderson's death in 2018 of complications from dementia.

"My brother and sister and I, our dad was a college professor, and we established a chair at the school where he started his department," she said. "... They had just hired a professor to fill

that chair and I thought, 'We should do that for Larry.'"

The endowed fund will help students in need of emergency financial support. They are not required to pay back the assistance, but are encouraged to make a contribution to the fund when they are financially able. Funds will start being awarded in January 2022.

UDM Dean Mert N. Aksu wrote in a statement announcing the fund, "University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry is deeply grateful for the lifelong, dedicated service of Larry Anderson and for the endowment his family has chosen to establish in his memory."

"I like endowed funds, because it's there in perpetuity," Vivian Anderson said. "It goes on long after you're pushing up daisies."

"It feels good that people will remember him. We all need to remember to keep alive those folks that have passed."

Pointer is still young at 101

The staff and residents at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods recently helped resident Albert Ware celebrate his 101st birthday Feb. 26.

"We celebrated like his family would have, if they were able to visit in the building," said Rachael Herbon,

activities and volunteer coordinator at Sunrise. "The residents and staff gave a big birthday welcome at lunch."

"... He is a wonderful man with a gentle spirit and we wanted to be able to share his story with others," she added.

Ware grew up on a

farm near Coldwater and graduated from Michigan State University before serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He got married and had two children, as well as a successful business career.

"All pretty typical, but he is not," wrote

his daughter, Kathleen Groschner. "In fact, as a society, we struggle to create a world that reflects his way of living."

"Dad believes that genuine happiness results from kindness and giving to others," she continued. "He lives that belief in the way he interacts with everyone he meets, his unconditional love for his family and his generosity in giving. And he tells all who ask about his secret to life that a wonderful life results simply by treating others with love and kindness."

Ware moved to Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods in October after announcing to his family, "I'm tired of making my bed" and that it was time for assisted living.

"Despite the difficulties associated with COVID, the staff at Sunrise has helped him to feel comfortable," Groschner wrote. "And it is a joy to our family to have him living just blocks away and to watch him settle into his new home, where he is already spreading his message about how to live a happy, fulfilling life."

— Jody McVeigh



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Albert Ware turned 101 on Friday, Feb. 26.



Ware visits with family for his birthday.

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The Helm hosts March for Meals

The Helm 2021 March for Meals is happening now through Sunday, March 28. This year's event — which raises money for Meals on Wheels — is virtual once again.

"This is the third year The Helm has hosted a March for Meals," said Peggy Hayes, The Helm executive director. "We have decided to once again have a virtual march, leaving you in control of how to exercise and show your support of Meals on Wheels. Visit helm life.org and click on the March for Meals tab at the top and you'll find everything you need to support this event."

In 2020, The Helm served more than 23,000 nutritious meals to homebound Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe residents unable to safely prepare meals for themselves. Every \$5 donated provides funding for one meal. A \$25

donation buys five meals; \$50 pays for 10 meals.

The website, helmlife.org/march-for-meals, also lists several 3-mile routes around the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities. Participants may choose one of these walks or create their own. Exercise should be completed anytime between now and March 28. All monies must be submitted to The Helm by Monday, March 29, to count toward this event.

"We are excited that Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is once again our lead partner on this event," Hayes said. "We appreciate the support of their staff and congregation and look forward to when we gather again on the front lawn of the church to physically March for Meals."

For more information, visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

Artist paints houses into homes

House portraits become keepsakes for generations

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Just like his honorary University Liggett School “Lifer” title, Josh Moulton will always consider himself a Grosse Pointe lifer. Though it’s been several years since he lived in Michigan, he still has strong roots throughout the community.

Moulton, who grew up on Bedford, near Mack, just outside of Grosse Pointe, attended Liggett

from kindergarten through 12th grade. Art became a part of his life at a young age as he followed in his father’s footsteps. Conrad Moulton was a celebrated illustrator for nearly four decades during the print advertising boom, then focused on portraiture and painting.

Moulton recalled his child-sized easel set up next to his father’s work station.

“He taught me every-

thing I know from a very early age,” he said.

After graduating from Liggett, Moulton attended Lake Forest College on an art scholarship. He painted full time 10 years and was represented by galleries around the country, including in New Mexico, New York and Chicago. In 2011, he opened the Josh Moulton Fine Art Gallery in Chicago, where he currently lives.

“That’s where I produce everything now,” he said, noting he still returns home to visit friends and family, including his mom, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Amy Moulton. “I’ll be celebrating the (gallery’s) 10-year anniversary in June. It’s a great milestone, especially in the industry I’m in and especially during a pandemic.”

Part of the reason for Moulton’s success is his house portrait work. He launched the idea 15 years ago in Chicago; it



Josh Moulton

wasn’t long before his services were requested in his hometown. Through social media, he’s connected with Realtors in the area looking for a unique closing gift for their clients.

“They want to get their clients something nice,” he said. “I pitched the idea to some Realtors and they loved it. I’ve done a lot of Grosse Pointe houses. Not just for realtors, but for people who want to remember their home if they’ve moved out of Grosse Pointe, or want to remember their childhood home.

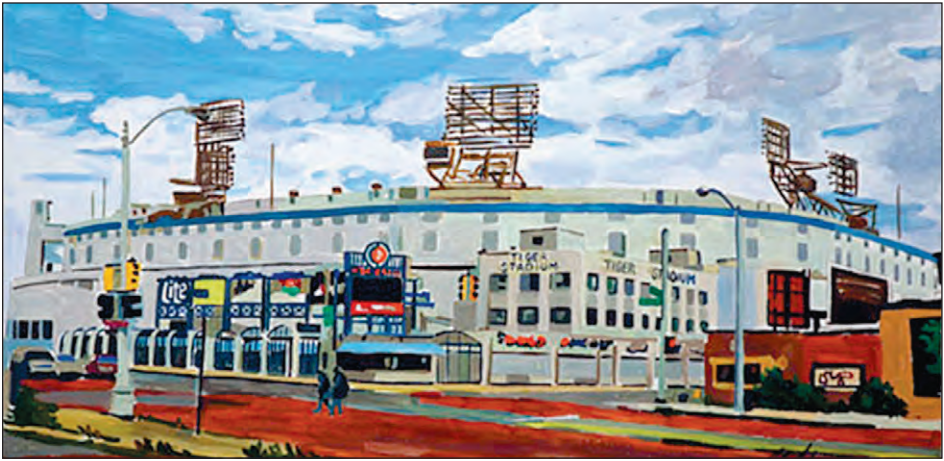
“People in Grosse Pointe love their homes, their cars, their boats,” he added. “And Grosse Pointe is known for its houses. To capture them as paintings is something they’ll cherish forever. ... They can pass these down to their children and grandchildren; they’ll stay in the family forever.”

Moulton’s talent for



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOSH MOULTON

Moulton’s painting of the Detroit Athletic Club.



Moulton’s portrait of Tiger Stadium.

See HOMES, page 4B A sample of Moulton’s many house portraits.

Park couple donates stimulus checks

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

When the second round of stimulus checks came out, Grosse Pointe Park resident Karen Stock decided she wanted the money to make a difference in someone’s life, as it was intended to, but in her opinion was falling short.

Stock knows many people are not as fortunate as she is and that her stimulus check could truly benefit someone else more than it would her.

“We’ve saved up enough money to meet our needs,” Stock said. “We’re so fortunate that that’s true. Knowing, as we did, many people, especially with the second round of checks that were smaller and further into the crisis ... many people were in difficult circumstances.

“I cannot imagine having to choose between safety and an income,” she added. “... When the second round came, I said to my husband, ‘I’m going to figure something out and donate.’ He said, ‘Count me in.’”

Stock posted a question on a Facebook community page asking for recommendations on places to donate. She received many recommendations, including the Michigan Support Circle, Motor City Mitten Mission, CATCH, To Detroit With Love, PhoeMale, Pope Francis Homeless Shelter, Freedom House Detroit, Detroit Public Schools Foundation, Avalon

Healing Center, Forgotten Harvest, Full Circle Foundation and Covenant House Michigan. Stock also received ideas to

over-tip food delivery drivers or donate to a church.

Ultimately, she decided the organization in the

greatest alignment with her desire was Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, which offers a program called Helping Hands. The program aids individual families who have a short-term emergency need. She wrote a check to the church in the amount of the stimulus

aid she and her husband, Ken, received and dropped it off Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Stock’s advice for anyone looking to do something similar is to set the stimulus money aside, ask friends for suggestions on where to donate and spend time research-

ing charities to find one that resonates with the mission they are looking to accomplish.

“I think there are some absolutely wonderful opportunities in this community and in Detroit,” Stock said. “It’s a great idea, I think, to reach out to people you know and find out where people are interested in. ... And then just do it and be content knowing that you helped.”



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Ken and Karen Stock recently donated their stimulus checks to charity, believing others could better benefit from the money.




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OBITUARIES

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George F. deClaire

Former Grosse Pointe resident George F. deClaire passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021. He was born Sept. 27, 1931, to Benjamin and Maud deClaire of Grosse Pointe.

One of seven children, George was sent to military school early on. He later attended St. Paul on the Lake High School, where he was elected president of the 1949 graduating class.

After he completed understudies at the University of Detroit, he was accepted at Harvard University and Yale University. George earned an academic scholarship to the University of Michigan Law School, where he graduated summa cum laude and began his 54-year career as a practicing lawyer.

George enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, rose to the rank of major, served as a JAG officer and remained in the Air Force Reserve until his death. He went on to become a municipal judge in Boca Raton, Fla.

George was predeceased by his loving wife of 42 years, Joyce. He is survived by his sons, George Jr. (Kathleen Shea) of Crystal River, Fla., Roger “Don” of Delray Beach, Fla., Christopher (Ellen) of Delray Beach, Fla., Paul (Lisa) of Boynton Beach, Fla., Marc (Tonya) of

Cookeville, Tenn., and Michael (Terry) of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; loving daughter, Kerry (Bruce Goldman) of West End, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was devoted to the Catholic Church and enjoyed spending time with his family, particularly during the holidays. Whether it was bringing the largest Christmas tree home from the lot or ringing the bell at holiday dinners, George passed down to his children and grandchildren traditions they will forever cherish in their hearts.

Thomas C. Bailey

Thomas Craig Bailey, 67, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021.

Tom was the beloved son of the late Walter A. Bailey Jr. He is survived by his mother, Barbara Hawksley. He was the loving father of Stephanie Wutka (Les) and Thomas C. Bailey Jr.; proud grandfather of Alyssa, Abigail and Avery Wutka; dearest brother of Walter A. Bailey III (Barbara) and Barbara Jan Hutchinson (Chris); and uncle to Blair Bailey.

He will be dearly missed by his dog, Bart, and many friends.

A football player and coach at Grosse Pointe South High School, Tom played in the first-ever Grosse Pointe North—Grosse Pointe

South football game. He also was inducted in the Football Legends Hall of Fame at South.

Donations in Tom’s memory may be made to the donor’s favorite children’s charity.

Edward Monahan

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Edward “Ted” Monahan, 84, died peacefully Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Oct. 7, 1936, in Detroit, to Edward V. and Helen (nee O’Callahan) Monahan.

A 1954 graduate of St. Paul High School, Ted served as a private in the U.S. Army.

He was vice president of his family’s multi-generational construction firm, The Monahan Co., in Eastpointe.

Ted was a member of the Indian Village Tennis Club and Belgian American Association. He enjoyed golf, tennis, travel and spending time with his grandchildren.

Ted was the beloved husband of the late Marilyn E. Monahan; loving father of Michael P. Monahan (Janean), Kimberlie A. McAllister (Andrew) and Kevin C. Monahan (Sarah); dearest grandfather of Matthew Monahan (Jonese), Andrew McAllister (Trisha), Erin Monahan (Phil), Kerrie



George F. deClaire



Thomas C. Bailey



Edward Monahan

Monahan Peterson (John), Brian McAllister, Nicholas McAllister and Gavin Monahan; great-grandfather of Cora Monahan; and dear brother of the late John, William, Daniel, the late Honey Ann O’Meara and Patricia Raynal.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025; or michiganhumane.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Louise Studaker

Louise “LouAnne” Studaker passed away Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, after a short courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by her family.

Born in Detroit to Martin and Bernadine Foley, LouAnne graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School.

She moved from Grosse Pointe to the Crosswell-Lexington area, where she made lifelong friends and memories before she moved to Grayling in 2007, and enjoyed more

treasured friendships.

A strong and fun-loving woman, LouAnn loved big get-togethers with family and friends, “wine time” by the river, trips to the casino, golfing, kayaking, gardening and traveling. She especially loved relaxing on Siesta Key beach in Florida.

LouAnne was a dedicated employee at MJ Foley Co. many years, as well as Industrial Air Technology Co., where she built lasting relationships with everyone she encountered.

LouAnne was a loving and supportive wife to Steve Shellenbarger; mother to Sarah Glassford (Doug), Michelle Taylor (Chris), Jennifer Studaker (Muideen), Kate Feick (Steve), Dana Keinath (Mike), Jenae Shellenbarger and Brad Shellenbarger (Heather); and “Grandma Lou” to Jaxson, Rylynn, Makalo, Isaac, Aleyah, Hayleigh, Noah, Kaleb and Grace. She will be deeply missed by her siblings, Mary Foley, Sue Foley (Al), Martin Foley (Cheryl), Kathy Westbrook, Julia O’Brien (Marty) and Jennifer Foley; many close nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews; and many close friends who



Louise Studaker

became her extended family.

She also will be dearly missed by her loving dogs, Meika and Greta. She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Michael Foley.

The family will host a memorial service in celebration of LouAnne’s life this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations to organizations that were important to LouAnne — the Grayling Infusion Center Garden Project and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital — may be sent for distribution by the family to “In Memory of Louise Studaker (Steve Shellenbarger),” c/o Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

GPAA

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.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

Gilda’s Club’s Lake House location, 23500

AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Family Bereavement, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 8.

◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 9.

◆ Breast Group, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

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

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

◆ March is Reading Month craft, all day Monday, March 8.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9.

◆ Family Yoga, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

◆ Changing Roles of Women in America, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

Alzheimer’s Association

The Alzheimer’s Association Michigan Chapter offers educational programs designed to provide caregivers, families, health professionals and the general community valuable information about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. All programs may be accessed via live online meetings at alz.org/gmc/helping_you/education_programs or by calling (800) 272-3900. The following programs are scheduled:

◆ Effective Communication Strategies, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, March 8.

◆ 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s/COVID-19 Vaccine Update, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9.

◆ Dementia Conversations: Driving Doctor Visits Legal &

Financial Planning, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

◆ Living with Alzheimer’s: For Caregivers (Middle-Stage), Part 1, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.

◆ Living with Alzheimer’s: For Caregivers (Middle-Stage), Part 2, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.

◆ Living with Alzheimer’s: For Caregivers (Middle-Stage), Part 3, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

◆ COVID-19 Vaccine Update/Dementia Super Saturday Series, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

◆ COVID-19 & Caregiving/Dementia Super Saturday Series, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

◆ Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

The Helm

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

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

◆ 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 10. Jessica B. Marcetti, CVA, will speak about human trafficking. 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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emoting through acrylics carries through in other areas, as his inventory includes paintings of Mackinac Island, downtown Detroit and sailboats.

He has thousands of photos from which he draws inspiration — and from which potential clients may choose for him to paint — at [flickr.com/photos/50967311@N05/albums/72157703435476275](https://www.flickr.com/photos/50967311@N05/albums/72157703435476275). He also paints from client-provided photographs.

Moulton makes it to Grosse Pointe every few months, usually with a load of paintings for clients. The pandemic may have limited his visits, but he’s kept busy with orders throughout.

“The arts are important, in general,” he said. “I bring beauty to the world, especially during a time when everyone is so depressed and have been stuck in their homes for the past year, looking at the same walls and thinking maybe they’d like to see something more interesting and beautiful.”

He certainly has been making a name for himself in the art world. In



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH MOULTON

A painting of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

2019, Moulton was inducted into Liggett’s Alumni Arts Hall of Fame. Just the fifth honoree to be included — among them film and theater actress Julie Harris, class of 1944; and actress and comedian Gilda Radner, class of 1964 — Moulton was the first male and first painter inducted.

Moulton can be reached at his website — joshmoultonfineart.com — via email at moultojosh@gmail.com, by calling (773) 592-3434 or visiting his social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or Twitter.

Grosse Pointe Boat Club welcomes new leadership

During an unusual outdoor “changing of the guard” ceremony, the Grosse Pointe Boat Club welcomed its newest commodore, Leslie Wagner.

The ceremony, which took place in lieu of the club’s traditional Commodore’s Ball, was held on the back steps of The War Memorial on Feb. 20. The invitation to the event was marked with whimsy, inviting guests to “bring a flask, carry a flag, wear your finest hat and coat” to the ceremony, which was livestreamed on Facebook. The dress code for the event was “black-tie optional/long johns recommended,” and guests were asked to wear masks and stay appropriately distanced.

The theme for the Grosse Pointe Boat Club’s 2021-22 season is “around the world journey.”

The program included a blessing by Past Commodore Dale Scrace, welcome by outgoing Commodore Dale Cox and other annual meeting business. Members of the Grosse Pointe Men’s Club chorus provided entertainment and Wagner was presented the new commodore flag by Cox.

Liz Natter was presented a vice commodore flag and Ken Casey received the rear commodore flag. Sedona Cox became a board member, as did Deborah Dufour, George Young and Matt Bontomasi, who ran unopposed. Sheri Allor remains treasurer and Sharon Stellingworf remains sec-

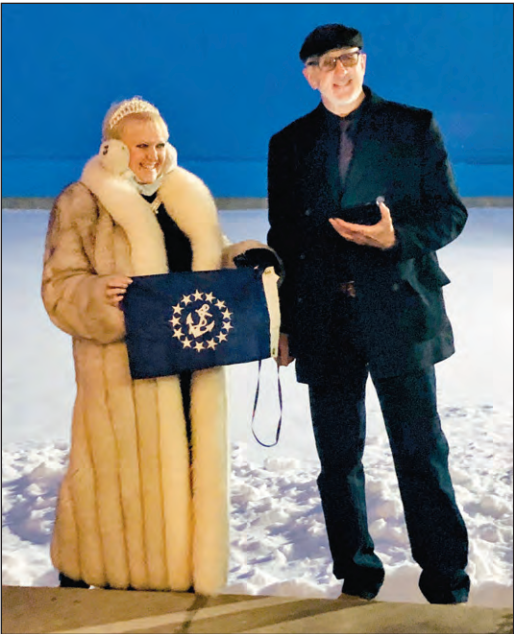


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Incoming Commodore Leslie Wagner, Ph.D., receives the commodore flag from outgoing Commodore Dale Cox.

retary.

“How I would’ve loved to have thrown a beautiful ball to celebrate Commodore Dale Cox and Lady Mickey for their year of service to the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and the community,” Wagner wrote to club mem-

bers after the event. “They and their daughter, Sedona, worked every single event this year. What a beautiful family legacy of service to all of us who got to enjoy as much of our boat club as we were comfortable with, during this crazy pandemic year.

“Acting on Mary Scrace’s suggestion to support Grosse Pointe restaurants and show appreciation for frontline workers with a GoFundMe page, Commodore Cox executed the successful ‘Corona Challenge’ during the most uncertain of times. When the summer came, he continued to plan, execute and host COVID-compliant events. From the beautiful Commodore’s Ball held before COVID changed everything, to the very last party, it was a year of fun under incredibly difficult circumstances. We all appreciate you, Commodore Dale and Lady Mickey.”

In recognition of their work as commodore and first lady, Wagner presented an engraved watch to Dale Cox and a silver anchor bracelet to Mickey Cox.

“Whether virtual or in person, I hope to take us on an around-the-world journey, visiting different countries as ports of call,” Wagner told club members. “We are grateful that so many of us survived this difficult year and we go forward with gratitude. More news coming soon and thank you so much for the honor of becoming your commodore.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Each cocoa bomb was individually packaged.

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her.”

Thomson said she wanted to encourage the young entrepreneur and help her earn a little money. However, her repeat business was more for her job than personal consumption.

A fulltime companion to a resident at American House-Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms, Thomson has gotten to know most of the staff and a lot of the residents the past 16 months. She bought cocoa bombs as gifts for some of them.

When picking up her third cocoa bomb order in a matter of days, Leslie McMillin got to chatting with Thomson.

“We get to know our customers,” Leslie McMillin said. “They’re all so friendly.

“When she came and picked up her last order, I asked her — with COVID, you don’t know if you can provide edible treats made at home to people in assisted living — so I asked her what the restrictions are. She said she’d look into it.”

With approval from American House, the cocoa bomb duo got to work, individually packaging each one as a Valentine’s Day surprise.

“We felt it was something we could do in a controlled manner,” Leslie McMillin said. “And having a community service element is important.”

With just three days to work, the McMillins learned there were around 65 residents at American House; however, the duo went above and beyond for the project.

“They had this huge box of 100 cocoa bombs,” Thomson said. “They decided to give them to each resident and the staff.”

The activity directors passed them out the day after Valentine’s Day. Each package included a sticker wishing the recipient a “Happy Valentine’s Day” signed “~ Ava.”

“The residents loved it, the staff loved it,” Thomson said. “They were a huge hit over here. We could not believe the generosity of a sixth grader. She totally blew me away with her generosity, being such a young girl.”

Because hot cocoa is a seasonal drink, Ava McMillin said she may do it again next year, but in the meantime is tossing around ideas for a new business. However, for a few more weeks, orders still are being accepted on Facebook.

“I think it’s really fun, especially with this experience that I got to do with my mom,” she said. “I really enjoyed it. I really liked how we did it. We picked something fun to make and that everyone loves.”

BEST:

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in Detroit when the conservancy was formed.

“That’s what makes up a great city,” he said.

He also noted that while the Riverwalk is an environmental investment, it also is an economic development engine, bringing in \$2 billion in economic development for the city.

“Utilization has skyrocketed, even in COVID,” he added. “We’re starting to build places, at Valade Park and Cullen Plaza, where you can have a meal, a drink. There’s more to do on the riverfront as well. There’s physical development and also program expansion.

“People are just enjoying it,” he continued. “It’s a different type of venue. It’s already three miles long and it’s going to go five and half miles. In the winter, you can go to

Valade Park for the sledding hill and fire pits. In the summer, you can find a quiet, secluded place to read a book or you can be part of a concert on GM Plaza. People enjoy having the opportunity to engage in ways that are important to them, having a place where they can come together.”

As for the award, Wallace said he’s grateful to the people who have continued to show their support of the Riverwalk, even during the pandemic.

“So many people are proud of this recognition,” he said. “Detroit has a deep history and a deep sense of community pride. Those of us who’ve been fortunate to live here know how wonderful it is to live in Detroit. We know there’s so much to be proud of. To have a national outlet like USA Today shine a light on something we’re so proud



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of is encouraging and it reinforces all the work we’re doing.”

The East Riverfront of the Detroit Riverwalk stretches from Joe Louis Arena to Gabriel Richard Park and includes several parks, restaurants, splash

parks and natural areas. It is nearly complete, Cullen said.

The conservancy’s ultimate vision is to develop more than five miles of riverfront from the Ambassador Bridge on the west to Gabriel

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The Finer Pointes: Meet Callie Lewicki

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.



ARTWORK BY CALLIE LEWICKI

Becoming an artist was a natural fit for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Callie Lewicki. “I’ve always felt I had to do it to feel like myself,” she said. After studying ceramics and painting at the University of Miami-Ohio, she moved back to her hometown of Grosse Pointe, got married and started a family. Painting and ceramics still are very much a part of her

every day, she said. For the mother of two, painting is like language. “I use it to say what is in my head, my heart, how I view things or how I want to view things, ideas I have,” she said. “I think ultimately, I want to connect with people and connect people. Art is really cool in that way; it lets you put a piece of yourself outside of your ‘self’ and ideally find people who can feel the same feelings or see the same beauty.” Lewicki said she’s inspired by beautiful things, as well as “the energy you get from being around people who get interested and exciting about doing things; seeing passionate people live their truth and having a good time doing it.” Lewicki entered “The Finer Pointes” contest because she wanted to be a part of something that involves other artists and she’s excited to see their work as she works to create her own. “So much of the artist’s process is solitary,” she



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

are daydreams taking me to my ‘happy places.’ I think we can all agree that everyone is in need of an escape this year; Lake St. Clair is one of the very best things about living in Grosse Pointe. The painting will be in my realistic, yet ‘painterly’ style and have people, boats, water, swimming — everything our hearts are longing for in this cold winter during a pandemic.”

Find more of her work on Instagram @callielewickiart

DIA features selection of contemporary works in ‘Experience & Expression’

The Detroit Institute of Arts presents a selection of contemporary works in the upcoming permanent collection installation “Experience & Expression,” on view through Sunday, Oct. 3. Free with museum admission, the works on view draw from the museum’s permanent collection of contemporary art, whose galleries are currently being used for the exhibition “Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950-2020.” General admission is free for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. All museum visitors must make an advance reservation by calling (313) 833-4005 or visiting ticketapp.dia.org. This installation includes approximately 25 works, including recently acquired objects that have never or rarely been seen by the public,

by artists such as McArthur Binion, Rashid Johnson, Elias Sime and Avery Singer. Other artists in the installation include Marina Abramovic, Ghada Amer, Jennifer Bartlett, Hernan Bas, Nicholas Hlobo, Allie McGhee, Yoko Ono, Sean Scully and more. The works are grouped into three themes: abstraction, art meant to evoke emotion or an experience to the viewer by experimenting with color, form and texture; materiality, understanding and exploring the meaning of the materials used; and meditations on identity, works that express the artist’s personal experiences and emotions. The installation will provide novice art-lovers with an introduction to contemporary art and invite visitors to look closely, ask questions and connect with their own experi-

ences. “The DIA looks forward to sharing these recent acquisitions, which reveal how this diverse group of artists has drawn on their own experiences of the world,” said Judith F. Dolkart, DIA deputy director of art, education and programs. “From the personal to the political, from the aesthetic to the commercial, from the individual to the collective, from the spiritual to the material — to create these works.” This installation supports the DIA’s goal to present and highlight artists of diverse backgrounds and cultures. The museum is committed to sharing the individuality and universality of experiences, ideas and concerns around the world and at home. For more information, visit dia.org/exhibitions/experience-expression.



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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

At Debt's Door

Quarantine's been weighing on me, and I've been making a lot of unnecessary purchases. I know I need to stop wasting money, but I just keep ordering thing after thing. How can I get that satisfaction from buying something without actually buying it?

—Going Broke

We humans are ever-failing self-disciplinarians, two-legged weasels talking ourselves into things we know we shouldn't do. For example, there's that saying, "Everything happens for a reason." No, the fact that those \$800 shoes are now \$465 does not count as a reason.

Unfortunately, the more you behave badly, the more disposed you are to keep behaving badly — that is, to develop a habit of behaving badly. Habits are born on a microscopic level, through what might be called a conspiracy of brain cells. Typically, any action you take requires the triggering of thou-

sands of these tiny cells, called neurons. They fire off electric signals to other neurons, ultimately messaging your body to get it to act.

Because even lifting your finger to pick your nose requires a massive army of neurons, the brain is an energy hog, guzzling more energy than any other organ. Evolution, on the other hand, is big on thrift, so it's implemented energy efficiency measures that sometimes lead you to behave in counterproductive ways.

Whenever you repeat a behavior, retriggering the same army of brain cells, chemical changes occur that effectively wire these cellular troops together into a sort of collective action pack. This puts you on automatic, so, for example, on day two in the Airbnb, you don't have to search for the light switch or figure out how the dimmer works; you just unthinkingly hit



the switch and crank the dimmer. The more you repeat a behavior, the more automatic it becomes. You basically go into robозombie habit mode — mental autopilot — with nary a consult with your Department of Reasoning, which, in fact, gets shut out entirely from the process.

Obviously, there are good autobehaviors and bad autobehaviors, but behavior you robotically repeat despite adverse consequences (such as becoming a tent-dweller with fabulous shoes) is "compulsive." Neuropsychiatry researcher Judy Luigjes and her colleagues define

compulsivity as repeatedly feeling compelled to perform an act (and being unable to stop oneself) while at the same time "being aware" that the act conflicts with one's "overall goals."

Compulsive shopping is often motivated by a longing to escape uncomfortable emotions, for example, anxiety or stress. It has similarities with addiction disorders, observes behavioral economist Shahram Heshmat, such as a "buyer's high," a rush of excitement when purchasing an item. However, the relief from emotional discomfort is quickly replaced by guilt and remorse for the irresponsible spending, which can fuel a "vicious cycle": the need for "another 'fix,' purchasing something else."

To break the cycle, you need to "protect long-term goals from short-term consumption decisions," Heshmat explains. This starts with recognizing your triggers: uncomfortable "negative" emotions like feeling hungry, angry, lonely, or anxious, which make you more likely to fling the future out the

window to get that quick-fix buyer's high.

Remind yourself regularly that uncomfortable feelings will not kill you. They're also temporary. Make a pact with yourself that when you feel the urge to shop, you'll instead acknowledge the underlying feelings you're escaping, tell yourself you can handle a bit of feel-bad, and then do what you can to feel better, like calling up a friend. In case you get their voicemail, come up with other healthy diversions like taking a walk or streaming a trashy action flick.

Of course, what you can't see or click on, you can't buy. Stay off shopping websites, and wipe them from your computer by clearing your cache, cookies, and history. You might also prepare to padlock your phone in a box and set a timer for a day, or at least several hours.

To arm yourself with positive motivations to counter negative feelings, prepare to reset your emotional clock from the uncomfortable "now" to the exciting possible future. Stock up mental pictures of the benefits of behaving in

financially responsible ways, like a snapshot of you and your friends enjoying drinks at a beautiful condo you buy with your savings.

In time, as you stop responding to bad feelings by click-shopping your way to bankruptcy, the neural tentacles of your habit will weaken, as will the clutches of your compulsion. You might also work up a little compassion for yourself for having it in the first place. Technology has made our lives vastly easier, but it's also given us countless new ways to mess them up. Back in 1347, people were freaked about the bubonic plague, just like we are at the 'rona, but they simply didn't have the option of getting drunk at 2 a.m. and sending off a carrier pigeon with an ill-advised order for obscenely pricey shoes.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Unwanted business partners

Q: I am not an assertive person, but I always wanted to create and run a business. I told a close friend about my idea; she liked it and wanted to do it with me. I don't know how it came to this, but two other friends liked the idea and also wanted to be part of it, so now we have four partners. I do almost all of the work. The first friend participates once a week, and only very little. The other two are not active but have good business connections, which I have not used yet. We make such a small amount each month that it really does not qualify as a busi-

ness, but we still split it four ways. It's not even enough money to pay for a meal in a restaurant.

I am busy with my children and family, as my husband is always working. I value my friends, so I don't know how to get out of this business situation. I also don't like and am not good at communicating anything negative. I have always preferred letting things go by keeping quiet. I want to keep things positive. Is there a way to change this situation without alienating my friends?

A: Here's the painful

truth. You are in an unfortunate situation because you chose to remain passive instead of dealing with reality and taking personal responsibility for your choices. It may initially seem easier to walk away and ignore difficult conversations, but as you now see, you sacrificed choosing what would have made you happy by acquiescing to your friends' unreasonable requests. Some may like a "yes-person," but no one respects one. Your friends may enjoy being able to control you without much effort and avoid challenging and reasonable discussions,

but it sounds like they may not be the type of friends anyone would or should want.

Your first issue to address is your fear of and interpretation of difficult conversations and confrontation. This is not a positive character trait for someone who wants to own and run a business. You apparently accept others who stand their ground, but you do not do the same for yourself. Assertive behavior is not negative the way aggressive behavior is. To be assertive is the ability to verbally defend yourself, your beliefs, your wishes, your goals and your motivations. Just because you told your business idea to your friends, and just because they wanted to be part of it, doesn't mean you had to accept their requests or demands. It sounds like you think saying no is confrontational. To the contrary, it is a person's right to say no to any sit-

uation he or she dislikes. By saying yes instead, you have turned over control of your life to others. And friends who expect that behavior from you are not the type of friends a person would or should want.

You may not recognize your friendships as toxic until you develop self-confidence and learn to successfully have difficult conversations. Sacrificing your happiness for others without reason is not a positive character trait. Find a therapy group focused on assertiveness training, or search for a counselor with whom you can comfortably and openly discuss your feelings and behavior. This type of emotional growth will not happen overnight, but your time spent learning how to be assertive will help in every aspect of life.

As you feel more confident engaging in honest communication, you will be able to discuss the

business situation you have created. If work is not split fairly, you may need to eliminate that particular friend(s) from your business. Remember, friends don't use friends. If explaining your position to them ends the friendships, you may see they were not true friends at all. Until you feel strong enough to stand by your decisions, protect any future business ideas by keeping them to yourself until you are in the process of implementing them. As you grow strong and independent, you will probably attract the type of friends who like you for who you are and not because you are easily controlled.

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Man's past relations gnaws at woman's sense of trust

DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old woman who has been in a romantic relationship with a good, caring man for two years. We live together, and he shows me all the time how much he loves me. We have amazing chemistry and are very affectionate. We enjoy spending time together, especially outdoors.

When we first started dating, he told me he was bisexual and had had relationships with men. He insists I am his true love and he is with only me now. He has never shown signs of straying, but sometimes I get insecure and wonder if I should take him at his word that he only wants me. Should I trust him?

-- WANTS TO BE SURE IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR WANTS: This man has been upfront with you. Because someone finds members of both genders attractive does not mean the person is incapable of monogamy. During the last two years, he has given you no reason to believe he is untrustworthy, so take steps to deal with your insecurity and take him at his word.

DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law -- the parents of three minor children -- were divorced in 2019. Prior to their divorce, the ex-DIL got pregnant by another man. She has since had a

little girl. My dilemma is, do I include the new little girl when they come to visit Grandma? She is still my grandchildren's half-sister. As they get older and come to visit me, I would feel bad leaving her out of events.

My son is livid that I would even consider including her. Her other grandparents refuse to have anything to do with her. How do I deal with this? -- DILEMMA IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DILEMMA: You have a loving heart. I assume all the children live together with their mother. To exclude their half-sister would be logistically difficult and cruel to a child who is



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

blameless. Your son may not like the situation, but it is time for him to grow up and face reality. You are the only grandmother that child has ever known, so remain calm, assert your right to self-determination and refuse to allow yourself to be bullied or intimidated.

DEAR ABBY: I am not in the same income bracket as my family and some of my friends. Also, I married a guy who doesn't like to socialize because he's a recovering alcoholic, and he also has hearing problems. Family and friends rarely

ask us to join them when they go out, but they never fail to call and tell me all about the great time they had and where they plan to go next. It hurts, and I resent them for it. I want to be happy for them and not feel the way I do. Help! -- DIFFERENT IN NEW YORK

DEAR DIFFERENT: Your husband may have hearing problems, but your relatives appear to be tone deaf in the sensitivity department. What they are doing is cruel.

Rather than compare your life to that of friends and relatives who have

more freedom to socialize than you and your husband do, it would be more constructive to figure out what you CAN do. Socialize either with others or by yourselves in places that don't serve alcohol and aren't overly noisy. Ask your relatives to join you there -- and put the ball in their court.

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Dear Ann Landers: When does a father’s responsibility to his college-graduate son end?

My husband put his son through four years of a very fine college, including a nice apartment and all living expenses. “Chuck” graduated six months ago and took a job for commission only. His father paid for another apartment for three months. Chuck decided he didn’t like his job, quit and has had three jobs since then. He also bought an expensive new car. Between the payments and the insurance, he is now in debt.

Two months ago,

Chuck came for a week-end visit and is still here. He has a good job at the moment, although he says it’s only temporary until he finds something better. He could afford his own apartment but has it too good with us. His father won’t ask him to pay for room and board, so he has it pretty easy. Chuck comes and goes as he pleases, and some days, the only words I hear from him are, “What’s for supper?” I’m the stepmother and in the middle. If I say anything to my husband, I’m afraid he will be resentful and defend his son. I also don’t want to

Classic
Ann Landers

alienate Chuck. What should I do? -- Worried Wife in Pa..

Dear Worried in Pa.: When a second wife gets into a controversy with her husband about his grown children from his first marriage, she’s a loser before she opens her mouth, but talk to your husband anyway. Chuck is taking advantage of you, and you

should not permit it. How wonderful it would be if he found a lovely young woman. I’ll bet he’d WANT to get his own apartment before long.

Dear Ann Landers: I have always maintained it’s the thought that counts when it comes to gifts. In that light, I’d like to know what you think. Over the years, my husband, our children and I have received an odd selection of gifts from my in-laws. They are always used -- from their attic, a thrift shop or a fire sale, or otherwise recycled. We have laughed it off, decided that they are eccentric and disposed of the gifts.

I can understand used

books, clothing, jewelry and toys, but last Christmas, they went a bit too far. Our teenage son received an assortment of used aftershave -- complete with mildew on the bottles. He just laughed and tossed it in the trash. My husband and I, however, felt insulted.

These people are financially well to-do. They see our children only when they visit on birthdays or Christmas. They stay through dinner and leave just before dessert is served. Then, we don’t hear from them until the next major event. When we ask them to spend more time with the grandchildren, they make all kinds of excuses for why they can’t manage it. After being rebuffed numerous times, our children have stopped asking about them.

Ann, if it’s “the thought that counts,” what

thought can there be behind such insulting gifts? I hesitate to ask them, because I do not want to hurt my husband, but I would appreciate your opinion. -- Daughter-in-Law in Englewood, Fla.

Dear Englewood: I Here are a few adjectives: cheap, no-class, stingy, tightwads, and toss in stupid, weird and kooky, since they apparently believe they are getting away with it. How sad that they’re missing out on their grandchildren’s lives. When their crummy gifts arrive, just toss them in the trash-can, and let it go at that. Would you believe a woman in Minnesota wrote to tell me that last Christmas she got the same fruitcake she had given the woman two years before?

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Wine-pairing myths

If you find it useful when someone suggests a specific food to pair with a specific wine, you aren’t alone. I appreciate the advice and often make my own suggestions. Fresh crab with Chablis; oysters with Muscadet; and Champagne with lox are specific pairings I enjoy and sometimes pass along. The problem with suggested pairings, however, is that sometimes they are seen as etched in stone, which inhibits exploration that could well prove enlightening.

There are a couple of myths I would like to tackle this week. The first is the oft-repeated wisdom that red wine can’t be served with fish unless it’s pinot noir with salmon. I beg to differ.

There are certainly parts of the world where fish is plentiful and white wine isn’t, Bordeaux, France, being the best example. So what’s a serious foodie to do in such a situation? One chef I know, while preparing a multicourse dinner for a crowd of Bordeaux collectors, cooked up a Mediterranean sea bass surrounded with earthy root vegetables and mushrooms.

The crowd ate it up, literally. There was nary a complaint. The takeaway from that experience was that pairing often has more to do with the preparation, seasoning and sauce than the protein on the plate.

The other oft-repeated myth I would like to explode is the imperative of serving merlot with lamb. Yes, merlot with lamb is a beautiful combination. But so is syrah with lamb, cabernet sauvignon with lamb or a savory Barolo with lamb. It’s all good. The object should be to tackle the strong flavor of lamb with a bold, savory red that has power and depth. The takeaway is simple: The rules of wine and food pairing were made to be broken -- or, at the very least, tweaked to your own liking.

Tasting Notes:
Wines are rated on a 100-point scale. Wines are chosen for review

because they represent outstanding quality or value, and the scores are simply a measure of this reviewer’s enthusiasm for the recommended wine.

Merry Edwards 2013
Chardonnay, Olivet Lane, Russian River Valley (\$60) -- It turns out the Queen of Pinot Noir has an equally deft touch with chardonnay. Merry’s 2013 vintage from her favorite vineyard (my presumption) is at once exotic and the epitome of nuanced complexity. Take a sip now and you might pick up floral and spice notes. A second later you’ll perhaps pick up tropical fruit and citrus, and even lemon creme, with a slightly oily presence on the palate and remarkable length in the mouth. This wine is a truly extraordinary California chardonnay that is packed with flavor and exquisitely balanced. Rating: 96.

Donnafugata 2011
Mille e una Notte, Sicilia Rosso IGP, Italy (\$80) -- Donnafugata has long been one the greatest examples of the wine renaissance that transformed Sicilian wine more than two decades ago. Its flagship wine is Mille e una Notte, an eclectic blend that marries Sicily’s most celebrated red grape, nero d’avola, with several international grape varieties, notably petit verdot and syrah. The 2011 is a stunning wine that is massively structured and shows nuances of red and black fruits with an overlay of wood spice. Serve it now, or cellar it for the next 10 to 15 years. Rating: 95.

Franciscan 2014
Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$29) -- Winemaker Janet Myers is renowned for her bold cabernet sauvignons, and the 2014 from Franciscan is no exception, delivering richness and weight, mouthwatering black fruits, a touch of wood spice and mouth-puckering tannins that will recede in another three to five years. This is a superb candidate for the cellar and a steal of a Napa Valley cab for this price. Rating: 90.

Robert Mondavi Winery 2014
Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$29) -- The late Robert Mondavi’s name is synonymous with Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon, so it’s only fitting that his namesake winery continues in that tradition with a new vintage of cabernet that lives up to the promise of the Mondavi name on the label. The 2014 is an elegant cab that shows layered black fruits on the palate, notes of sweet wood spice and tobacco, and soft, supple tannins that make the wine enjoyable and satisfying from the moment of release. Rating: 90.

Robert Mondavi Winery 2013
Merlot, Napa Valley (\$23) -- Napa Valley merlot is the deep, dark secret of the Napa Valley, where cabernet sauvignon is king. But you will generally pay a dear price for a top-shelf Napa Valley cab, and not so much for a good Napa Valley merlot. This 2013 vintage from Mondavi is a steal at the price. Exhibiting density and layered complexity, it shows a savory leather note, hints of blueberry and plum, and a touch of wood spice. It’s worth every penny! Rating: 90.

Migration 2014
Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley (\$38) -- This vintage of the base pinot noir from Migration shows an earthy forest floor bouquet with dark cherry fruit on the palate and firm tannins, suggesting it could evolve nicely over the next few years. Rating: 89.

Decoy 2014
Merlot, Sonoma County (\$25) -- Decoy’s 2014 vintage of Sonoma County merlot delivers bright red-fruit aromas with notes of wood spice in the background. The wine is supple and soft, so it’s easy to drink now while you wait for your bigger reds to come around. Rating: 88.
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Guinness beef stew with Irish Colcannon

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

I learned a trick awhile ago. Butternut squash thickens and sweetens anything you put it in, if it’s cooked long enough. The best part is if you mash it enough, nobody knows it’s there. I use a method from America’s Test Kitchen for browning the meat. The stew braises uncovered so the exposed meat can brown in the oven. This saves the messy step of browning the meat before hand on your stove. It’s so easy and so flavorful from the Guinness Stout. Serve the Colcannon in the same pot as the stew, family style. Perfect for St. Patrick’s Day. Pot on loan from Atelier. (ateliergp.com)

- 2 lbs beef stew meat
- 1 onion diced
- 2 carrots diced
- 2 cups butternut squash diced
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 2 tsp fresh thyme
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 cup Guinness Draught Stout

- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper

Preheat oven to 325. On your cooktop, start on medium heat in a stock pot, the heavier the better. Add the oil, onions and carrots and cook them until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, thyme, tomato paste and cook until the tomato paste is a bit brown. Add butternut squash, brown sugar, mustard, stout and broth. Begin stirring and once everything is combined, add the beef. The liquid should be just at the height of the meat. Put in the oven uncovered. The exposed beef will brown in the oven. After 45 minutes, stir so the remaining sides of the beef will brown. Take stew out after 2 hours and mash the squash with a fork to thicken the sauce. The meat should be fork tender. Adjust for seasoning. Serve over the beautiful Colcannon.

Colcannon

The true Irish soul food. I’m not sure why this dish isn’t celebrated more. It’s comforting,

hearty and cheap to make and so much better than plain mashed potatoes. I added crispy fried leeks on top and it sends it to a whole new level of flavor. Want to make it extra special? Add crisp bacon.

- 5 large Yukon Gold potatoes
- 5 leeks, washed and sliced
- 2 cups sliced green cabbage
- 2 tbsp parsley
- 2 tbsp butter
- ½ cup milk

Peel the potatoes and place in a pot of cold water. Bring to a boil and simmer until tender. Meanwhile, sautee the rest of the vegetables in oil until soft, about 7 minutes. When potatoes are soft, drain them, add the butter and milk and mash. Stir in the cooked vegetables and season to taste.

Crispy Leeks

- ¼ cup vegetable oil
 - 3 leeks sliced
- Heat the oil until shimmering. Add leeks and fry for 6-8 minutes until crispy and golden brown.



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Chevrolet grows EV lineup with 2022 Bolt EUV and Bolt EV

Chevrolet expanded its electric vehicle portfolio with the introduction of the new, all-electric 2022 Bolt EUV, alongside the redesigned 2022 Bolt EV.

Distinguished by unique exterior designs, including an SUV-like proportion for the new Bolt EUV, each is propelled by the proven technology that helped make the Bolt EV the industry's first affordable, long-range electric vehicle — and both are part of General Motors' plan to launch 30 new EVs globally by 2025.

"We want to put everyone in an EV and the new Bolt EUV and redesigned Bolt EV are crucial to doing so," said GM President Mark Reuss. "Together, they enable mainstream customers to be part of our vision of zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion."

The Bolt EV has led the charge in putting more drivers in electric vehicles. Since its market introduction in 2017, global sales have topped 100,000 and it has generated some of the best satisfaction and loyalty ratings in the industry. In the U.S., three-quarters of Bolt EV buyers are new to GM.

"The new Bolt EUV is the best of the Bolt EV packaged in an SUV-like vehicle with more technology and features, giving customers more choices and reasons to switch to electric," said Steve Hill, vice president of Chevrolet. "This is an opportunity for Chevy to capitalize on the success we've built with the Bolt EV and bring new customers into the Chevy family."

Chevrolet is also making charging more convenient with a new Dual Level Charge Cord, which, for many customers, will eliminate the need to purchase a separate charger for their home. It has a changeable plug that allows the customer to plug into a standard 120-volt three-prong outlet for Level 1 charging and a 240-volt outlet for Level 2 charging up to 7.2 kilowatts.

The new Dual Level Charge Cord is standard with Bolt EUV and is available for Bolt EV. For maximum Level 2 charging speed, both vehicles are now capable of 11 kW Level 2 charging, but separate charging equipment (not included) is required.

When it comes to on-

the-go public charging, General Motors is providing customers with convenient and expanded access. GM and EVgo, the nation's largest public fast-charging network, are collaborating to triple the number of fast chargers, with the addition of more than 2,700 chargers around the country by the end of 2025.

Chevrolet customers also have location access to more than 80,000 chargers in North America through the plan to launch 30 new EVs globally by 2025. It enables owners to plan and manage their routes more efficiently, locate available charging stations along their route, receive real-time alerts about range and easily pay for public charging through the click-to-charge feature.

The starting price for

roof rails also reinforce the SUV aesthetic.

For Bolt EV, the design updates include a new, more upright front fascia and new front and rear lighting signatures — including the signature high-eye daytime running lights in front.

Inside, both vehicles feature new instrument panels, vehicle controls and seats, with a 10.2-inch-diagonal infotainment4 color touchscreen and integrated climate controls common to both for clean, intuitive interfaces. The infotainment screen features real-time displays with more details available on the 8-inch-diagonal reconfigurable color gauge cluster.

There's also a new, electronic gear shift design that uses pull toggles and push buttons to free up more interior space. For increased regenerative braking, there's even a new one-pedal driving button that keeps the system active between drive cycles.

When it comes to spaciousness, the all-new Bolt EUV expands on the Bolt EV's already roomy cabin, with 3 inches of additional rear legroom. Heated and ventilated front seats and heated rear outboard seats are available, along with a panoramic power sunroof for Bolt EUV.

Super Cruise and additional technologies

The 2022 Bolt EUV is the first Chevrolet offered with Super Cruise¹, the industry's first true hands-free driver assistance technology for enabled roads. It can be used on more than 200,000 miles (320,000 km) of enabled roads in the U.S. and Canada.

Super Cruise employs many advanced technology features, including a Driver Attention System and precision LiDAR map data. The Driver Attention System uses a small camera located on the top of the steering column and works with infrared lights to determine where the driver is looking whenever Super Cruise is in operation. If the Driver Attention System detects the driver's gaze has turned away from the road ahead for too long, the steering wheel light bar will prompt the driver to return their attention to the road. If the system determines continued inattentiveness, it will use visible and audible alerts to notify the driver to take back control of the wheel. Super Cruise is available on Bolt EUV Premier.

Chevy Safety Assist is standard on both Bolt EUV and Bolt EV and includes safety and advanced driver assistance technologies, such as Automatic Emergency Braking, Forward Collision Alert, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning, Following Distance Indicator, IntelliBeam and Front Pedestrian Braking.



A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Scorpio until 5:43 p.m., when the Moon enters Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 4, 2021:

Private, intimate and autonomous, you need a cozy place in which to exist. You produce your best work this year, and it is very successful. If single, you so crave creative isolation that you don't even search for a mate this year. You wait some years before joining your soul mate. If attached, you can communicate without speaking and have an intensely psychic bond. **VIRGO** will never lead you on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An old demon no longer troubles you. Inwardly, you'll feel more peaceful and strong. New financial strategies are worth considering. Your legendary analytical ability is in top form, enabling you to find solutions to several pesky problems. Tonight: A sigh of relief.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be lighthearted about partnerships today. Today doesn't favor a serious or committed situation. Use caution in making promises, and select closest associates with care. Trust your own instincts if a project of time-investment seems risky. Tonight: Vulnerable to peer pressure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today accents domestic relationships. Be alert to the needs of beloved pets; they'll be especially sensitive and emotional -- also with any assistantship you hire and use. Companions surprise you with progressive plans. Tonight: A marvelous cycle for decision-making.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today your charm and beauty impress the right people and help is offered. Pursue social and professional opportunities. Tremendous mental energy and artistic aptitude are heightened. New ideas abound. A friend is helpful

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your charisma is at a peak, and interesting new prospects are attracted to you. Genuine drama is followed by the fireworks clearing. A companion whom you've lost track of can resurface. Tonight: Double-check all agreements, for questions of propriety come into play.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Work hard and be patient. Quiet contemplation helps you find contentment. It's a perfect cycle for redecorating projects in your home. You'll be devoting great energy to family matters. Honor your childhood memories and heritage. Tonight: A long and soothing herbal bath.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're ready to explore and wander. Reflect upon a world map to help intuit the best places for visits once this pandemic is over. There is an urge to be active, not to wait or postpone. Today reminds you to savor the present. Tonight: Savoring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today marks a wonderful time to separate the promising from the outmoded with regard to your source of income. You're very progressive in analyzing new economic trends. You get good financial news. Tonight: Investment clubs and other group activities help you with financial planning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today your charm and beauty impress the right people and help is offered. Pursue social and professional opportunities. Tremendous mental energy and artistic aptitude are heightened. New ideas abound. A friend is helpful

and has knowledge to share. Tonight: Dance like no one's watching.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take time for quiet reflection today. Explore your subconscious needs through meditation and dream analysis. A person from the past unexpectedly gets in touch. You will be glad. Helping others who are less fortunate brings you joy. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today emphasizes help, charity and wellness. A reunion of some type can be planned. Goals crystallize. Healing and growth are due. A larger-than-life quality prevails, but stay grounded and keep your perspective. Seek efficiency. Tonight: Involvement on Zoom with a large group.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be a good listener. You may learn a lot. Today creates a limiting and somewhat frustrating career situation. Accept others as they are and use your creative ideas constructively. By the end of the day, recognition is yours. Tonight: Celebrate with older family members.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today brings a cycle of great insight and awareness. Discussion groups and an eclectic combination of cultural traditions awaken your higher mind. Studying another language can have a positive impact too. Tonight: Watch a foreign movie or documentary.

BORN TODAY Composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678), writer Alan Sillitoe (1928), actress Catherine O'Hara (1954).

Contract Bridge

THE BREAD-AND-BUTTER HANDS

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7 4 2
♥ A 5
♦ K 10 9 8 6 2
♣ 10 7

WEST

♠ K Q 10 6 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ J 7 5 3
♣ 6

EAST

♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ 4
♣ K Q 9 8 4 2

SOUTH

♠ A J 8
♥ K 9 8 2
♦ A Q
♣ A J 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — king of spades.

In the ordinary course of events, declarer will encounter a number of deals where his contract is sure to make regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided and how he chooses to play them. Such hands are sometimes called pianolas.

In other hands that also are certain to succeed, a moderate amount of skill may be required to protect against the possibility of defeat. These are the hands that appeal to the real student of the game.

Today's deal is from that class.

by Steve Becker

South is sure to make three notrump against any distribution of the opponents' cards, provided he takes a few necessary precautions.

Dummy's long diamond suit is good for six tricks unless one defender has four or five diamonds to the jack. Declarer's primary concern, therefore, is to guard against an unfavorable diamond break.

The first productive step is taken when West's king-of-spades lead is allowed to win. Refusal to take the trick acts as a barrier to the continuation of that suit and prevents the spade suit from later being run against declarer. This could happen if the ace were taken at trick one and East later gained the lead to return a spade through the J-8.

Let's assume West shifts to a heart at trick two. South takes care to win with the king, cashes the ace of diamonds and leads the queen. After West follows, declarer overtakes the queen with the king to guard against the possibility that West may have been dealt the J-x-x-x of diamonds.

This protective step may cost declarer a trick, but it guarantees scoring at least five diamond tricks, thereby assuring the contract. The diamond ten is next led, and at least nine tricks become a certainty.

Overtaking the diamond queen may seem wasteful, but since it insures against any possibility of defeat, it is clearly the right play.

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Puzzles and

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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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

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

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Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

Scott Adams



Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



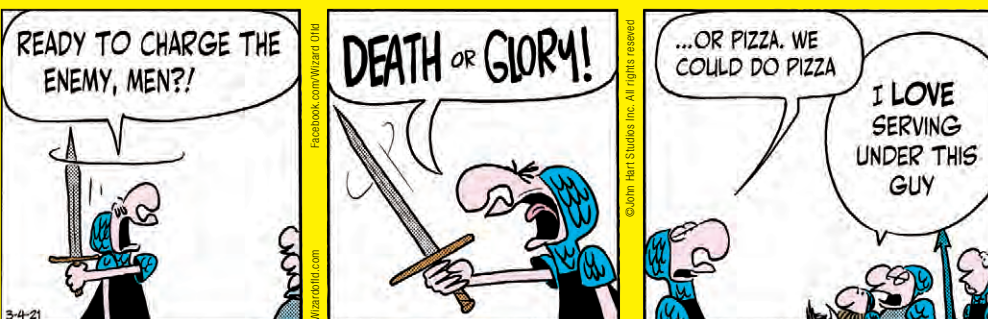
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Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

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



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

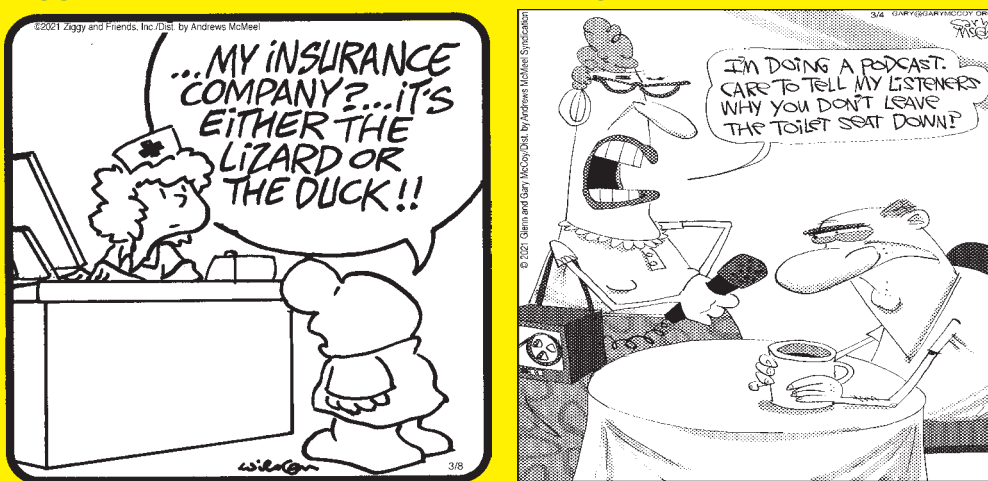


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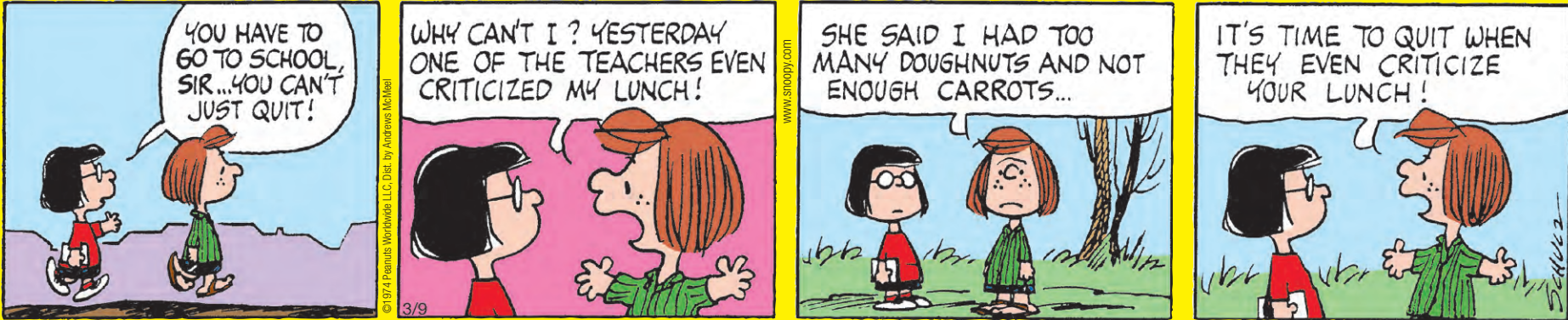
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Comics

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Charles M. Schulz



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Dick Browne and Chris Browne

Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



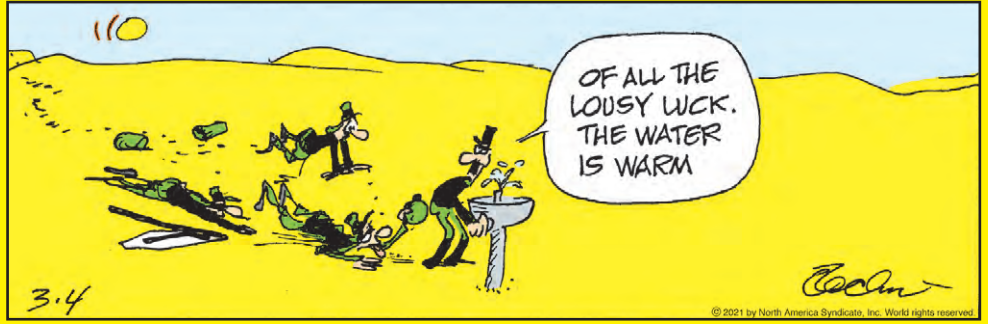
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

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F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



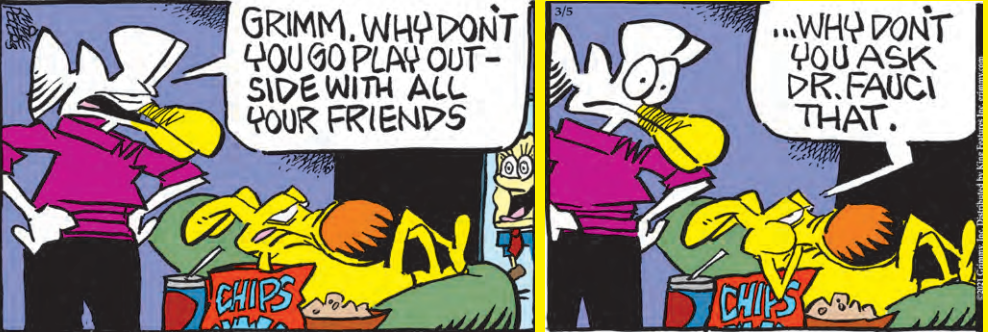
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Mother Goose and Grim

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Reality Check

Dave Whamond

Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



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South’s Will Johnson chooses Wolverines

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

College football fans around the country turned their eyes to Grosse Pointe this weekend as Grosse Pointe South High School junior Will Johnson made his highly anticipated commitment announcement. With his list of schools narrowed down to the University of Michigan, Ohio State University and University of Southern California, Johnson has decided to remain in The Mitten and play college football for the Michigan Wolverines. “I’m thankful for all the offers and all the coaches I was able to talk to,” Johnson said about the recruiting process. “I think Michigan just had a lot of opportunities ... being at home, I couldn’t really pass it up.” Johnson is the top-ranked player in the state of Michigan for the class

of 2022 with a five-star composite rating on 247Sports. He’s also the fifth-highest rated CB and No. 11 player in the country overall on 247Sports’ composite list. In the last few years playing with the Blue Devils, Johnson has found himself in the national recruiting spotlight. He believes the mentorship of his coaches at South will help him keep growing as he prepares for college football. “They always want me to be more of a vocal leader, so that’s always been a big thing at South, just trying to lead the team as much as I can,” Johnson said. As he looks forward to wearing the maize and blue, Johnson won’t be the first in his family to play in Ann Arbor: Will’s dad, Deon Johnson, played for the Wolverines in the 1990s. As his son follows in his footsteps,

Johnson’s dad couldn’t be more proud of his son’s effort and commitment. “I’ve seen him mature from when he really got into the football thing in seventh grade,” Deon Johnson said. “He understood the work it took to get to this point. ... Walking in as a freshman he was kind of new, but watching him mature from his freshman to his sophomore year, that was huge for me to see that development.” With one more year to go with the Blue Devils before heading to Ann Arbor, Johnson has his goals set on collecting some hardware with his South teammates before becoming a Wolverine. “The goal as a team is to win the state championship and I think we have the talent to do so,” Johnson said. “Personally I want to be a better leader for our team and just get bigger, faster and stronger for next year.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILL JOHNSON

Blue Devils junior Will Johnson announced his commitment to play football at the University of Michigan.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MADELINE KOHLER

Madeline Kohler is playing her fourth season of varsity basketball at North.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACOB HARRIS

Jacob Harris plays varsity sports at South including basketball, tennis and baseball.

Local athletes earn MHSAA honors

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the winter sports season in full swing and spring sports starting later this month, a pair of local Grosse Pointe athletes have been honored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for their achievements in athletics and academics. Grosse Pointe North High School senior Madeline

Kohler and Grosse Pointe South High School senior Jacob Harris have been named Class A MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award winners. “Winning this award showed me how far sportsmanship can go,” Harris said. “Everything you do you want to help other people and have an impact on people, and to be recognized as having that achievement is really important to me.”

Harris has spent four years on the Blue Devils varsity tennis team and is also a guard on South’s varsity basketball team and a varsity baseball shortstop. With the main focus of the award’s essay contest being sportsmanship, Harris said his coaches and teammates have helped show him the true meaning of sportsmanship. “They have a culture of being a teammate no

matter what, whether it’s on the court or off the court,” Harris said. Kohler currently is in her fourth season on North’s varsity girls basketball team and will play her third year of varsity soccer this spring. She said role models like Norsemen basketball coach Garry Bennett have taught her lessons that go beyond the court. “Because my coach teaches us to respect oth-

ers and treat others like how you would want to be treated, it’s carried on into basically everything in my life,” Kohler said. “I’ve wanted to become a better person because of it and I’ve become a better student because of it.” Neither Harris nor Kohler has decided on where they’ll attend college yet, but both know the values that helped them achieve this honor

will continue to help them no matter where they go. “I wrote in my essay about how the core value of sportsmanship has allowed me to become a better leader,” Kohler said. “It’s about building on each other’s strengths and working with everyone. ... Because of sports and this award, I know going into college that I’ll be best equipped to work with others.”

Crosstown rivalry ends in Knights win

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The University Liggett Knights and Grosse Pointe North Norsemen saw a crosstown rivalry Feb. 26, at East Side Hockey Arena. The final score of the game was 6-0 in the Knights favor, with junior goaltender Logan Merriweather earning her first shutout of the season. The Knights took the lead early in the game

with back-to-back goals from Ava Jacob and Gabrielle Anusbigan. The second period saw goals from Elle Quinlan and Madeline McKee. The Knights stretched the lead even further in the third with goals from Morgan Hamilton and A.C. Doppke. “I know that in these crosstown games, there’s always a little added incentive for the girls to go out and play at the top of their game

as a lot of these girls grew up playing together,” said University Liggett head coach Greg Paddison. “Against North, I could clearly see that the girls were pretty dialed in and from the first puck drop, and it’s comforting as a coach to know that despite how unconventional this season has been, the girls are still focused on the task at hand.” According to North

head coach Casey Quick, his senior goaltender, Mia Cassar, played an outstanding game and his defensive squad worked hard to keep the slot area relatively free from rebounds. Quick admitted, however, that his team was simply outplayed on the physicality aspect of the game. “Liggett is a very physical team,” Quick said. “I give them a lot of credit on their backchecking and knocking us off of

the puck. They kept us away from the net and offensively, we just could not generate shots.” Paddison paid back the compliment to his opponent stating that “despite having a short bench and being in the midst of a rebuilding year, Grosse Pointe North plays hard with a lot of fight. It’s clear that as those girls get some experience playing together, they’re going

to improve very quickly.” The Norsemen look forward to playing Grosse Pointe South on Monday, March 8, in what they hope to be a very competitive game. “We have some very skilled players on our team, although we are in the process of learning the game and rebuilding depth,” Quick said. “We are a good team to play against because we play

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Blue Devils defeated the Norsemen on Monday night after falling to North in OT on February 15.

South defeats North in rivalry rematch

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North girls basketball teams met for the second time this season Monday night. The Norsemen defeated the Blue Devils in overtime in their first meeting back in February, but the Blue Devils ended up victorious Monday night by a final score of 54-30.

“I thought they got their tempo in that game and we got our tempo in this game,” said Blue Devils coach Kevin Richards after his team won the rematch with

North. “We shoot a lot of threes and we finally got them to fall, so they were timely threes.”

The Blue Devils got out to a slow start, with North jumping out to an early lead. However, some early adjustments during the first timeout helped South bounce back and end the first quarter with a 16-7 lead. South remained in the lead the rest of the game at that point, en route to their eighth win of the year. For the Norsemen, Monday’s loss was just their second of the season.

“I don’t think we competed on offense and I

don’t think we competed on defense,” North coach Gary Bennett said following the loss. “It was definitely our worst game of the year in terms of that. ... They got the loose balls and they won a lot of 50/50 balls. They just gave us an old-fashioned kicking.”

The leading scorer of the night was South’s Alexa Downey. The senior finished with 29 points, making Monday her fifth consecutive

game scoring 20 or more points.

“I don’t know if there’s anybody playing better than Alexa Downey in the state of Michigan,” Richards said. “She’s a bucket.”

Up next for the Blue Devils are games against Port Huron on Wednesday and Dakota on Friday. North host Eisenhower on Wednesday before traveling to Port Huron Friday night.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Monday’s loss was only the second of the season for North.

Big third quarter lifts Knights over Cabrini

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School boys basketball team took to the road Saturday in a matchup with Allen Park Cabrini. After a closely contested first half, the Knights dominated the final two quarters en route to a 63-37 victory over the Monarchs.

“We got off to a pretty sluggish start,” Liggett coach Solomon Spann III said. “The energy was there, but not quite in the way we anticipate. ... Even in the second quarter we still weren’t getting the turnovers and executing on what we had going on.”

It was in the second quarter with the momentum of the game still swinging back and forth the Knights had a key play to set the tone for the rest of the afternoon.

“We got a fast break and Cameron Strong had a thunderous dunk and that got us started,”

Spann said. “Sometimes you need those things like that spark to get us going defensively and it was able to carry us.”

Strong ended up as the leading scorer for the Knights with 18 points. Tyriq Hurt added 12 points and Alex George finished with nine.

Strong’s dunk sparked Liggett to take a 33-25 lead into halftime. It was the momentum from that dunk that carried over into the third quarter where the Knights out-scored Cabrini 24-4 and took firm control of the game.

“We talked about the energy and defensive pressure and executing with rebounding,” Spann said he told his team in the locker room before a dominant second half.

The Knights host Cabrini this week as the teams play each other twice in just five days, followed by matchups with Shrine Catholic on Thursday and Our Lady of the Lakes on Saturday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett out scored Cabrini 24-4 in the third quarter.

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tough defense and we can keep you away from our net. We hope to start generating more offensive opportunities as our girls continue improve.”

The Knights are proud to carry an undefeated record of 8-0-0 and look forward to continuing to improve while also being able to enjoy the game a little as a result of their success.

“I think the girls have bought into the idea that success is when yesterday’s goals become today’s expectations,” Paddison said. “While we certainly want to remain humble and focused, there’s definitely a wave of confidence building around the locker room and that confidence lets our girls play the game without putting too much stress on themselves or finding themselves proverbially ‘gripping the stick too tight.’”

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

TO ALL OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS: Notice is hereby given that after May 1st of this year the provisions of Chapter 46, Vegetation, Article IV, Weeds, Brush and Grass will be enforced. This article requires the owner or occupant to cut, destroy or remove weeds, brush and grass that is six (6) inches high or more. In the case of noncompliance, the owner or occupant of the land shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the city in connection with such cutting or destruction plus a 30 percent administrative fee. If the charges are not paid within 30 days after billing, payment shall be deemed delinquent and shall be enforceable as a tax lien against the land.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Article IV of Chapter 46 shall, in addition to the other obligations imposed thereby or by other applicable law, be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a civil fine.

Lisa Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/04/2021

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.

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) 822-6200.

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

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.

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

GPN: February 25, March 4, March 11, 2021

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.gpwni.us/aboutus/communityCalendar.html>. Resident taxpayers must appear or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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

G.P.N.: Publishing Dates
02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21

Eric Dunlap
Assessor

Wood nominated

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

University Liggett School boys hockey star Doug Wood is possibly the most notable stand-out player on a very well-rounded Knights team. Putting on some impressive performances during his junior season so far, Wood has been nominated for 2021 Michigan High School Hockey Player of the Year by the State Champs Sports Network.

“He’s just a special player who kind of makes the players around him a lot better,” said Wood’s coach, Mike Maltese. “He’s a leader for us in the locker room off the ice and more importantly on the ice.”

According to statistics from Michigan High

School Hockey Hub and the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches’ Association, Wood finished eighth in the state last season with 66 points. The junior’s 29 points so far in 2021 put him at third in the state currently.

The Wood family is no stranger to success on the ice. Wood’s dad, also Doug Wood, had a record-setting career with Liggett from 1986-90, and he’s still the MHSAA’s all-time leading scorer with 372 career points, including 195 assists, also a state record.

“His hockey IQ is very high and it kind of helps when your dad was a pretty decent high school hockey player,” Maltese said. “He does have big shoes to fill in that

aspect, but he gets a lot of support at home and from his coaches growing up.”

Wood plays a key role in the Knights’ offense with natural scoring ability. According to his coach, Wood can be a game-changer whenever he steps onto the ice.

“He changes the course of a game at any moment and he can turn it on when he needs to,” Maltese said. “He can take over a game ... not only scoring goals, but setting up important goals.”

The Michigan High School Hockey Player of the Year will be announced in April and selected based on several criteria, including online fan voting at statechampsnetwork.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEXIS WENGER

Liggett alumna Alexis Wenger and her Virginia teammates set a new NCAA and American record in the 200 yard medley relay.

Liggett alumna sets NCAA record

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In February, the University of Virginia women’s swimming and diving team captured its third ACC conference championship in four years. Part of that championship team was Alexis Wenger, a Detroit native and 2018 graduate of University Liggett School. As Wenger and her teammates claimed a conference title, they also claimed a new NCAA and American swimming record.

Wenger, along with teammates Caroline Gmelech, Alexa Cuomo and Kate Douglass, set a new NCAA and American record with their performance in the women’s 200 medley relay. Their time of 1:32.93 shattered the previous record of 1:33.11 set by Stanford University in 2018.

“We ended up beating it by a lot more than I thought,” Wenger said about the record. “It was really, really exciting to feel like all the hard work that we’ve been going through this year finally

paid off.”

The 200 yard medley relay was the first event of the women’s ACC championships Feb. 17, with Wenger competing in the breaststroke portion. For Wenger and the rest of the Cavaliers, breaking the record this year felt even more extraordinary.

“Last year there were a lot of expectations on our team; everyone expected us to break it last year,” Wenger said. “This year with it being so much more difficult with COVID ... it was a really special feeling to even make it to ACCs without anyone on our team missing.”

Growing up in Detroit, Wenger attended Liggett

from preschool through high school. She also spent years swimming with the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club. Wenger believes it was the motivation of Gators coach John Fodell that inspired her to pursue her dream of swimming at a higher level.

“He always wanted the best for me and I think he knew what I was capable of before even I did,” Wenger said about her former coach. “He just always believed in me.”

Wenger and her Virginia teammates are now preparing to compete in the NCAA women’s swimming and diving championships, which begin March 17, in Greensboro, N.C.



PHOTO BY NIA RAHMAAN

Blue Devils swim team seniors, from left: Cantin Griffin, Charlie Rulison, Chris Bower, Jackson Jogan, and Ryan English.

Blue Devils swimmers have eyes on state title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last March, the Grosse Pointe South High School boys varsity swim team was on its way to Holland for the state championship meet when it received sudden and disappointing news.

“It was just really surreal; you almost didn’t believe it,” Blue Devils coach John Fodell recalled. “It was a call and it was just like, ‘Turn around, the meet’s not happening.’ ... You never experience anything like that.”

For Fodell and his Blue Devils team in 2021, their minds are focused on making it back to the state championships and finishing what they missed out on last year. Many of the swimmers, like senior captain Ryan English, are driven this year to have the opportunity to finish what they started in 2020.

“We really want it this year, because we had so much going for us last year,” English said. “We’ve got some new swimmers this year and we’re just geared up and we’re ready to win.”

In February, the Blue Devils finally were able to race together in the pool again as the season got underway. With the team going nearly an entire

year without competition, Fodell had to find ways to keep his team physically and mentally prepared during a long offseason.

“We had challenges on Facebook and we did Zoom stuff and a whole bunch of stuff,” Fodell said. “It was just kind of holding your breath and hoping that you got back to something ... especially for these boys; these boys need something to look forward to and train.”

Although last year ended in disappointment, the Blue Devils know this is a new year with new circumstances. Their

focus is being able to compete for a state title and pushing forward instead of dwelling on last year is the best way to get there.

“The opportunity is in front of us and we can do it,” Fodell said. “We’ve got to leave everything behind us because it’s done. We can’t go back. ... We have to get better if we want to win this ... and I think they’re starting to realize that.”

The Blue Devils are preparing for the MAC Red Division meet March 13, and the state championships March 27.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 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.

G.P.N.: 02/18/21; 02/25/21; 03/04/21; 03/11/21

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to be held remotely by Zoom. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is located on the City’s website at www.gpwmj.us.
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, ELECTIONS TO REVISE THE NOMINATING PETITION DEADLINE IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 2-416

Lisa Hathaway
City Clerk
G.P.N.: 03/04/2021

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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