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Director of public safety search update

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City Manager Nick Sizeland gave an update at the city council meeting Monday, March 8, regarding the ongoing selection process for the Park’s next public safety director.

Many public comments were heard regarding the selection process. Members of the community asked for transparency about the process, suggesting interview questions and answers be anonymously released. Sizeland explained that, though interviews would be conducted completely privately, he desires to take the public’s opinion into consideration as he moves forward.

Other members of the community expressed their trust in Sizeland’s discernment.

Legally, the selection of the director is solely up to Sizeland’s discretion. He said he intends to make the decision carefully and thoroughly.

Applications closed Monday, Feb. 22, and the 14 candidates who applied have been passed along to Empco, a third-party consulting group.

Empco will choose external assessors to conduct oral board interviews of the 14 candidates. These assessors will gauge candidates’ knowledge, skill and abilities, score the candidates and pass the top few back to Sizeland. Sizeland will conduct interviews of those top candidates with the help of a review panel, which will

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Master plan online survey ends March 22

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Partnering with MKSK, the city of Grosse Pointe Park created an online survey to encourage input from residents for its master plan update. The city has been encouraging residents to be involved in the update, as it will be a “clear vision” for what the city’s future holds.

“The Master Plan will help provide realistic and strategic recommendations to achieve that vision,” an overview of the process stated. “The Master Plan will be grounded in public engagement, with the community helping to identify priorities and

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City hall reopens

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Effective Monday, March 8, Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall has reopened to the public during its regular operating hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Masking inside the building is required.

“Our cases locally have consistently either been flat or declining,” Assistant City Manager Tom Krolczyk said, “so we thought (it was) probably a good idea to start letting the public back in (and) be more available.”

While residents still are encouraged to conduct business via the municipal drop box, phone or

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The 900 dock at Pier Park soon will undergo repairs.

Pier Park 900 dock awaits renovation

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As the past 25 years have left the substructure of the Pier Park 900 dock deteriorated to where top deck boards are breaking and unsafe to walk on, the time has come to remove and repair the approximately 5,520 square feet of decking.

“There’s a liability issue that could be coming,” Councilwoman Beth Konrad-Wilberding said, “and we just need to repair that dock, because boat owners pay a good expense for all of their boats in those wells and so this dock needs to be maintained.”

With the marina opening for the season May 1, the work is set to begin by St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, and conclude by April 28.

Contracted to D&S Contractors, the project will encompass the main dock itself and the swim platform at the end, excluding the finger piers.

“The finger piers are all intact,” Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis explained, “and there aren’t any ones that we’re worried about any structural issues or decking issues on.”

The replacement wood will be a UC4C ground contract for extreme duty, which is made to withstand water and believed not to have been an option when the dock was first installed.

“The decking that will go on will be treated to withstand that climate that it’s going to be in,” Galatis said, “so we’re hopeful that it will last

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Canvassing board chair faces possible penalty

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Wayne County Board of Canvassers Chair Monica Palmer’s role as a principal member of the nonprofit corporation Taxpayers for Grosse Pointe Schools was found incompatible with her canvassing board duties by the Wayne County Ethics Board Monday, March 1.

Attorney Thomas Bruetsch filed a related complaint in late October. Bruetsch’s complaint argued that Palmer’s role as founder of the nonprofit Taxpayers for Grosse Pointe Schools, a corporation which has allegedly advocated for select school board candidates, conflicts with her role on the canvassing board.

Representing Palmer, attorney Michael Schwartz argued that the alleged support of select school board candidates was intended to be educational and inform the public of issues within the school district.

The Ethics Board ruled on this complaint that Palmer’s actions did not pose a conflict of interest under the ethics ordinance, as Palmer, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, gained no financial advantage from her actions. However, Ethics Board members do believe Palmer’s actions could become incompatible with her fiduciary duties to the Board of Canvassers.

A penalty recommendation will be determined at the Ethics Board meeting Wednesday, April 28.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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A tale of two conservatives

By Brad Lindberg
Special Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The mayor is the first but not necessarily the last of two remaining conservatives on the city council to announce retirement from municipal office.

While Mayor Robert Denner stated last week he is not seeking re-election in November, fellow conservative Councilman James Robson intends to file for re-election, but will withdraw from the race shortly after the filing deadline 4 p.m. April 20, if the field contains a suitable replacement.

“The devil’s in the details,” Robson said. “On April 20, I’m going to look at the lineup of who’s in and who’s out.

If I like who’s in, I fully intend not to run.”

Meaning, if the field contains viable conservatives, he’ll yield. Otherwise, he’s fighting on.

Candidates have a three-day period to withdraw after filing. Their names won’t go on the ballot.

Robson anticipates there will be a sufficient number of council candidates to require an August primary election. More than six candidates trigger a primary. If less than six, the race falls to November.

“I would like very much to retire,” said Robson, a council member on and off for 36 years. “But, as a safety valve, I will be putting my petitions in.”

The Park has flipped

politically from the across-the-board conservatives with whom Robson allied starting on his first council tour 1985 to 1993.

Then, retiring in 2001 from a nearly 30-year law enforcement career, including at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Robson returned to council on a somewhat outsider mission to improve residential rental neighborhoods.

“Once I got on council and kept beating the drums, (the late) Mayor (Palmer) Heenan finally saw that a healthy northwest Grosse Pointe Park is good for the entire Park,” Robson said. “I got good support after advocating for a long time.”

Robson considers himself the council’s stron-

gest conservative. Next he ranks Denner, mayor since 2015.

“The success of Grosse Pointe Park rests on the shoulders of all those who have come before us,” said Denner in his retirement statement Thursday, March 4. “I have every confidence our city will continue to thrive. I look forward after November to spending more time with my grandchildren, to travel and find new avenues to provide service to our community.”

Robson said the other council members — Michele Hodges (term expiring in 2023), Lauri Read (2021), Darci McConnell (2021), Amiee Fluit (2023) and Vikas Relan (2023) — range from left to far left of center.



Councilman Jim Robson



Mayor Robert Denner

according to Robson.

“All politics is local,” Robson said. “Grosse Pointe Park is now a divisive state in terms of chemistry on the council. There’s significant distrust and dislike of the wealthy by certain members of council.”

So, for this former police commander at Metro Airport, the political itinerary of council candidates April 20 will determine his departure time.

Wailing about a wall

By Brad Lindberg
Special Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Some walls at public works facilities are less equal than others.

A 6-foot-tall brick wall behind a DPW facility breaking ground soon in Grosse Pointe Park, on lower Mack across from Detroit, is a symbolic endowment of social inequality to a group of people whose failure to controvert construction helps fuel their insistence to keep trying.

“We see the wall of the relocated DPW facility as yet another barrier between Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit,” said Frank Joyce, alluding to some fellow Park residents. “A wall is a wall.”

Yet, the wall at the forthcoming DPW structure and storage yard

faces a Park residential neighborhood, not Detroit, according to renderings attached to minutes of the Sept. 24 meeting of the Park planning commission, posted on the municipal website, grossepointe.org.

Joyce also isn’t protesting the walls, fences or densely planted trees barring easy access and views of the public service yard and Milk River pumping station on Parkway Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods.

“I’ve never seen it,” he said.

In Grosse Pointe Farms at the intersection of Kerby and Chalfonte? “Don’t know,” he said.

Around numerous DPW facilities yards throughout the city of Detroit?

“I am not sufficiently

familiar with the location of other Grosse Pointe municipalities’ DPW facilities to have an opinion whether they’re appropriate or not,” Joyce said. “I do not believe any of them are facing Detroit in the same way the (Park’s) proposed new DPW facility’s wall will be on Mack.”

Likewise, walls limit access to the parking lot, storage area and supply bins at Phil Pitters landscaping on Alter Road, two blocks south of the forthcoming public works yard.

“I’ve not thought about that, to be honest,” Joyce said. “That is a business that already abuts a commercial street, but also abuts a residential neighborhood.”

Park ordinance requires walls when commercial property abuts residential.

The Park’s new center of DPW operations, including an enclosed garage and vehicle maintenance bays, cover upwards of 16,000 square feet. Funding is by \$4 million bonds payable over 15 years.

“They’re breaking ground any day,” Park Mayor Robert Denner



Frank Joyce

said.

Construction is scheduled for completion in early fall mainly on commercial property that had been vacant or dilapidated, including nearly a block of two-story buildings destroyed by a multi-alarm fire more than 10 years ago, on Mack between Wayburn and Maryland.

“It was becoming a blighted corridor,” Denner said. “There were crime problems.”

A portion of the construction site consists of former residential land on which the city razed a bungalow. The plot will stay bare to buffer the adjacent neighborhood.

“It seems straightforward to me that if you remove a house that could be lived in, you’re voting for fewer residents,” Joyce said.

Park DPW operations represent more than 15 percent of the \$24.6 million municipal annual budget. Employees maintain roads, plow snow and collect trash using vehicles costing upwards of \$100,000

each. DPW yards, offices and repair shops contain tools, equipment, municipal documents and supplies of road salt, dirt and gravel.

“There’s a number of reasons you need a wall around a working yard,” Denner said. “You need to secure the site for safety reasons and for privacy concerns of surrounding residents.”

Joyce cites the same criteria when campaigning for DPW operations to remain centered where they’ve been for decades, in a former Chevrolet dealership bump shop off Jefferson at Wayburn. The garage is one block from city hall, St. Ambrose Church and the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch, and within putting distance of a Detroit apartment building.

“It’s old and dilapidated,” Joyce said of current DPW headquarters, “not in a particularly residential area, which is a good thing for a DPW yard as opposed to relocating it to a site that has many problems, (including being) essentially a residential neighborhood.”

“The existing DPW on Wayburn and Jefferson is old and needs to be replaced no matter what,” Councilman James Robson said. “The common-sense thing to do is move it to Maryland and Mack, destroy that blighted area and build an esthetically pleasing facility, not some ugly pole barn with cyclone

fencing.”

“Features such as brick and limestone accents will make it attractive,” Denner said. “It’s not going to look like a warehouse.”

“The wall behind the building on Maryland is a courtesy to residents of Wayburn as a sound barrier,” Robson said.

A big factor behind vacating the current DPW building, and thereby part of Joyce’s criticism, is replacing the existing public works building near city hall with the 424-seat A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manooogian Art Gallery.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said Robson, remembering essentially wistful discussions on the general topic dating to his first term on council in the mid-1980s. “It’s been through many council battles, but they’re getting closer and closer to ground-breaking sometime this year.”

“The art center became a catalyst for renewed focus on alternatives for the DPW site,” Denner said. “The property on which the art center is going to be was acquired over at least a 10- to 15-year range.”

Slated for performances are productions of the Grosse Pointe Theatre and Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra. A portion of

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Allen appointed library trustee

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As the child of a librarian and a salesman representing major publishing companies — and who mastered the Dewey Decimal Classification in kindergarten and was reading Civil War books by Bruce Catton at age 8 — it’s fitting that Bob Allen was unanimously appointed as a trustee to the Grosse Pointe Library Board by Farms city council during its meeting Monday, March 8.

Spending much of his time in libraries growing up, including through part-time jobs at the circulation desk and waxing bookmobiles during college, the Farms resident remembers in a way growing up together with his mother, he as a kid and she as a librarian, as she progressed from being a clerk at one of the Kalamazoo Public Library branches to becoming the person in charge of all the Kalamazoo branches and bookmobiles.

“I look forward to it and I hope I make my mom proud by it,” Allen said of the trustee position. “I’m lucky that I have an opportunity to serve in a way that really is probably more meaningful to me than any other form of public service that’s out there.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Bob Allen is the newest trustee on the library board.

The current Detroit Athletic Club director, who has a nearly 25-year background of journalistic work for Crain’s Communications, credits libraries for much of his success.

“I’m the embodiment of why you have libraries, because libraries saved me and I don’t think I’m exaggerating the point,” he said. “I wasn’t a particularly strong student for my early years (and) probably until junior high school struggled in certain classes, but while that was all going on, underneath it turned out

that there was this 8- or 9-year-old kid that had a college-level reading ability. So when things intersected at just the right point in ninth grade, I became a great student and I owe all of that to all the reading I did.”

After taking the necessary time to meet staff and understand the current issues, Allen hopes to focus on getting library cards in the hands of more people, bringing awareness to the library’s many programs and offerings and communicating the success stories such as how the library

has made a difference in people’s lives.

“As we’re slowly but surely finding our way back to whatever the normal is going to be as the pandemic subsides, as a parent, I also wonder what role can libraries play in the intellectual restoration, not just of the community, but maybe of young people,” he said. “I don’t know if there is a role, but it seems as a parent I’m curious about that myself.”

While each of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods has an elected representative on the board and the Farms’ slot is already filled by Board President Abigail Ward, Allen will be filling the position of the one rotating representative, which this cycle is appointed by the Farms.

The prior rotating representative, Elizabeth Vogel, is resigning from the position after being named president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, which is a significant time commitment.

Allen will fill the position for a partial term, ending June 30, 2022.

“The library’s executive director, Jessica (Keyser), spoke with him at great length and was very impressed with his knowledge and credentials and also indicated a high level of support,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said.



FILE PHOTO

The selection of the new public safety director is solely up to City Manager Nick Sizeland.

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include a member of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

Sizeland did confirm that the applicant pool is diverse, though he could not legally release any additional information.

“I am committed to positive change, as is city hall,” Sizeland said. “We cannot change the past, but we can learn from it and move forward together as a community.”

As the selection process moves forward, many community members have opinions regarding interim chief Lt. Jim Bostock and the

possibility of seeing him as the next director of public safety.

Some expressed their support for Bostock, with reasons such as positive safety trends and professionalism. Others stood against Bostock, with reasons such as a perceived negative response to the Dinges family, non-diversity and blind promoting and hiring from within. A few others asked for residents and council members to stay out of the decision, emphasizing that the selection is solely up to Sizeland.

With oral boards scheduled for March 31, Sizeland hopes to have a new public safety director named by mid-April.

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just as long as it did, if not longer this time.”

Accounting for the repair project cost of \$203,386.70, an additional 10 percent contingency fee of \$20,338.67 and HRC’s construction engineering budget not to exceed \$12,000, the total construction budget comes to \$235,725.37.

However, because it is unknown exactly what repairs may need to be made to the structure underneath the decking once it is pulled up, the \$40,000 earmarked for such work could end up being less.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The 900 docks at Pier Park are due to be replaced after 25 years.

The project was approved by city council 6-1 during its meeting Monday, March 8, with Councilman Joe Ricci opposed and citing the belief that the project will cost more than the current bid.

“When you build something or tear it apart, it costs you more and takes longer than what you think,” he said. “All that substructure under the Trex is all regular wood. ... The problem is rot and you just don’t have a little

bit of rot. That stuff’s been there for 25 years and I think you’re going to find yourself scratching your head going, ‘Where does it stop?’ Replace this, replace this and it just keeps on going.”

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gallery space is for rotating exhibitions of the Manoogian collection of American art.

“It is the premier

American art collection in the country,” Denner said.

Joyce knows the feeling.

“I’m an art collector, particularly by Black artists and less well-known artists,” Joyce said. “I’m

not rich. But if I won a lottery or something, I could buy my neighbor’s house, have it demolished and put up a building to show my art. Other people would be affected by that decision just as I’m arguing that

many other people have been affected by a decision to put an art center in the location that somebody has decided an art center is going to be located.”

“We’re trying to move forward,” Denner said.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MARCH 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation annual trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

- ◆ Mack Avenue Corridor Zoning Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

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Harper Woods woman was arrested for not having insurance at 12:09 a.m. Monday, March 1.

Problematic
parker

While parked in the Shores public safety department lot at 10:06 a.m. Thursday, March 4, a 34-year-old Clinton Township woman's license plate was run to discover she had no insurance and multiple suspensions, for which she was arrested.

Driver in need
of training

After being pulled over at Lakeshore Road and Lochmoor Boulevard for speeding 40 mph and having difficulty maintaining a lane of travel, an 18-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for being an unlicensed driver and not having insurance.

Speeding with
no insurance

A 26-year-old Eastpointe woman driving 48 mph near Lakeshore and Roslyn roads at 2:57 p.m. Friday, March 5, was pulled over and arrested for not having insurance.

Denying
the obvious

While a 20-year-old Woods man denied consuming alcohol or drugs after being pulled over for driving approximately 50 mph near Lakeshore Road and North Edgewood at 11:25

p.m. Friday, March 5, officers noticed slurred speech and the odor of intoxicants.

After a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .11 percent, he was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Drunken driving
across city lines

Following reports from the Farms of a possibly intoxicated driver at 7:23 p.m. Saturday, March 6, officers located the vehicle and observed it crossing the center divided line.

The 71-year-old Eastpointe driver's words were slurred and he was forgetful and easily distracted as officers spoke with him.

After a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content was .14 percent, he was arrested for operating while intoxicated and not having insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Lock car doors

During the late night and early morning hours of Monday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 2, three vehicle larcenies occurred in the 100 block of Moran Road and the 90 block of Touraine Road. Stolen items included a wallet, credits cards, cash and change.

Officers believe this is the same suspect — a white male in his 60s with grey hair and blue eyes —

who has been caught on residential cameras and has been stealing from vehicles in the City, Farms and Park for the last month.

While night shift officers are concentrating efforts to apprehend the suspect, the departments continue to stress the importance of locking vehicles and securing property in order to prevent these crimes of opportunity.

Bumper curbs

A 29-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after his vehicle was seen hitting the curbs multiple times on Moross and Piche roads.

Tinted windows

Another 29-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for having severely tinted windows, an expired plate and not having insurance, after being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 5.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Suspension

A 2010 Chevrolet Camaro was driving southbound on Mack with expired registration tabs at 10:24 a.m. Monday, March 1. An officer at the station noticed the Camaro's plate also was not registered to the vehicle.

The 24-year-old Eastpointe resident showed the officer his

Michigan driver's license, which showed he had one suspension on his record.

The officer issued the Eastpointe man a citation for driving with a suspended license. The Camaro was towed from the scene.

Catalytic
converter theft

A catalytic converter was stolen from a 2010 Honda between 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 6.

A woman parked her Honda in the Ascension St. John Hospital parking lot at 4 p.m. When she returned at 7 p.m., she found that the catalytic converter had been removed from the car.

The suspect has not been identified.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Intoxicated
speeding

A car was stopped at 11:32 p.m. Monday, March 1, for speeding on Mack Avenue.

The 27-year-old Inkster man driving was arrested for operating while intoxicated. He also was driving on a suspended license.

Identity theft

A resident of the 1200 block of Harvard was a victim of identity theft Tuesday, March 2.

A Small Business Administration loan in the amount of \$5,700 was taken out in the resident's name.

Concealed
handgun

A 68-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, for carrying a gun without a concealed pistol license.

The car was stopped for speeding at Mack and Yorkshire. The public safety officer noticed a handgun on the back seat floorboard.

Unlocked car

A resident of the 700 block of Balfour found \$105 missing from the inside of their unlocked car, which was parked in the driveway of the home.

A home surveillance camera caught the larceny occurring at 4:36 a.m. Wednesday, March 3. The camera was not able to identify the suspect.

Car break-in

A car window was broken overnight by an unknown subject Thursday, March 4.

The victim, a resident of the 10 block of Pointe Park Place, found their rear passenger-side window broken out at 12:32 p.m.

Fraud

A resident of the 1000 block of Beaconsfield was notified that someone had applied for pandemic

unemployment assistance in his name Thursday, March 4.

Pocket change

An unknown amount of change was taken from an unlocked vehicle overnight between Thursday, March 4, and Friday, March 5.

The vehicle was parked on the 1000 block of Bishop.

Bank in Bangkok

A resident of the 1300 block of Berkshire received a phone call at 1:13 p.m. Friday, March 5, stating that her Amazon account had been hacked.

The caller informed her she needed to transfer \$50,000 to a Bangkok bank.

Cop car

A public safety officer was parked in the 1000 block of Three Mile when a passing vehicle struck the scout car mirror at 9:28 p.m. Friday, March 5.

The driver, a 45-year-old Park man, stopped and was found to be intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

— *Kate Vanderstelt*
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OUR VIEW

‘Our’ Riverwalk best in the USA

‘F’rom worst to first.” That’s how one leader of the Detroit Riverwalk project described the journey from the project’s infancy to its winning Best Riverwalk in America. The award was part of the 2021 USA Today 10Best Readers’ Choice Award.

Matt Cullen, board chairman of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, was describing the early years — the “worst” — and the city’s “ugly waterfront” when the idea got going about 20 years ago. The first segment opened in 2006.

It’s been expanding ever since and, among other features, passes through the state’s first urban state park, the Milliken State Park and Harbor. The ever-improving East Riverfront stretches from Joe Louis Arena to Gabriel Richard Park, with the section known as the old Uniroyal site soon to be fully integrated.

Longer term, the vision has always been to reach west as far as the Ambassador Bridge, giving the Riverwalk’s visitors a full five miles of access along the Detroit River, with its accompanying parks and activity options.

Detroit competed for 10Best honors with some nationally known waterfronts, including Chicago and San Antonio. Winners were chosen by popular vote, which means the Detroit Riverwalk needed — and got — terrific local support.

But that’s no surprise to residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, who find it easy and enormously pleasant to slip down Jefferson Avenue and get into the groove along the river. Places like the Riverwalk have become even more important in the past year, as COVID-19 restrictions on indoor events have put a premium on interesting outdoor spaces.

“People are just enjoying it,” Mr. Cullen noted. “It’s a different type of venue.”

It’s a venue that deserves the national recognition it’s getting now. But, as folks around here know, the Riverwalk has always been a winner.

Among the ‘best’

H’ere’s something else to be proud of: Beaumont Grosse Pointe placed nicely among Newsweek’s recent rankings of hospitals.

The World’s Best Hospitals 2021, which is an international list but can also be sorted by the United States and filtered by state, has obvious national leaders such as the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and the Cleveland Clinic. The University of Michigan Hospitals/Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor ranks eighth nationally and 23rd internationally.

So ranking 154th nationally, as Beaumont Grosse Pointe does, may not seem like a big deal. But it’s midway among the 11 hospitals in Michigan that got any mention at all. And it got the prized note that it is above average in infection prevention, something that only half of the ranked hospitals in the state achieved.

Hospitals were rated based on recommendations from medical experts, results of patient surveys and performance indicators that are consistent nationwide. Newsweek has done this for three years, highlighting 2,000 hospitals from 25 countries; that includes just 350 in the United States. For the survey, it partners with a data research firm, Statista Inc.

Proximity to Detroit gives Grosse Pointers access to several hospital systems with good reputations; Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit placed 110th nationally, for example. But Beaumont Grosse Pointe bears the name that identifies with the community and its ranking in this context merits applause.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Melissa Fradenburg snapped this photo of the thawing lake last week, before this week’s 60 degree temperatures melted most of the rest of the ice. The ducks seem to be enjoying the open water and the coming of spring — as do we!

OUR VIEW

Main Street USA? Nope. GP!

M’ain Street Grosse Pointe seems ready to take the next exciting step with the hiring of an executive director whose background includes working with the program for many years.

Cindy Willcock had been deputy director for the Ferndale Downtown Development Authority and has a decade-plus of experience with the Main Street program. Her credentials include certification in Community Transformation and Leadership Development from the Main Street America Institute.

During her tenure in Ferndale, she aided in the city’s winning of the Great American Main Street Award.

Grosse Pointe was selected for the Main Street program in June and is preparing for more intensive work with experts at the state and national level, where the program is an offshoot of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Locally, stakeholders will now start meeting to help determine where The Village is headed and a virtual, community-wide visioning session is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday,

April 7 to share ideas.

This is just the beginning of a five-year process designed to attract investment, growth and job creation in The Village. It starts with crafting a vision that outlines a community’s identity and expectations but which also sticks with local economic reality.

That’s not an easy task under most circumstances, but the uncertainties caused by the pandemic may make for rapidly shifting ground. There could be many new opportunities for small business districts like The Village, as employers and employees alike re-evaluate their pre-pandemic routines. Retail and service industries, including restaurants, also have undergone major changes in the last year. What’s worth saving?

Even residential choices may be in flux. That’s one area where The Village is already experimenting, in the form of a new second-floor studio apartment.

Busy times lie ahead for residents and businesses alike. “We’re going to do a lot of work,” Ms. Willcock said when her appointment was announced, “but we’re going to have a lot of fun when we do it.”

PONDERING THE POINTES By Greg Theokas

Let’s attack our protectors?

W’e’ll begin this story in the early 1980s. Many of you weren’t even born then.

But let’s take a glimpse of the Park during that era. Significant blight on every commercial thoroughfare. Many multifamily units out of code. The school board threatening to close Defer (and maybe even another Park school).



Brokers discouraging potential buyers from moving here. Not surprisingly, a well-known contemporary phrase was “Will the last person to leave the Park turn out the lights.”

Yet those weren’t our biggest problem. Instead, it was rampant crime. The make — or break — ingredient that causes a community to slip into the

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LETTERS

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

Redistricting the Pointes

To the Editor:

Each of the Grosse Pointe communities have charming and distinctive qualities about them that make them unique among each other. Still, there is a certain, undeniable coher-

ence between the five municipalities that make us one Grosse Pointe, both in name and in spirit.

When the last round of legislative redistricting was enacted in 2012, Grosse Pointe got split up into two separate state house districts — the Woods and Shores in

District 1, and the Farms, City and Park in District 2.

This, a consequence of partisan gerrymandering, effectively diminished the bargaining power of the Pointes, where over 43,000 Michiganders reside in total.

Now that Michigan is going through another redistricting as a result of the 2020 Census, the Grosse Pointes have an opportunity to be put back together. What’s more, the rules of the state’s new Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission makes that scenario likely.

According to the Detroit Free Press, the commission must consider “communities of interest,” such as school

districts and regions that share economic characteristics, when creating the new maps.

The Pointes have been fortunate to have some outstanding local leaders serve us in Lansing over the last decade that have done well with the difficult task of representing the Pointes and Detroit at the same time.

Nevertheless, having one unified state house district for our community will undoubtedly result in representation more dedicated to the needs of our neighborhoods.

Learn more about the Redistricting Commission and contact them at this link: bit.ly/RedistrictGP

COLTON DALE
Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Spring is in the air



Remember the scene in “The Wizard of Oz” where it goes from black and white to color? That’s what spring is going to feel like this year when people come out of

their houses, squinting in the bright sunshine, smiling as things open up, bringing a sense of normalcy and regaining freedom from four walls. In the winter months we curl up near a fire, snuggle into blankets, eat heartier food and wear more layers to go outside. As the cold of winter melts away and we hang up our skis, skates, snowboards, scarves, hats and gloves, we shift our thinking to a new season. People seem happier as they cast off the cloak of winter’s cold and grayness. Springtime feels fresh,

a renewed and hopeful time. As the thermometer moves in an upward direction, the earth slowly awakens from its hibernation and the trees and lawns come back to color. Flowers bloom, tulips pop up in front yards giving way to daffodils, hyacinth and crocus like a precursor to summer. Boats cruise on the lake. Seeds are planted in anticipation of what will grow. It’s like you can take a deep breath again. You can go outside without freezing in the winter’s wind, walk along the sidewalk or the water’s

edge without having to watch for ice on the ground. There is a Charles Dickens quote that perfectly sums up the days between winter and spring, “It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.” On March 14 we turn our clocks forward and the upside is we will have more light into the evening. The downside is it’ll be darker an hour longer in the morning, but only temporarily. I do love the extra light at night

though. Especially during the golden hour, when the light softens and the shadows grow long. According to the calendar, spring arrives March 20, but I think it’s really up to Mother Nature to show us when spring arrives. It’s possible it could snow again in March. Yep, I said snow. Wait, where are you going? Keep reading; it gets springier. In the spring, temperatures are milder, cute baby animals are everywhere and colors are more vibrant. Butterflies and dragonflies flit about in the dappled light of the landscape. And you can open your windows. Ahh. Fresh air circulating in the house is wonderful. I look forward to the

sights and sounds of spring. The wind rustling through the leaves, the crack of the bat and the roar of the (socially distanced) crowd as baseball begins, the birds chirping, singing the soundtrack of spring, a thunderstorm and the gentle sound of rain falling, watering the earth. Opening day at Comerica Park, festivals, Earth Day, fresh veggies and flower day at Eastern Market, ice cream cones and yard sales. Spring will give way to summer where picnics, bike riding, kayaking, vacations and road trips are the seasonal way of life. Winter becomes a distant memory while we live in the moment that is springtime.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1946
75 years ago this week

VOTERS APPROVE SCHOOL EXTENSION: The citizens of Grosse Pointe desire better school facilities for their

children and approve a better pay for the teachers. This was clearly shown by the substantial majority they voted last

THEOKAS:

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abyss. In 1981 the Park had a staggering 934 index (serious) crimes. The mayor and council realized that they had to get a grip on crime, something had to change. And like all change, it wasn’t easy. They needed more police street presence, but couldn’t afford it. They studied many options and came up with something that made sense for a small city that was primarily residential and had no factories or large buildings. It was called “public safety.” Park officials researched it intensely and they had many public sessions to alleviate citizen concern. In spite of fire union opposition, Park voters approved the public safety department in a special election. How did public safety help? Suddenly there were 10 new street officers who were also trained in fire-fighting and emergency medical services. There were mutual aid agreements with Detroit, Harper Woods and the other Grosse Pointes. A private ambulance service (the subject of many complaints) was replaced by our highly skilled EMTs, who target their arrival time at 2 minutes or less. Public safety was such a good idea that all the Grosse Pointes eventually adopted it. In 2020 the Park only had 179 index crimes — a phenomenal drop from the 1980s. Every day our public safety guardians risk their lives to protect us. In the past, two police officers died in the line of duty. Understandably, Park residents have immense praise and respect for them. This month, the city manager — together with an outside consulting company and two police administrators (one Black and one white) — is meticulously reviewing applications for a permanent director of public safety. He is seeking the most qualified candidate. One of the applicants, Lt. Jim Bostock, is the current acting director.

Lt. Bostock is an 18-year veteran of the department who started his career as a Detroit policeman. He has worked his way through the ranks, received 14 commendations — including one life-saving award — and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Lt. Bostock is well-versed in the operation of a public safety department and is responsible, in no small part, for our extraordinary crime statistics. It is logical that he should be a candidate. In fact, the City and the Woods recently appointed new public safety directors from within their departments. There were no letter campaigns or complaints. But, unfortunately, Lt. Bostock is now the target of a frenzied letter campaign directed at the city council and the city manager. It consists of many non-Park residents who, writing off of a template, “demand he be removed from consideration of the permanent role of public safety director.” They repeatedly use words such as “feckless” and “deficient” to describe him. These comments not only diminish Lt. Bostock, but all the dedicated officers who serve our community. I doubt that the person he saved would call him “feckless” and “deficient.” Any suggestion that the Park city council should influence the city manager’s appointment directly contradicts the city charter [Sec. 4.8(3)] and the recently enacted Ethics Code (page 8).

I am hopeful that each Park council member will reject this letter campaign and follow both the charter that they swore to uphold, as well as their Ethics Code. Lt. Bostock should remain within the applicant pool and Park residents should accord him the respect he deserves for 18 years of steadfast service. Greg Theokas is a past mayor and councilman of Grosse Pointe Park and a regular contributor to the Grosse Pointe News.

Monday in favor of the increase of the school millage by five mills and the setting aside of 3 ½ mills of the new levy for sinking fund purposes to run concurrently with the progress of school building construction. **PLANTS WISH TO STAY:** A number of small war production plants that were given temporary permission to operate in the Park village during the war don’t want to move. At the time they were given permission there was considerable criticism of the permit by residents of the neighborhood, which centers about Maryland and Charlevoix. The charge was made then that if these parties were once let in, even though it was clearly understood as a temporary concession, wild horses would not pry them loose from their agreeable environment. Apparently the protesting citizens had a well-founded complaint.

1971
50 years ago this week

CENTER OPENS: Center Point, a youth activity and counseling center for Pointe teenagers,

is now open and in operation after long months of planning by members of the Family Life Education Council and interested teenagers. The center at the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval, offers a “mixed bag” of activities for young people, including evening seminars in art, photography and ecology. *Obituaries: William L. Anderson, Harry T. Hartwell, Harold L. Wadsworth, George Godfrey Wellfonder, Charles S. Miller, Ferdinand Smith, Edward E. Zillman, William L. Best, Arthur C. Grambo, William Baur*

1996
25 years ago this week

NORTH LIGHTS ISSUE RETURNS: Once again the issue of installing permanent outdoor lights around the Grosse Pointe North High School athletic field will go before the Woods city council thanks to a 6-1 vote recommending that lights be installed by the city’s planning commission. *Obituaries: Merle C. Cole, Mabel S. Humphrey,*

Bryce Telford Lyall, Hugh V. Foley, Thomas J. McBryan M.D., Bradford James Koenig, Clare R. Hagen, David Carter Gillis

2011
10 years ago this week

FARMS KROGER COMING DOWN: The former Kroger building on Mack at Moross will meet its downfall on the same date as Julius Caesar, only 2,055 years later. As with the Roman emperor’s assassination on the ides of March in 44 B.C., the vacant building that Kroger formerly occupied in Grosse Pointe Farms is scheduled for demolition starting March 15. *Obituaries: John Russell Breckenridge, Hilaire “Buff” Huvaere, Carolyn Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Mills Jones, William Bradshaw Kendall, Richard M. Larson, Lois Davis Johns, Theodore A. McGraw, Esther Michael, Robert John Outland, Bethany Tlusty, Harriet T. Tatti, Madeline “Madge” A. Smolenski, Jerome J. Shanley, Wallace Guertler, Betty Sue Tarrant, Clara M. Tomaszewski, David Edward Wagensomer*

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Easter Bunny prepping for family photos

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — For the second consecutive year, the Farms is gearing up to offer its residents a safe sense of holiday normalcy by holding an adjusted version of its annual Easter Bunny event amid the ongoing pandemic.

Saturday, April 3, Farms residents and their immediate family can venture to Pier Park where the Easter Bunny will be welcoming individual family photos in front of the

community building and offering a chocolate bunny and Easter-themed craft — choices include a carrot magnet keepsake and a papier-mâché Easter egg sun-catcher — to go on the way out.

“I am all about camaraderie and just coming together, especially in times like this,” said Kat Prost, recreation and aquatics supervisor and organizer of the event. “It’s crazy that we have to plan around the pandemic again this spring, but I just think that it will bring so many smiles to not only

the children, but the parents, because last year we weren’t able to offer an in-person pictured event. (This) way it’ll at least provide a little bit more normalcy as a keepsake with those photos that are taken, for years to come.”

The free event requires advanced registration and will be split into 15-minute time slots of 25 families each. To register by the March 27 deadline, visit parks.grossepointe.org and click on “Register Now,” “Register for Special

Events,” “Special Events” and “Search.” Families then will be asked to designate the number of children in the household who will be attending.

Currently, the event is set to run from 9 a.m. to noon, but city staff is prepared to extend it throughout the afternoon depending on the number of registrations.

While certainly more interactive than last April’s event, when vehicles drove by the Easter Bunny allowing children to wave and hold signs in support of

frontline workers, it’s not yet a complete return to the years prior to the pandemic, when an Easter egg hunt and gatherings in the community building also were included.

“We do hope that once they see the bunny and they get all their goodies and crafts, that they’ll still be able to enjoy all that the park has to offer,” Prost said, “whether it be stopping at the playground or walking down by the beach.”

Social distancing and masking for the duration of the event, even

while taking a photo with the Easter Bunny, also will be required.

“We’re just hoping (for) lots of smiles under the masks,” Prost said, “... that it brings a lot of brightness in the spring that is to come. And we can only hope that we can continue events like these throughout the summertime and just keep people out and about (and) active.”

For any additional questions regarding the event, contact the parks and recreation office at (313) 343-2405.

PLAN:

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improvements in the city of Grosse Pointe Park.”

The online survey asks questions involving the perception of the condition of streets, bike-friendliness, pedestrian-friendliness, residences, parking,

business districts and more.

Residents can access the survey at gppmasterplan.com/telluswhatyouthink. A smaller paper survey also will be available at the Lavins Activity Center front desk and city hall.

The survey closes Monday, March 22.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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email if possible, surfaces at city hall are disinfected once or even twice a day depending on the volume of foot traffic.

Shores city hall has been closed to the public since the second week of November prior to Thanksgiving.

“Even though we were

closed, we were still taking special appointments for people who just could not do something by email or drop box,” Krolczyk explained, “copies of building plans or something like that. All along we’ve been taking appointments just in case, because some stuff just can’t be done (by phone or email), so we’ve been making those special allowances as well.”

Woods annual egg stroll slated

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The city of Grosse Pointe Woods will still host its annual egg stroll this year, though it will look a little different due to the ongoing pandemic.

The egg stroll will take place Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28, and will require attendees to sign up ahead of time.

Participants will be able to register for times in 20-minute increments, ranging from 10 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Anyone older than 2 years old will be asked to wear a mask to the event

to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. In order to limit the number of attendees, each participating child is allowed one accompanying adult. No more than two adults per household may be present.

The Woods has advertised the Easter Bunny will be present at the event.

Registration opened Tuesday, March 2, and will remain open until Wednesday, March 24. Participants may register at the Woods community center or online at web.gpwmi.us.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Many thanks

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods resident Drew Creamer received a frantic knock on his door at 7 a.m. one recent morning.

A woman taking care of a house down the street came knocking on Creamer’s door looking for help shutting off water in the home.

Creamer said the woman was a regular housekeeper for the four-unit house on Vernier.

Unable to reach the homeowner, Creamer accompanied the woman back to the house and attempted to shut off the water. He ended up calling Woods public safety for backup.

“The police officer came over,” Creamer

said. “This guy’s searching around. There’s water spewing all over the place. He’s got his big old vest on, cold water dripping all over the place.”

After various phone calls, the team was finally able to get the water shut off.

Creamer was impressed with public safety’s response to the incident.

“Who would think that the police would really take that kind of time and effort to help out a community member?” Creamer said. “Which I thought was really special. Hats off to these guys.”

— Kate Vanderstelt



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University Liggett School Summer Programs registration opens March 19

Options include three new Kids Empowered Camps

University Liggett School recently announced that registration for 2021 Summer Programs will open Friday, March 19, at uls.org/summerprograms.

New this year are three Kids Empowered Camps — The Mandalorian Adventure; Boys Empowered: Train Your Dragon, Be Assertive, What to Say & How to Say It! and Girls Empowered: Assertiveness Friendship Adventure.

◆ The Mandalorian Adventure: Campers must protect Baby Yoda. Using characters from Star Wars and The

Mandalorian, campers will learn to awaken the force within themselves, learn how to be assertive and problem-solve to protect Baby Yoda. This camp is open to boys and girls in rising second through fifth grades.

◆ Boys Empowered: Train Your Dragon, Be Assertive, What to Say & How to Say It!: This camp is open to boys in rising second through fifth grades. During this week-long session, boys will learn and practice how to deal with unfriendly friends, bullies, handling conflict and setting boundaries.

◆ Girls Empowered: Girls Assertiveness Friendship Boot Camp: This camp is open to girls in rising second through fifth grades. Girls will practice being assertive with words, their voice and body language through role-playing and crafts. This camp will also focus on the do’s and don’ts of friends and how to work through sticky friendship situations.

In addition to its specialty camps, University Liggett School Day Camp has welcomed generations of campers. With traditional camp activi-



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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Mary Grace O’Shea of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the College of the Holy Cross fall 2020 Dean’s List. A member of the Class of 2021, O’Shea is majoring in psychology.



Mary Grace O’Shea

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Gray Rahm of Grosse Pointe Farms, a computer science major, was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



Gray Rahm

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Victoria Huffman of Grosse Pointe Park has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources for the fall 2020 semester. Huffman is a freshman majoring in biochemistry and microbiology.



Victoria Huffman

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Grosse Pointe resident **Joseph Ellis** was named to the Academic Achievement list at Sienna Heights University for the fall 2020 semester. Ellis is studying sports management.



Joseph Ellis

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Mary Quinn of Grosse Pointe Park recently graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and secondary education.



Mary Quinn

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Jack Streberger, a 2018 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, was named to the 2019-20 Big East All-Academic



Jack Streberger

Team. He is a junior at Butler University in Indiana and is in his third year of playing soccer for the Bulldogs, along with studying business at Butlers’ Lacy School of Business.

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Jack Galsterer of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List at Hillsdale College for the fourth consecutive term. Galsterer is on track to graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

More students sought for COVID-19 testing

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

Approximately 300 students signed up for voluntary COVID testing this week at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. Grosse Pointe Public School System officials originally hoped to sign up at least 400 students for the testing, to get a more accurate sample. However Assistant Superintendent Jon Dean said the district can still get information about the prevalence of COVID in the schools from the students who signed up, especially in terms of the number showing asymptomatic coronavirus.

“We think once kids start seeing others get tested and see how easy it is, more will sign up,” Dean said. Testing started March 8 at South and March 9 at North. The district will continue to test students every two or three weeks. The testing is being done by Wayne Health, out of Wayne State University. The school district is paying for the testing, so students’ health insurance will not be billed. Students may sign up through this link on the school district’s website: patienteducationgenius.jotform.com/z/grosse-pointe-public-schools. Parents or guardians must sign up for minor students to take the test.

New group, new purchase

New collaboration

A new group called Grosse Pointe Alumni and Friends introduced itself to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education during its Monday meeting. The group was started by six parents of Grosse Pointe students and will focus on two areas. First, it hopes to connect alumni, encouraging them to give back and come back to Grosse Pointe schools. Second it hopes to create an endowment, where donations are invested and earnings are used in school projects. To find out more, check out gp.alumniandfriends.org.

New purchase

A total of 550 air purifiers will be purchased with federal COVID relief funds, as approved by the GPPSS Board of Education during its March 8 meeting. The Medify air purifiers will be placed in classrooms where groups of students are regularly present, said Assistant Superintendent Amanda Matheson. “This is really the last thing we could do to improve air quality,” Matheson said. The district also will purchase enough filters for the air purifiers to last until fall.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki



Jack Galsterer



Jeffrey Dean Allor

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Jeffrey Dean “JD” Allor** was named

to the Dean’s List at Michigan State University for the fall 2020 semester. He is majoring in advertising management with a minor in entrepreneurship and innovation.

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Dominick Procopio of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Procopio is majoring in political science.



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Historically speaking
Spring Bicknell lecture series begins March 17

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s annual spring Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, with a virtual discussion about “Detroit Civil War Sites and Stories.”

Presented by David Ingall, co-author of “Michigan Civil War Landmarks,” the lecture takes a look at the abolitionists, politicians, soldiers, regiments, events, monuments, statues and graves in southeastern Michigan that relate to the Civil War.

This lecture may be accessed at bit.ly/Bicknell03-21.

The second lecture of the series, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, revolves around Grosse Pointe’s real estate point system and ethnic diversity in the 1960s.

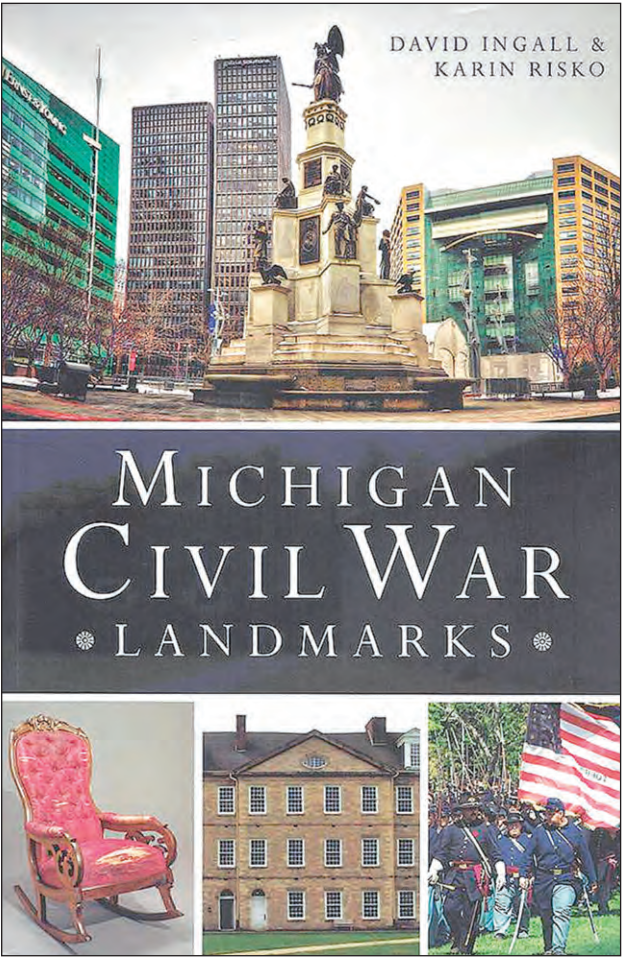
Co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods branch of the NAACP, the lecture is presented by Kathy El-Messidi, author of the 1972 book “Grosse Pointe, Michigan: Race Against Race,” and Douglas Vrieland, author of “The Fort: Growing Up in Grosse Pointe during the Civil Rights Movement.”

In 1966, when the first African American family purchased a home in the Grosse Pointes, a “straw buyer” was required and in April 1969, Grosse Pointe Farms defeated an open housing ordinance. Thus, despite the adoption of the U.S. Fair Housing Act in 1968, ethnic diversity came slowly to the community.

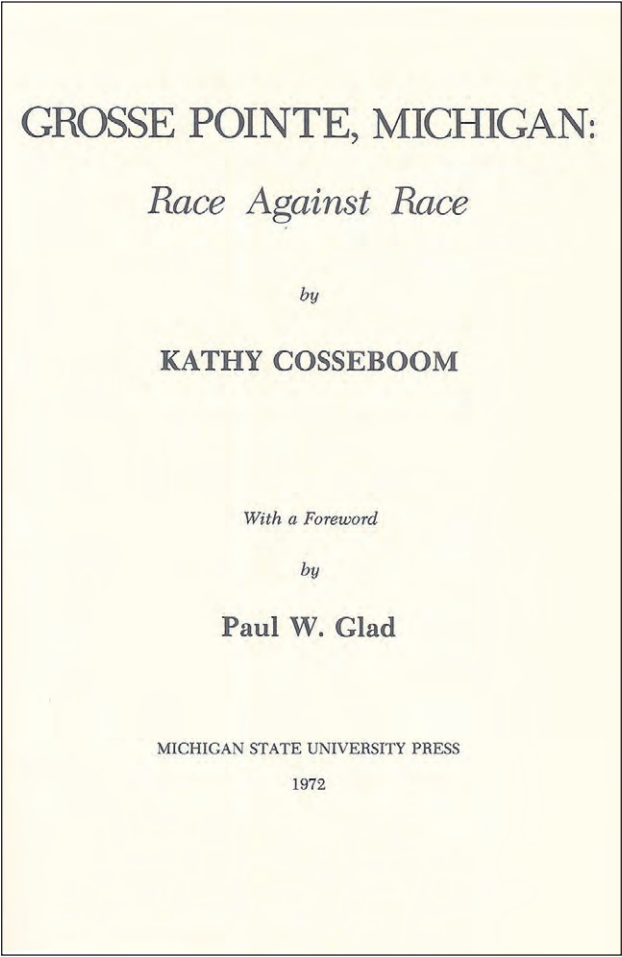
Until about a half century ago, a point system — which included a discriminatory questionnaire — existed in the community.

Additionally, what the system did not put into print was that individuals of Polish, Greek, Italian and/or Jewish descent had to have progressively higher scores to be considered for residency. There were no ratings that would permit those of Asian or African descent to move into the community.

“When it comes to the real estate point system, those who forget the past are doomed to



“Michigan Civil War Landmarks,” by David Ingall



“Grosse Pointe Michigan: Race Against Race,” by Kathy Cosseboom El-Messidi

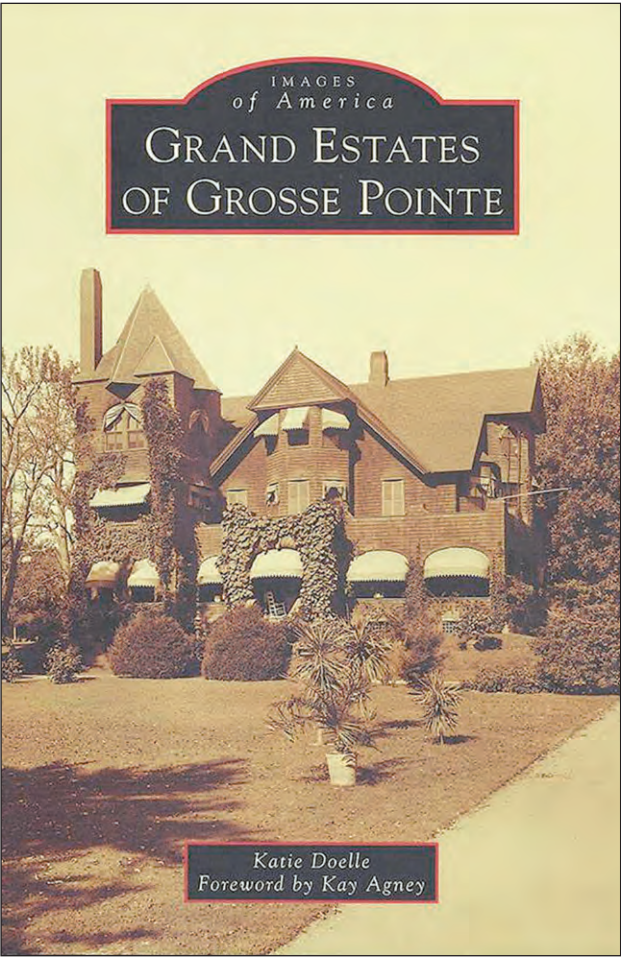
repeat it,” said Mike Skinner, a trustee with the historical society and chairman of the Bicknell series. “It’s important that people remember the past, even if it’s not positive.”

Registration may be accessed online at bit.ly/Bicknell04-21.

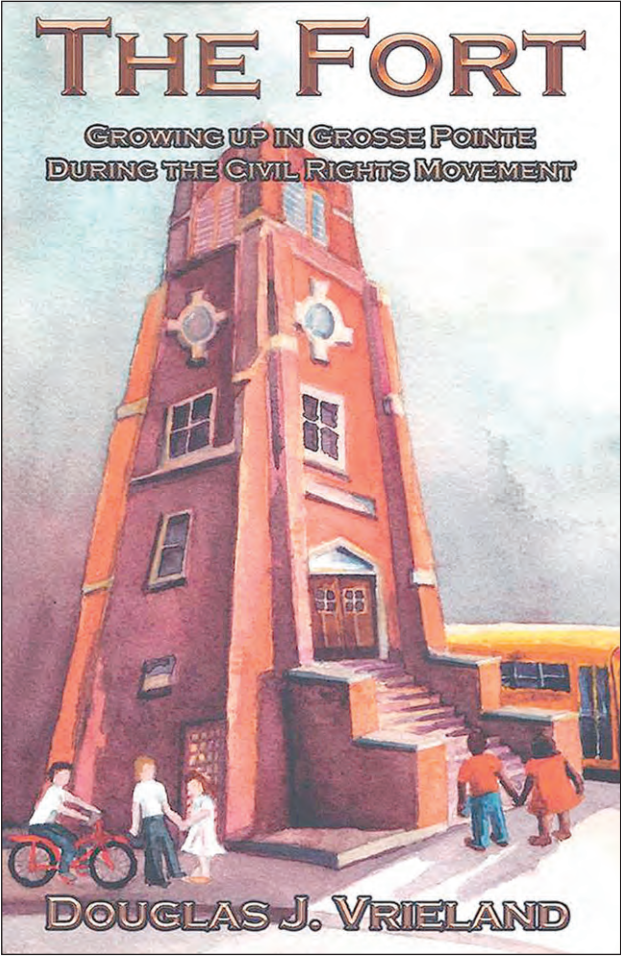
The historical society is adding an incentive for high school students to attend the April 21 lecture in the form of an essay contest that asks students from

University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools to research the lecture topic and answer the question, “What impact did the dismantling of the real estate point system have upon the Grosse Pointes?”

Essays must be original work and a maximum of 750 words, among other requirements. They’ll be judged on topicality,



“Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe” by Katie Doelle



“The Fort: Growing up in Grosse Pointe during the Civil Rights Movement,” by Douglas J. Vrieland

historical accuracy, quality and depth of research, originality, mechanics and organization of material.

“We’ve done this in the past, but it’s been a number of years,” Skinner said, noting one winner from each school will receive a monetary award of \$500. “In the past, the historical society didn’t offer an essay contest with an award; in the past, social studies teachers at the schools

would give out extra credit.”

Students are not required to attend the April 21 lecture; however, attendance is strongly encouraged.

The third lecture of the season focuses on Katie Doelle’s book, “Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe.” It is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. At present, while the lecture will be available via Zoom at bit.ly/Bicknell05-21,

plans include hosting an in-person event at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House’s new building, slated to open next month.

Ford House co-sponsors this lecture.

“We are hopeful for the May lecture, with social distancing and mask wearing, we’ll be able to do it in person,” Skinner said. “If we do, we’ll still have the online capability for those unable or hesitant to attend.”

The discussion centers on Grosse Pointe during the early 20th century, when the community went from being a summer retreat for wealthy Detroiters to a year-round residence for prominent professionals, many of whom hired the finest architects and built imposing mansions. By the 1930s, massive Georgian and Tudor residences were commonplace and the community was filled with grand estates.

“Katie was on the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s plaque committee,” Skinner said, noting the author’s passion for historic homes. “This will be an interesting program. And (President and CEO) Mark Heppner and the staff at Ford House are excited about that one, too.”

The in-person lecture is based on state regulations; the lecture could move to an entirely virtual format in the event of a change in regulations.

Skinner said while an in-person gathering would be ideal, there are a lot of positives to meeting virtually.

“We have the capability of having 500 attendees remotely,” he said. “When we were at the Cook Schoolhouse, 45 to 50 was pushing it. At Ford House’s old building, we could fit 100 shoulder to shoulder. At the new building, we’re assured six feet of distancing and still able to seat 85 people.”

Attendance at lectures is free and open to the public.

“You never have to be a member to attend,” Skinner said.

Connecting to the lectures is easy, he added, but advanced registration is required so instructions for remote access may be emailed to participants. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

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OBITUARIES

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

Linda Knickerbocker Ford

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Linda Knickerbocker Ford, of Charlottesville, Va., passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at the University of Virginia Hospital. Known by her grandchildren as “Lindy,” she was 82.

She was born April 7, 1938, in Barrington, Ill., to Kenneth Kennedy and Dorothy “Sunny” Cardwell Knickerbocker.

Linda was predeceased by her parents and the one true love of her life, her husband, Gordon Tanner Ford.

Linda and Gordon were married in 1960. They moved from Charlottesville to Grosse Pointe Farms, where they raised their children, Katharine Ford Albers, Dorothy “Dede” Ford Cadieux and Gordon Tanner Ford Jr.

Linda graduated from Sweet Briar College, Pine Manor College and the Katharine Gibbs School.

An active philanthropist, she loved volunteering at organizations that included the Garden Club of America and Sigma Gamma. Linda served as president of the Albemarle Garden Club, where she remained a member emeritus.

Linda and Gordon were founded in faith. They were active members of Christ Church Grosse Pointe; St. John’s Episcopal Church in Harbor Springs, where they summered; The Chapel At Ocean Reef in Key Largo, where they wintered; and later, St. Paul’s, Ivy Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, where they moved to the family farm, Windsor Hill, in 1991.

Linda was passionate about life, Gordon and her family. She enjoyed horseback riding, tennis, fishing, shooting, sail and power boating, travel, bridge, needlepoint and her beloved West Highland Terriers.

Known for her sense of humor, Linda also loved cooking. For many years, she was co-owner of the gourmet food store and restaurant, Merry Mouse/Café la Chat, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Linda is survived by her sisters, Paula and Bonnie Knickerbocker; children, Kathy, Dede and Gordon; son-in-law, Brian Cadieux; daughter-in-law, Tina Ford; grandchildren, Caroline Ford Cadieux Smart (Brian), C l a y b o r n e Knickerbocker Cadieux, Edwin Wolf Albers III and Linda Kennedy Albers; and nephews, James Cardwell Jarman and Kenneth Mills Jarman.

Linda’s family is grateful for the care and love she received from her Home Instead caregivers, Margaret and Eddie Wright, staff at the Martha Jefferson House, and nurses and doctors at the University of Virginia Hospital.

A celebration of Linda’s life will be held in March at the Key Largo Anglers Club, where Linda was a long-

time member. A celebration of life gathering and interment of Linda’s ashes beside those of her husband will be held in Harbor Springs later this year.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Linda’s memory may be made to Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, ltbhs.com; or St. Paul’s, Ivy Episcopal Church, stpaulsivy.org/give; or The Children’s Center, thechildrenscenter.com; or York County Family Fund, yorkcountyfamilyfund.org.

Condolences to the family may be sent to hillandwood.com.

Patricia M. Alandt

City of Grosse Pointe resident Patricia “Pat” M. Alandt, 98, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, at home. She was born May 31, 1922, in Detroit, to Angela A. and Wenceslaus J. Lipinski, both now deceased.

Pat attended St. Thomas the Apostle grade school and Girls Catholic Central High School.

Pat and her late husband, Clayton P. Alandt, were longtime Grosse Pointe residents from the time they married in June 1944.

Pat was the dear mother of Peter (Martha) of Houston, Paul (Lynn) of Grosse Pointe and Philip (Lisa) of Philadelphia; and aunt of Pat Brooks, Bill Woods, Janna Midura and Tim, Carol, Camille and Tom Lipinski. She had six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Pat was predeceased by her siblings, Ralph “Bud,” Jo Ann “Josie,” Carol, Celeste “Sally,” David and Thomas.

While Pat devoted her life to her husband and family, she had two special passions. She was a life member of the Christ Child Society of Detroit for 61 years, where she was an executive board member, vice president of membership recruiting and organizer of many fundraising events. In addition, Pat was a 56-year member of the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League – the former gift shop at Bon Secours Hospital – and its president from 1975 to 1976.

She also was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and GPYC bowling league and played golf at Plum Brook Golf Club. Together with her husband and love of her life, Clayton, Pat traveled with the Nomads Travel Club and completed a trip around the world.

A Mass of the Celebration of Life was held Feb. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Internment took place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Child Society of Detroit, ccsdetroit.org; or Alzheimer’s Association Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48033.

Cheryl “Cherry” Buhl Carey

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Cheryl “Cherry” Buhl Carey, 83, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at her home.

Cherry was the eldest child of Robert B. Powers, publisher of Ward’s Automotive Reports, and Josephine Powers. She and her two brothers had an active, adventurous childhood. She fondly recalled family trips on rickety trains through the wilds of Mexico, summer visits to her grandmother’s house on Mullett Lake and living for a short time on a farm in Almont.

As a young woman, Cherry was active on the social circuit and had a brief career in modeling. She appeared in ad campaigns for the Burroughs Co., General Motors Co., Stroh Brewery Co., and others. As her independent spirit grew, she often took to the highway, taking part in popular road rallies in her beloved forest green MG Roadster.

She attended Detroit University School in Grosse Pointe, Rogers Hall School in Massachusetts and Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Virginia. During these years, one of the highlights for Cherry was the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy in 1961, which she attended with her father.

After college, she married Howard S. Buhl, and after a brief U.S. Army assignment in Monterey, Calif., the couple returned to Grosse Pointe, where they raised two boys.

A penchant for art and design flowed through Cherry’s life. She took great pride and care in decorating the home she lived in and loved for almost 50 years, especially her garden. In 1974, she started Cartouche, a jewelry design business, with her good friend and talented artist, Phyllis Skau. Their designs were featured at Jacobson’s and other retail shops and boutiques. She often lent a hand in the form of her green thumb when taking on tasks for the Junior League of Detroit, Christ Church Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Garden Club.

Later in life, she turned to painting and saw many colorful canvases float off her easel and onto friendly walls or mantles. Family and friends were always cheered by a brightly colored “Cherry” that found its way to them.

Cherry adored dogs and for most of her life she had a trusty Labrador at her side, which delighted her husband, an avid duck hunter. Cherry, too, embraced the sport and became a crack shot, surprising even the most skeptical of the “old boys” at the time. She loved to play tennis and was a skilled bridge player and wonderful cook. Elaborate holiday meals with family and friends were a hallmark for many years. As did her globe-trotting Austrian-born father,



Linda Knickerbocker Ford



Marie-Paule Baudeloque



Patricia M. Alandt



Margaret L. Chapman



Cheryl Buhl Carey



Ann-Elisa W. Black

Cherry loved to travel and took many trips abroad throughout her life.

Cherry was remarried to Michael Carey in 1984. Friends often ribbed her about her rhyming new name — Cherry Carey — including one of her longtime tennis partners, Chicky Berry. Carey and Berry were quite a team.

She and Mike enjoyed many active years together traveling, flying in Mike’s airplane, socializing, entertaining and spending time at his family home in Harbor Springs.

Cherry is survived by her sons, Howard Buhl Jr. (Susan Foster) and Jeffrey Buhl; brothers, Robert Powers (Susan Lyons) and Roger Powers (Chrissie Schoew); and grandchildren, John, Peter and Thomas Buhl.

Marie-Paule Candide Baudeloque

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Marie-Paule Candide Baudeloque, 90, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021. She was born Nov. 2, 1930, in Fontainebleau, Quebec, Canada, to Albina and Euclide Boucher.

Marie graduated from nursing school in Montreal and started a long career taking care of others. She began her career in an iron lung ward in Montreal, worked with auto workers from Chrysler Co. and General Dynamics and was a hospice nurse well into her 80s. Marie’s fondest memories of her nursing career were the patients she cared for during their recuperation.

Marie had a passion for travel and spent much time exploring the world together with family and friends. An avid reader and lifelong learner, she always sought knowledge on her favorite topics. She loved a great joke and her laugh was infectious. Those close to Marie knew they had a devoted friend for life. Extremely proud of her children and grandchildren, she spent as much time as possible with them.

Marie is survived by her husband, Robert Blair; sister, Monique Binette; sister-in-law, Candide Auger; children, Ev, Jacques (Kate) and Stephanie; grandchildren, Brennan, Jean-Luc, Danielle, Isabelle, Sophia and Cossette; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her

parents; husband, Georges Baudeloque; and siblings, Reine Nault, Gilles Boucher and Valere Boucher.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, hom.org.

Margaret Louise Chapman

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Margaret “Margie” Louise Chapman, 80, passed away peacefully Friday, March 5, 2021.

A loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, “Grammy” and friend, Margie was born April 18, 1940, in Marquette. The Upper Peninsula always held a special place in Margie’s heart. She had many fond memories of spending time there with her family.

After she graduated high school, Margie met James Chapman. They were married March 4, 1961, and together raised three daughters.

Margie spent many hours at the kitchen table sharing her love of arts and crafts with her daughters and their friends. She was a gifted seamstress and applied her artistic talent to everything from embroidery to paper toile. Knitting was Margie’s evening pastime throughout her life. She had a green thumb and every plant flourished under her tender care. During warm months, it was her joy to be in her gardens observing nature. Margie loved music and singing; visitors to her home noticed the radio was always on and, if they were lucky, may have seen some spontaneous kitchen dancing. She had an immense love for people and wore a smile wherever she went that put others at ease.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband of 60 years, Jim; daughters, Rachel Brace Stille, Rebecca Lewis and Rochelle McManus (Robert); siblings, Gerald Stille, Sharon Jack and Elizabeth Callaway (Frank Blumenthal); grandchildren, Alyssa, Drew, Natalie, James, Bobby (Naomi) and Shannon (Zach); great-grandchildren, Brooke, Collin, Landon, Bobby, Maggie and Evangeline; and many more relatives and

dear friends. She was predeceased by her parents; loving sister, Jocelyn “Jackie” Harwood; and little brother, Larry “Bubby” Roberts.

A funeral service will be held June 7, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Arrangements are entrusted to Kaul Funeral Home, St. Clair Shores.

Ann-Elisa W. Black

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ann-Elisa Wetherald Black of Vero Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, at home.

Born Sept. 27, 1932, in Gloucester, Mass., she was raised by Dorothy P. Wetherald in Swampscott, Mass., and later in Brookline, Mass. She attended the Tower School and graduated from The Winsor School in 1951. She graduated from Smith College in 1955.

Ann-Elisa married the love of her life, Dwight Priest Black, June 18, 1954, and raised their three children, Donald (Wanda), Lisa and Pam, in Grosse Pointe Farms and Opelika, Ala.

In addition to her children, she is survived by five grandchildren, Dylan, Gregory, Chelsea, Stan and Henry, and two great-grandchildren, Avery and Stuart. She was predeceased by her husband, Dwight.

Ann-Elisa enjoyed golf, sailing, travel, the arts and gardening. She and Dwight were avid bridge players; together they competed in many tournaments. Their love of ballroom dancing led to a chance first meeting at a dinner dance at the Cambridge Boat Club in 1950.

Ann-Elisa was a member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, Vero Beach Garden Club, Junior League of Detroit and Tau Beta Association. She also was a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks others to reach out to a loved one or friend whose day they can brighten.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home, Vero Beach, Fla.; coxgiffordseawinds.com.

OBITS

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Fay FitzSimons Buhl

Former Grosse Pointe resident Fay FitzSimons Buhl, of Harbor Springs, died peacefully in her sleep Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021. She was 87.

Fay was born Feb. 9, 1934, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Sherman FitzSimons and Mary Joe Collins.

Fay attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y.

Fay and her husband of 58 years, Larry Buhl Jr., lived most of their lives in Grosse Pointe and spent summers in Harbor Springs. They made Harbor Springs their residence in 1985.

Active in the community throughout her life, Fay was involved with



Fay FitzSimons Buhl

the Garden Club of Michigan, Junior League of Detroit, Sigma Gamma Association and Children's Hospital of Michigan. After her husband died in 2014, Fay followed in his path by joining the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital Board; in 2019, she was awarded the Jack Clark Philanthropy & Service Award.

Her passions included spending time with her extensive family, walking her dogs and enjoying the outdoors.

Fay is survived by her children, Larry (Amy), David (Mia), Robbie (Becky) and Tom (Lindsey); grandchildren, Amanda, Maddie, Lawson, Teddy, Tessa, Carly, Quinn, Jeffrey, William, Elise and Christian; and siblings, Joan Smith, David FitzSimons and Michael FitzSimons. She was predeceased by her siblings, Sherman FitzSimons III, Julie FitzSimons and Susie Reynolds.

A celebration of Fay's life will be held in Harbor Springs this summer.

Donations may be made to the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation at 360 Connable Ave., Petoskey, MI 49770; or mclaren.org.

Arrangements are entrusted to Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs.

Condolences may be sent to stonefuneralhomeinc.com.



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The Grab & Go area for patrons at Central Branch is the only area accessible to patrons at this time.

Grab & Go

All three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches are now open for Grab & Go, which means patrons may pick up books and other library materials from inside the buildings to take home. Each of the libraries has an area for patrons to browse new books, children's books and DVDs; access to the stacks is prohibited.

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Curbside pickup is still offered for those not comfortable coming inside. Patrons also may use the library printers and computers, but reservations are required to use the computers. Call (313) 640-4775, Ext. 9.

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DAR presents annual Youth and Education Awards

Dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced its annual 2021 DAR Youth and Education Awards Feb. 11, during a Zoom chapter meeting.

Recognized were winners of the DAR contests and awards, including the American History Essay Contest, Good Citizens Award, Youth Citizenship Medal Award and Junior American Citizens Art Contest.

The American History Essay Contests winners:

Sixth Grade

First Place — Makenzie Waterson, Brownell Middle School

Second Place — Lydia Prysak, Brownell

Third Place — Robert Warner, Brownell

Honorary — Jack Leonard, Brownell

Honorary — Phoebe Caine, Pierce Middle School

Seventh Grade

First Place — Lauren Euper, Brownell

Second Place — Lorelei Carr, Brownell

Third Place — Genevieve Hardy, Parcels Middle School

Eighth Grade

First Place — Isabella Rondini, Brownell

Second Place — Mikala Smolen, Brownell

Third Place — Aliana Ritter, Brownell

The topic for the 2020-21 American History Essay Contest for grades 5-8 was the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, considered to be a pivotal event that paved the way to the American Revolution. Students were asked to imagine they are living in Boston and, after witnessing the event, describe their family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the Colonists against the British King and Parliament.

Thirty-three essays were submitted from three Grosse Pointe middle schools: 19 from the sixth grade, six from the seventh grade and eight from the eighth grade.

All first-place winners were given the opportunity



Frances Boyle



Abby Turnbull

nity for the DAR of Michigan to select a state representative. As a result, Makenzie Waterson was selected to represent the sixth grade and will be honored at the State Awards Day virtual event April 13.



Luke Boldman



Carley Turnbull

Since the annual LSDAR Chapter's Youth and Education Award luncheon was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all winners received a special gift bag and all participants received a certificate in

recognition of their efforts.

Good Citizens Award winners were Frances "Frannie" Boyle of University Liggett School and Luke Boldman of De La Salle Collegiate High School. These students were chosen by their respective schools as the senior high school student who best exemplifies the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and community. They were selected by their teachers and peers. Only high school seniors are eligible.

Additionally, Boyle has advanced to the next level of the scholarship contest as a state finalist.

The Youth Citizenship Medal Award winners were selected by their middle school principals based on the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. They are:

Parcells

Fifth Grade: Addison Moses

Sixth Grade: Anna Nguyen

Seventh Grade: Avery Boutell

Eighth Grade:

Alexandria Noyd

Pierce

Fifth Grade: Harry Wessels

Sixth Grade: Rose Seniuk

Seventh Grade: Isaac Brenner

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Fifth Grade: Samuel Xia

Sixth Grade: Grace Geresy

Seventh Grade: Benjamin Showalter

Eighth Grade: Aliana Ritter

Chapter winners of the Junior American Citizens art contest were:

First place — seventh grader Carley Turnbull of Carkenord Elementary School in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district

First place — fourth grader Abby Turnbull of Middle School East in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district

They created stamps following the theme "The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower: Rise and Shine for New Opportunities in a New World."

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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.
- ◆ Beaumont Cooking Demonstration, “Making Healthy Meals for One or Two People,” 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.
- ◆ The movie “Harriet” is shown 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 26.
- ◆ Medicare Counseling When You Need It, for members and nonmembers, done by appointment via telephone or video conferencing. Call (313) 882-9600 for information or to schedule an appointment. Messages 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 nonmembers. 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 residents ages 60 and older or who are disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

Alzheimer’s Association

The Alzheimer’s Association Michigan Chapter offers educational programs designed to provide caregivers, families, health professionals and the general community with 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:

- ◆ 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.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Family Yoga, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11.
- ◆ Changing Roles of Women in America, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11.
- ◆ Tween Writing Group, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, March 15.

- ◆ Let’s Play: Among Us, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.
- ◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

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

- ◆ Pancreatic Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 11.
- ◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.
- ◆ Gynecological Cancers Support Group, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.
- ◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 16965 E. 12 Mile Road, Roseville.

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, March 19, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20, St. Basil Catholic Church, 22851 Lexington, Eastpointe. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Judge Linda Davis will discuss Hope Not Handcuffs and Families Against Narcotics. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos offers the following art classes for children:

- ◆ Spring Break Pop Up, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$48.
- ◆ Clay & More Workshop, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, April 12 to May 3, for students in third through sixth grade. Cost is \$125.

- ◆ Tuesday or Thursday Art Club, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. either Tuesdays, April 13 to May 11, or Thursdays, April 15 to May 13, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Cost is \$145.
- ◆ Painting Club, 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 17 to May 15, for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Cost is \$150.
- ◆ Create Your Own Flower Pots, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24. Cost is \$28. Apart from embellishing their own flower pots, students will plant flowers in them as well.

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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Open for business

Chef Alison Heeres and farmer Gwen Meyer have been renovating their all-season, canal-side restaurant, Coriander Kitchen & Farm, the past two years and on March 6 opened for outdoor dining and carryout. The restaurant offers thoughtfully sourced takes on classic pub staples, as well as a unique seasonal menu that combines international cuisines and fresh flavors with produce from small Michigan farms, including their own. They plan to sell their vegetables and flowers at a produce stand at the restaurant in the summer. Coriander Kitchen & Farm is located at 14601 Riverside, Detroit. Hours are 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Hours will be extended as the weather warms up. To-go orders may be placed at corianderkitchenandfarm.com.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Virtual Meeting	Monday, March 8, 2021	7:00 p.m.
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held virtually and called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021, by Mayor Louis Theros.

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

Absent: None.

Mayor Theros led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Closed Session held on February 8, 2021.

Council awarded the Pier Park Marina 900 Dock Rehabilitation Project.

Council awarded the Pier Park Gazebo Project.

Council approved the purchase automatic external defibrillators and training mannequins.

Council approved the purchase of video camera system for the Public Safety Department and City Hall.

Council approved compensation for the next Municipal Judge effective November 2021.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

a. Consideration of a Resolution approving the Plan Year 2021 CDBG Application.

b. Consideration of a Resolution regarding the GLWA Industrial Pretreatment Program.

c. Consideration of the appointment of Sarah Cottrell, 20 Harbor Court to the Communications Committee.

d. Consideration of the reappointment of William Hartman, John Snyder, RC Paschke, Erick Hagelthorn and Jared Cantin to the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission.

e. Consideration of the appointment of Robert Allen of 436 Manor Road to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees for a partial term expiring June 30, 2022.

f. Consideration of a request to approve February 2021 invoices.

Council approved an agreement with the Country Club of Detroit regarding the sale of water.

Council received the January 2021 and February 2021 Public Safety Report.

Council heard public comment.

Respectfully submitted by Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk.

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The Finer Pointes: Meet Sue Majewski

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.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sue Majewski's mural at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Abloom and the hallway outside Children's Hospital of Michigan's emergency center.

Recently, Majewski has found her passion working with others and hopes to start a new career in community mosaics.

She has the experience: She spent 10 years at Arts and Scraps, working with children and adults.

"When the pandemic hit, that ended my career," she said. "I want to use art moving forward to make my living. When I saw this contest, it spurred me on."

Majewski is inspired by everything around her, but in particular, she said, by trash.

"Things other people would throw away that I can put back together,"

she said. "I can make something out of what others consider nothing."

Working in her preferred medium, stained glass mosaics, Majewski is in the process of creating a 3-by-4-foot piece that reflects a location close to her heart.

"I went to Grosse Pointe schools and I volunteered all through high school at The War Memorial," she



The artist's mural at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

said. "My family was involved there. ... The fountain in front is dedicated to my grandparents (Edward and Nell Monahan). I have a personal connection to the place, so I'm making a façade of The War Memorial with the fountain out in front."

In her artist's statement on her website, sumajetski.weebly.com, Majewski said it took years to have the courage to call herself an artist.

"I preferred 'art student' for the longest time," she wrote. "Then I realized I wouldn't stop learning just because I was an 'artist.' It means that's all I do – every day. Each project presents unique solutions for ultimate presentation

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

ASK THE EXPERTS By Ellen Miller

Stopping the battles and improving communication

Q: I feel like I fight the same battles with my spouse and kids over and over again. What can I do to stop the cycle and help improve our communication?

A: Think of a dynamic in your home that includes the words, "always" or "never." This could be a parent saying to their child, "I am always picking up after you. You never do chores without me asking!" or one partner to another, "I am always taking care of you. You never put my needs first!" If you have experienced this scenario or one similar, it could be a hint that a problem sequence is in effect. It is that behavioral hamster wheel we want to get off, but don't quite know how.

These dynamics typically form because, at one time, because of age, gender roles, behaviors we witnessed growing up or our overall lifestyle, they worked for the relationship. A parent "always picking up after their child" occurred when the child was too young and unable to pick up after themselves. This dynamic becomes problematic when expectations are not re-evaluated as the child gets older and more capable. The pattern of behavior needs to change to match the child's abilities. When we continue to engage in problem sequences, they result in feelings of

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resentment, burnout and invalidation. It is important to check in with yourself and your partner/family members to see if these dynamics are still effective, asserting autonomy and creating balance.

How to change a problem sequence:

1) Recognize and name the problem sequence: In a nonreactive moment, notice the pattern of behavior and discuss it openly and honestly with the other family member(s) involved.

2) State expectations with accountability and compassion: Decide together what is going to be the new pattern of behavior. Set clear, realistic expectations matched with support and understanding.

3) Regulate your reactivity: It is important to be aware of the way we are talking to ourselves and others in this moment. Doing things differently can kick up feelings of being uncomfortable. Typically, that feeling is a product of change happening. Moments like these will widen our distress toler-

ance, as well as positively affirm we can change a long-standing dynamic.

4) Acknowledge the change and celebrate: Just like we want to recognize problem sequences, we want to reflect on positive sequences too. Share how this change in dynamic made you feel, what you noticed about your family members and how to encourage each other as you work to create positive change.

Ellen Miller, founder of Starting Pointe Therapy, provides mental health services to individuals, couples and families in the Grosse Pointe community. Visit startingpointetherapy.com for more information.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventive education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. The Family Center is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org or email info@familycenterweb.org.

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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Adoptee strainer

My boyfriend, who was adopted as an infant, just heard from his birth mom for the first time ever. She contacted him out of the blue, sending a perfectly nice message, not expecting anything from him. Instead of responding to it, he's just sort of shutting down. Times are tough enough, and I don't think it's healthy to bottle up his feelings. However, whenever I point that out or ask him how he feels, he says he doesn't want to talk about it. How can I help motivate him to process his feelings?

—Caring Girlfriend

We all have to deal with rejection, but most of us get our first taste of it at 6 -- six years old, that is, not six minutes after a nurse cuts our umbilical cord.

Emotions are basically the helper elves of humanity. They evolved to motivate behavior to help ancestral humans survive, mate, and pass on their genes. We tend to see “negative” emo-



tions like sadness and anger as damaging, but evolutionary researcher Randolph Nesse, M.D., explains they are just as functional as “positive” emotions.

Negative emotions are the brakes for behavior that isn't working for us. Though, these days, minor bad choices usually aren't fatal, our psychology is calibrated as if they could be. The psychological operating system driving our behavior today is adapted for a harsh ancestral hunter-gatherer environment. Say some Neanderbro had the brilliant idea that he'd catch wild game for dinner by asking it nicely

to throw itself onto his spear. But say, after collecting only windblown dust on his spearhead, the emotions he felt were happiness and excitement. He'd stick with his hunting approach and end up dining on tree-bark rib-eyes, the culinary choice of people who slowly starve to death.

Though men get depressed just like women do, another evolutionary researcher, psychologist Joyce Benenson, notes that men tend to be less emotionally sensitive than women, showing less fear and sadness from infancy on. Men are also less emotionally fluent, meaning they have

trouble understanding exactly what they're feeling, which, in turn, keeps them from being able to put names to their emotions. Though these seem like shortcomings, they serve men's evolved role as the “warriors” of our species. In combat, men would put themselves and their fellow warriors at risk if they jabber on about how terrified they are and plop down on the battlefield for a good cry.

How does your boyfriend feel? Best guess: Emotionally overwhelmed. If so, his “shutting down” makes sense.

Sigmund Freud, who saw having actual evidence to support his claims an unnecessary bother, drove the widespread assumption that “repression” -- avoiding upsetting thoughts to prevent or minimize anxiety -- is emotionally and physically destructive. In fact, clinical psychologist Karin Coifman and her colleagues observe that there's “a small and relatively inconsistent body of evidence” that associates “repressive coping” with health costs.

Research increasingly suggests it can be “adaptive” -- beneficial -- for a person to direct their attention away from experiences that cause negative feelings (especially negative feelings about themselves...say, like being “given up” for adoption). And the Coifman team's own study finds that the “emotional dissociation” of repressive coping can actually lead to better adjustment, fewer health complaints, and “a less significant medical history.”

Consider, too, that men often “speak” through action rather than words. Your boyfriend is probably flooded with uncertainty about what he should do: contact his birth mom, meet with her, do nothing. You can help him -- by being loving and supportive as he goes about this his way. If he still seems to be suffering a month from now, you might Google adoptee discussion boards and ask him whether you could give him the links. Reading about others' feelings and experiences could help him understand his own feelings

and decide how he'll proceed.

Ultimately, the emotional expressiveness that comes naturally to many women is unnatural for many men. Benenson explains that women tend to bond through “sharing vulnerabilities” and soothe themselves by talking about their feelings, behavior that would leave most men feeling exposed and threatened. This provides helpful perspective on men's seemingly counterproductive reactions to bad stuff that happens. True story from one of my male friends: “A few years ago, I mentioned to my wife that there was a guy at work who was a real pain in the ass. She said, ‘Do you want to talk about it?’ I said, ‘I just did.’”

Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com. @amyalkon on Twitter. Weekly podcast: blogtalkradio.com/amyalkon.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



The benefits of emotional maturity

Some children are influenced by their parents' conversations and know what they want to be when they grow up. Some make wild statements about their future from out of nowhere which miraculously come true. Others haven't a clue as to what work means to their parents and to themselves. They announce a list of professions that leave their parents shaking their heads over what inspired their kids to think such things: A 5-year-old boy wants to be a firefighter because his dad talked about how a brave firefighter saved the family from burning. A 10-year-old girl watches the Academy Awards with her

parents and wants to be a movie star. A quiet, lonely child with bizarre parents turns to making jokes as a way to shield himself from feeling his family is odd and becomes a comedian.

Children absorb far more than many parents acknowledge -- both good and bad, subtle and obvious behavior. Everyone has, at one time or another, been subjected to the spoiled child (now a rude co-worker) whose parents never taught positive discipline and manners, or the child whose parents offered nothing but criticism (now the micromanager). But for all the poorly reared children who turn into the adults no one wants to work for, there are still

emotionally mature and responsible kids whose parents imparted values, love and emotional support. Here is an example of how successful a child can be with loving support and acceptance of who the child wants to be.

Athina D. had a choice in high school. She applied to a vocational school program where she would spend half the school day pursuing a technical education in cosmetology. After 1500 hours of in-class education, she would be eligible to test for a license. She attended for 3 1/2 hours a day, five days a week, and over spring and summer breaks. Between junior and senior year, she spent eight hours a day, five

days a week in cosmetology school. She received her license in the summer of 2017, while she was still 18. How did a young girl make such a dedicated decision while other high school students were whooping it up throughout high school?

Athina's dad was a barber, her mom an esthetician working for the Lyric Opera, Marilyn Miglin makeup and MAC Cosmetics, and her grandmother a colorist. Athina played by cutting and coloring the hair on all her dolls. At age 7, she received a gift of a beauty salon setup for her American Girl doll. At 13 years old, she started cutting and coloring her own hair and then her friend's hair, as well. She was fascinated with the wild and creative colors for hair, and by middle school, she was passionate about expression through personal appearance.

After talking to a high school academic counselor, she knew it would be more time-efficient and cost-effective to study the field at the same time as

taking all the required high school courses. She wanted to eventually pursue a college education but didn't know what she wanted to study at that time.

Her mom launched a hair and makeup company when Athina entered eighth grade at age 14. She introduced her daughter to learning about work by allowing her to answer emails and learn the booking system. Athina loved the responsibility of working part-time in the summer. One summer, though, Athina worked as a shampoo girl, and realized working at a salon was not for her.

She liked the creative side of beauty and helping her mom grow the business. At 18, during her senior year, she began working as an assistant stylist for weddings. Once she graduated and passed the state board exam, she became the main stylist. She has styled hair for more than 100 brides.

But she also wanted to pursue a college degree. Now, she knew herself well

enough to decide on a major. “Not only did I like the business side of things, but I was also good with people, event management and company management,” she thought, so she majored in marketing.

Her parents supported her decisions at every point in her journey. Athina's work ethic paid off. She achieved a 4.0 GPA and was also a competent hairstylist. With a realistic view of what it takes to own one's own business, she decided she wanted to work for a large company. Since, by some estimates, the U.S. beauty and cosmetics industry made \$49.2 billion in revenue for 2020, Athina will be a prime candidate for any marketing job in it.

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Mom longs to reunite family despite advice from friends

DEAR ABBY: I recently got into a huge fight with my boyfriend, which caused us to break up and me to move two hours away to stay with my mom. We have a beautiful 6-month-old daughter, and I still love him very much. He has begged me to move back and has shown me he still has feelings for me.

Because of past abuse from family and previous partners, I find it very hard to trust. I would love to go back, but I keep being told that it would be a mistake. I want to be a family again, but I don't want the people who tell me it's a mistake to be mad at me. Must I give in and stay away or follow my heart and go

back? -- MIXED UP IN MISSOURI

DEAR MIXED UP: I wish you had disclosed more about the fight that caused you to move away and take the baby. It must have been a doozy. Was he cheating? Physically or emotionally abusive? If it was any of those, I don't think it is advisable to reconcile.

Why are “people” advising you not to go back with him? Are their reasons valid? If they aren't, perhaps you should worry less about pleasing them and more about accepting responsibility for your own choices.

Should you follow your heart? Yes, if it

leads you and this man to a licensed couples counselor for help in resolving your problems before they get out of hand again, and deciding what would be in the best interest of your child.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I just got married. We have only one problem: his ex-girlfriend. She used to be my best friend, but we fell out years ago.

She hadn't contacted him in a long time, but since she found out we got married, she has been texting him begging to meet up. She messaged me once asking for all of us to get together, but she messes him to meet her



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

alone and “talk.” He ignores her and shows me the messages.

Should I step in and tell her to back off or ignore her as he is doing? I trust and love my husband, but she's becoming a pest and starting to annoy me and him. -- TROUBLED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TROUBLED: Because silence hasn't successfully conveyed the message that you and your husband aren't interested in renewing the relationship, HE should be the one to tell her -- in plain English. If he doesn't do that, then you should.

DEAR ABBY: Last year was a tough one for me and my family. In addition to the COVID mess, I lost my best friend of 30 years, and one of my sisters-in-law lost her best friend of 50 years.

We were talking about each of our losses recently, and she mentioned that she has no pictures of her and her friend together. I said the same about my friend. Right then I decided that no matter how bad my hair, makeup, etc. looked, I wouldn't shy away from having my photo taken. Sometimes we don't realize how much a candid snapshot can mean until it is too

late. Do you agree? -- MOMENT IN TIME IN TEXAS

DEAR DIFFERENT: Yes, as a matter of fact, I do. I have been guilty of photo-dodging, and I am sure many others have been, too. After reading your letter, I am resolving to do better in the future. Thank you!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Ann Landers: Two years ago, I was a married woman who became involved with a married man at work. At first, it was just flirting, but before long, we knew we were in love. It was exciting and wonderful. We finally decided to divorce our spouses and get married.

What do I have today? My two children, who were once happy and well-adjusted, are now in therapy. I also have huge legal bills. My in-laws despise me because they see their grandchildren only twice a year. I have a husband who sits in a chair at night drinking beer and smoking cigarettes while I cook, clean and fold laundry.

I wish I had used the effort I spent trying to hide my affair and put it to work saving my first marriage. I would have been a lot happier. Please print my letter so other married women will think before they start

fooling around. -- Smart Too Late.

Dear Smart: I wonder how many married women (and men) who are flirting or fooling around in the workplace will see themselves in your letter. I would not be surprised if your words nipped some of those romances in the bud.

Thanks for all the marriages you may have saved today. As for yours, I suggest counseling. If the couch potato won't go with you, go alone.

Dear Ann Landers: I come from a large family. A few months ago, we lost our dad. During his illness, he made a detailed list of items he wanted to leave to his children and grandchildren. Mom told him, "This is still my home, and these are my things, too. Nothing leaves."

Classic
Ann Landers

This led to a discussion between my brothers and sisters. We agreed that nothing would be taken from the house. A few siblings, however, have been taking items for their children. This angered the rest of us, and we asked them to return these items. We argued that Mom is still alive and these things belong to HER. As of now, not one of the siblings has returned anything.

We also feel that when Mom goes, the heirloom items should be handed down to US and not to the grandchildren. Then, if we choose, we will pass them on to the

next generation. Please, Ann, print this letter and your comments so the entire family can read them. -- Discord in Canada

Dear Canada: I have no idea if Grandma is leaving behind the crown jewels of the Ottoman Empire or some pots, pans and beaded lampshades. I suggest she hire a professional appraiser and an attorney and get a will spelled out now. If she doesn't, I predict a world-class family fight that will turn into a two-generation disaster. Meanwhile, forget about the items that have already been taken from the house. It sounds as if

there's enough dissension as it is.

Dear Ann Landers: My wife and I recently visited her 86-year-old mother in Oklahoma. While we were there, she asked us to look at her telephone bill, which showed lease charges for four phones at \$4.45 each. She had been paying these lease charges for over 23 years. We discovered that one of the phones had been taken out of her house 20 years before, and two phones had not been used for over 15 years.

I wonder how many senior citizens are unknowingly paying lease charges for old phones that are no longer in use. Please alert your readers to check if they are being billed for "Consumer Lease Services" and see which instruments the bill applies to. Incorrect

charges can be removed by calling the telephone company customer service department. It's worth looking into. -- Bob in Grand Prairie, Texas

Dear Grand: Most people today buy their phones. However, it wouldn't hurt for my readers to take a good, hard look at their next phone bill and see if there are any incorrect leasing charges. Again, I love the way you readers look out for one another.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Quality you can take to the bank

Over the past several months, I have recommended a number of exceptional wines from Merry Edwards Winery, regarded by many as the queen of California pinot noir.

Although Merry Edwards launched her career making top-notch cabernet sauvignon at Mount Eden in the Santa Cruz Mountains, she really found her mojo when she relocated to the Russian River Valley and started producing stunning vineyard-designate pinot noirs.

We've reviewed several in recent months, and all have merited outstanding scores, including a pinot today from the Flax vineyard. What's more, her sauvignon blanc just might be the finest in the United States. And her most recent chardonnay release certainly sets a high bar for California chardonnay.

There is a reason for Edwards' success, and it isn't good luck. She is among the most demanding winemakers in the world. Grapes are picked when they are ready, not a week early or a week late. Her precision in the cellar is second to none. Perhaps most important, she will accept nothing less than perfection.

Her wines are moderately expensive, but no one blinks an eye at the price. They are highly allocated, and it is something of a coup for a restaurant to add a Merry Edwards wine to its list.

Expensive wines can sometimes be a crapshoot, but know this about any wine with Edwards' name on the label: You get what you pay for, and you can take that to the bank.

Best Value:
Dry Creek Vineyard 2013
Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley (\$20) -- Since its founding by

the legendary sauvignon blanc lover David Stare, Dry Creek has had a deft touch with sauvignon and always given this noble grape its due. In recent years, however, even Dry Creek has found another gear with sauvignon. The 2016 is the third consecutive socko vintage for this wine. The complexity on the nose is astonishing considering the wine's youth, offering notes of white peach, tropical fruits, green fruits and a hint of white flower. The aromas follow through on the palate, and the structure, balance and finish are sublime. Dollar for dollar, this is one of the finest sauvignons made in America. Rating: 95.

Dry Creek Vineyard 2016

Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg (\$15) -- The news here isn't that the Dry Creek Chenin Blanc is a steal at the price. (The news would be if it weren't.) For as long as I've been writing this column, Dry Creek Vineyard's Chenin Blanc from the Clarksburg area north of Napa and Sonoma has been a winner. This one's another home run, showing exquisite balance and beautiful ripe fruit. This vintage exhibits notes of pineapple and pear, with more subtle notes of green fruits in the background. Rating: 90.

Tasting Notes:
Merry Edwards 2014

Pinot Noir, Flax Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$60) -- The Flax vineyard is one of Edwards' relatively obscure gems. She only makes 500 or so cases, and the wine is difficult though not impossible to find. It's typical of the Merry Edwards style, meaning it's robust and juicy, and it holds nothing back. With layered aromas of cherry, raspberry and blueberry

and a gentle touch of wood spice, this is a crowd pleaser that will only get better with age. Drink now, or over the next five to seven years. Rating: 96.

Dutton Goldfield 2014 Chardonnay, Dutton Ranch-Walker Hill Vineyard, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley (\$50) -- The name, including the vineyard designates and the appellation, is quite a mouthful. So is the wine. From the cool Green Valley at the westernmost end of the Russian River Valley, this vintage is a well-crafted chardonnay that finds that elusive synergy between richness and structure that lifts all of the finest chardonnays. This one shows complex aromas of pear, lemon oil, tropical fruit and crunchy apple, with a subtle note of wood spice. Rating: 94.

Baileyana 2014

Pinot Noir 'Firepeak,' Edna Valley (\$30) -- Located close to the ocean in the cool Edna Valley of California, Baileyana's Firepeak Vineyard consistently delivers high-class fruit that winemaker Christian Roguenant turns into brilliant wine. The 2014 Firepeak Pinot (there's also an outstanding chardonnay from the same vineyard) offers bright red-fruit aromas, dark cherry and spice, and a silky palate with impressive length. This wine won a gold medal at the recent Winemaker Challenge. Rating: 91.

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Lamb burgers two ways Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Lamb is a nice alternative to beef. It's so much more flavorful. The basic patty only has a few ingredients but enough to make it worth it. You can absolutely substitute the lamb for beef, pork or turkey.

The first burger is more of an open faced sandwich. Use a hearty unsliced round bread and make sure to slice thick. The creamy goat cheese and rich lamb are offset by the zing of the onions and the peppery arugula.

The second burger is more true to what you would find in an Irish Pub. I found a hard Irish Cheddar and a spicy Irish mustard at Fresh Farms Market. I also called them ahead and they had freshly ground lamb for me in under 20 minutes. I used a ciabatta roll but again, use your favorite bun.

The options are endless enough that we couldn't pick just one.

- Basic Lamb Burger (Serves 4)**
- 1.25lb ground lamb
 - 2 minced garlic cloves
 - 1 tsp minced fresh thyme
 - 1 tsp each salt

Fresh cracked pepper

Combine all ingredients and form into 4 patties.

Grill the burgers on high for 4 mins per side. Take off the heat and let rest for a few minutes. While the burgers are grilling, brush the slices of bread with oil and grill until brown, about 1 min per side. Use a fork and knife and enjoy!

Lamb Burger with Goat Cheese, Pickled Red Onion and Arugula

- Pickled Red Onion
- 1 medium red onion, sliced thin
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tsp salt

Place onions in a glass bowl and set aside. Put the rest of the ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to a boil until the sugar dissolves, about 1 min. Pour over onions and cover with plastic wrap. Let sit for at least 20 mins. Grill the burgers as in the

basic lamb burger recipe above. Spread the bread with a thick layer of goat cheese and top with the grilled burger, a good amount of pickled onions and a pile of arugula.

Lamb Burger with Caramelized Onion and Cheddar

Start by caramelizing the onions. Grill the burgers the same as above. This time, top the burger with Irish cheddar during the final 2 mins. Now grill the buns, cut side down for about 1 min. Top the bun with your favorite mustard, the burger and a heaping spoonful of caramelized onions.

- Caramelized Onions
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, sliced thin
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar

On medium-low heat, saute onion with oil, salt and sugar. Cook for about 25-30 mins, stirring frequently so onions don't burn. Cook until onions are caramel in color.



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By Jody McVeigh
Editor

St. Patrick’s Day – generally associated with parades, festivals and all things green – has a rich history dating back more than 1,500 years. But who was St. Patrick and why has America embraced Ireland’s fabled champion?

Who he was

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle, actually was born in Britain, according to historians. When he was 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. After spending six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain, then later returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He is credited for bringing Christianity to the country’s people.

Following his death, St. Patrick’s life became ingrained in mythology, including one legend that he banished snakes from Ireland when he stood atop an Irish hillside and prompted all the serpents to slither into the sea. However, research debunks this myth, as there are no signs snakes ever occupied the country in its fossil record.



Party on

People in Ireland have celebrated the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick since the ninth or 10th century; however, the first St. Patrick’s Day parade took place in America. Records show a parade took place March 17, 1601, in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Fla. It was arranged by the colony’s Irish vicar, Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving

in the English military marched in Boston in 1737, and New York City in 1772. In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite to form one official NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which today claims to be the world’s oldest civilian parade and the largest in the U.S. with more than 150,000 participants.

Despite present-day popularity, the Irish were once scorned in America. Beginning in 1845, a devastating potato blight caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland and led to nearly a quarter of the country’s population to come to the U.S. Once they arrived, Irish refugees were looked down upon as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.

The American Irish soon began to realize, however, their large and growing numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize and their voting bloc, known as the “green machine,” became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Then St. Patrick’s Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates.

Around the world

Though America boasts the largest St. Patrick’s Day celebrations, the holiday also is observed in Canada and Australia, as well as Japan, Singapore, Russia and other countries. In modern-day Ireland, the day has traditionally been a religious occasion.

Up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs close March 17, though that changed in 1995, when the Irish government began a national campaign to promote St. Patrick’s Day to drive tourism and showcase the country and its culture.

Luck, leprechauns and beef

The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the “seamroy” by the Celts and considered a sacred plant that indicated the arrival of spring.



Legend has it St. Patrick used a shamrock as visual aid to explain the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By the 17 th century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

Another legendary symbol of St. Patrick’s Day is the leprechaun, or “lobaircin,” meaning “small-bodied fellow.” Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny creatures that use magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns are known for their trickery, which they often use to protect their much-fabled treasure.

A third staple of St. Patrick’s Day – this one an American creation – is the tradition of eating corned beef and cabbage. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. According to records, Irish-Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th and early 20th century purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. The Irish would boil the beef three times — the last time with cabbage — to remove some of the brine.

Source: history.com

Get your
Irish On

with these amusing sayings:

Happy out
Content in your current state

Donkeys years
A long, long time!

Any use?
Was it good?

Go way outta that
A way to express disbelief

A whale of a time
A very good time

It's grand
It's fine

I will yeah
Said when the person has no intention on doing what you just asked them to do

A bag of tayto
A packet of crisps, or potato chips

I'm knackered
Exhausted, very tired

Source: theirishstore.com

Warm up with Irish coffee

HOLIDAY RECIPE

Though it might not be as beloved as a pint of Guinness or as inviting as a shot of Jameson’s Irish whiskey after some cold hours spent marching in or viewing a parade, Irish coffee has a place all its own on St. Patrick’s Day.

The popularity of Irish coffee is undeniable, and some of that popularity likely stems from how easy it can be to make the drink at home. Though Irish coffee is a straightforward beverage, the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum offers the following tips for those who want to whip up a batch that would make Sheridan proud.

1. Preheat an Irish coffee glass by filling it with boiling water. Keep the water in the glass for 5 seconds, and then pour the water out.
2. Add 1 teaspoon of brown sugar and a good measure of Irish whiskey into the warmed glass.
3. Fill the glass to within 1 centimeter (a little less than half an inch) of the brim of the glass with hot and strong black coffee. Stir well so all of the brown sugar dissolves.



4. Carefully pour lightly whipped cream over the back of a spoon. The goal is to ensure the cream floats on top of the coffee.
5. Do not stir after adding the cream. It’s important to avoid stirring because the Irish coffee will be most flavorful if you drink the coffee and whiskey through the cream.

A pint of Guinness might be a must for millions of St. Patrick’s Day celebrants across the globe. But those who want something a little warmer can try their hands at Irish coffee as they toast the patron saint of Ireland this March.

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St. Patrick’s Day festivities in the Pointes

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

St. Patrick’s Day is Wednesday, March 17, and many Grosse Pointe businesses are gearing up with some celebratory Irish-themed specials on and around the big day.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, **Village Nutrition** is featuring a “Luck of the Irish” mega tea and a mint Oreo truffle shake **for the entire month of March.**

JHouse Juice will be featuring a shamrock shake, described as a protein smoothie with a creamy peppermint and vanilla taste.

Also for the month, Side-Street Diner is featuring Celtic family recipes, including Irish sausage, corned beef and cabbage, shepherd’s pie, Irish grilled cheese and Guinness cake.

On St. Patrick’s Day itself, Old Pony Martini Pub will offer \$3 Killian’s Melon Martinis, specials on Irish Car Bombs and Guinness.

In Grosse Pointe Park, **O’Flaherty’s** will be living up to its name with Irish whiskeys and a newly added outdoor service feature.

Cabbage Patch Saloon will host a St. Patrick’s Day kick-off celebration at 5 p.m. **Saturday, March 13.** The party is to include an outdoor tent, drinks and live music from T-Junction and Not 2 Nite.

In the Park’s social district on Kercheval and Charlevoix, patrons will also be able to buy drinks from participating businesses — Atwater Brewery, The Brick’s Pizzeria, Red Crown and O’Flaherty’s — and enjoy them in designated social district areas. The social district extends on Kercheval from Alter and Wayburn to Nottingham and travels the same distance on Charlevoix.

At the first annual **Paddy’s in the Park** celebration on **Saturday, March 13**, the social district will celebrate with food, beer, bands and bagpipes from 2-10 p.m.

Champs Rotisserie & Seafood in Grosse Pointe Woods will feature corned beef and cabbage for the day.

Beyond Juice & Eatery developed a green smoothie bowl, filled with banana, pineapple, almond milk, spinach, kale and mint leaves, that will be available **for the month of March.**

In Grosse Pointe Farms, **Irish Coffee Bar and Grill** will use its indoor and outdoor bars, and will be serving corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew and green beer.

Nearby, **Bogart’s** in Detroit will be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day tent party, complete with live music, corned beef and cabbage, \$6 Irish car bombs and \$5 Guinness drafts.

Whatever you do, have a happy and safe wearin’ o’ the green!

Paddy’s in the Park a new way to celebrate
Social District will be hoppin’ March 13th with premiere event

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Join the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Park TIFA and Grosse Pointe Magazine as we present Paddy’s in the Park, an outdoor St. Patrick’s Day party held in Grosse Pointe Park’s social district.

out Smithwick’s and Atwater Brewery will have green beer.

A variety of performers are scheduled to line the street for the event. From 3 to 6 p.m., the Weekend ComeBack band will play on The Bricks Pizzeria patio, Ben Luttermoser of Behind the Times bluegrass band will play on the Cornwall Bakery



The event is to take place from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and will close down Kercheval Avenue from Beaconsfield to Lakepointe. It will include bands, food, beer, bagpipes and more. Featured at Red Crown will be Smithwick’s, Mountain Town’s Irish Red ale, Guinness cans, wine and a Danny Boy cocktail with Quiet Man Irish whiskey. The Bricks Pizzeria will be serving

patio and Bobby McManus & His Band will play on the Red Crown patio. To close out the event from 7 to 10 p.m., SuperCrunch will perform on the Atwater in the Park patio and the Weekend ComeBack band will be on the Red Crown patio. Bagpipers and drummers have been secured for the Paddy’s party as well. From 3 to 6 p.m. they will be floating around Kercheval.



Park City Manager Nick Sizeland expressed his excitement for the event after the success of Chilly Fest.

“From all accounts, (Chilly Fest) was a resounding success,” Sizeland said at a council meeting Monday, March 8. “It was a good test run to find our comfort level of outdoor events.”

Sizeland encouraged members of the public to attend and visit all businesses within the district.

To accommodate for the event, parking between Beaconsfield and Lakepointe after 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, will be unavailable. This will include the Cornwall Bakery parking lot.



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Many businesses in the Grosse Pointe Park Social District have come together to participate in the new “Paddy’s in the Park” event and look forward to making it an annual happening for the community. Each business will have special offerings to contribute to the holiday atmosphere of food, music and fun.

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SHEPHERD'S PIE TWICE BAKED POTATO
Large russet potatoes, champ potatoes, seasoned beef with sweet corn and gravy (2 lbs)

Cocktail for Two
DANNY BOY
Quiet Man Irish whiskey, ginger & cilantro simple syrup, lemon-orange bitters with a splash of orange juice

Main Entree

IRISH STEW POT PIE
Stout, brisket, potatoes, peas, carrots, gravy with butter rye roll pie crust, served with a side salad

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Smoked Wrigley corned beef, grilled and braised cabbage, boiled new potatoes and grilled carrots, served with a side salad and rye roll

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



About me:
I'm Mark Domin, a lifelong Grosse Pointer, photographer, painter, music & movie buff, and a professional advertising copywriter. I'm a die-hard movie junkie with tastes that range from drama and indie films to action, mysteries, comedies, rom-coms to documentaries and a generous smattering of foreign films.

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(MOVIE REVIEW)
“H is for Happiness”



Another feather in the cap of the Australian film industry, this quirky little indie movie is thoroughly delightful. A precocious 12-year old girl (think Anne of Green Gables) befriends a new student who claims to be a visitor from another dimension. Her home life is somewhat unsettled—her mom suffers from depression due to losing her infant daughter and her father is a recluse, because of a fallout with

his fabulously rich brother. The story takes a number of amusing twists and turns as she tries to reunite her family. It's pretty offbeat while remaining just this side of being campy.
★★★★☆

(MOVIE REVIEW)
“The Pier”

A middle-aged Irish American man is called home because his dad is allegedly on his deathbed. When he gets back to the small village where he was raised, he finds out his father had tricked him to get him to visit. As the story unfolds, we discover his mom had died when he was a child and his dad never talked about her. And he and his cantankerous dad haven't gotten along for years. As luck would have it, he meets an American woman who's visiting the village to discover her roots and they strike up a friendship. The story plays out slowly, and some may find it boring. But the scenery is so beautiful, it's worth watching just for that! There were numerous times where I said to myself, “That would make a great painting!” And the Celtic influenced soundtrack is gorgeous as well.
★★★★☆

2021 Buick Envision: designed to stand out

DETROIT — The all-new 2021 Envision strengthens Buick's premium SUV-only lineup, with more of the design, connectivity and safety features that resonate with today's highly-discerning customers.

Along with the recent launch of the Encore GX, the new Envision will help to expand Buick's reach in the fast-growing compact SUV segment.

“The all-new 2021 Envision is a tremendous opportunity for the brand,” said Duncan Aldred, vice president, Global Buick and GMC. “With strong, differentiated designs, and a combination of advanced technologies and premium appointments, it will stand apart in one of the industry's most competitive segments.”

Building on the success of the previous generation, the new Envision is lower and wider, with proportions and styling that combine the expressiveness of a car with the practicality of an SUV. And, for the first time, the new Envision offers customers unique and distinct personas, including Sport Touring and Avenir.

Additional highlights include:
Buick Driver Confidence Plus package: A suite of nine stan-

dard advanced safety and driver assistance technologies, including Forward Collision Alert1, Front Pedestrian Braking1 and Rear Park Assist1

Next-generation Buick infotainment system2 with the brand's first available 10.2-inch-diagonal color touchscreen Available Amazon Alexa integration3, along with wireless Apple CarPlay10 and Android Auto11
A 2.0L Turbo engine and nine-speed automatic transmission with electronic shift control
Available all-wheel drive with electronically controlled twin-clutch operation
Available Continuous Damping Control suspension
Hands-free programmable power liftgate, standard on Essence and Avenir and available on Preferred
Distinctive design
The 2021 Envision displays contemporary styling that is the most expressive of Buick's sculptural design language.

“The new Envision has a more athletic presence that is full of character,” said Helen Emsley, executive director, Global Buick and GMC Design. The three trims – Preferred, Essence and Avenir – each incorporate specific design features. The Preferred and Essence trims have an available Sport Touring package that embodies a more agile appearance with darkened exterior touches and a 20-inch wheels with a darkened finish. All models feature LED headlamps and tail-lamps and daytime running light signatures, as well as a welcome/walk-away lighting animation, which activates when using the key fob. The new Envision's cabin is welcoming, with a comfortable and premium environment intended to make the driver and passengers feel like every excursion is an occasion,” said Rob Cameron, design manager, Global Buick and GMC. “All of the elements are designed to celebrate what customers use the most on their drives today.”

At the heart of the Envision's new interior is its driver-centric instrument panel, which is tilted toward the driver for a better, clearer view. The panel blends technology and convenience, including Buick's first available 10.2-inch-diagonal infotainment touchscreen.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Aquarius until 9:44 a.m., when the Moon enters Pisces.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 11, 2021:

Intuitive, tasteful and trendsetting, your outer world is fast and competitive while your inner world is dreamy and relaxed. This year, your wits and persistence carry you toward success against formidable odds. Bravo. If single, you can only have the best, so it's quite a search. I see it finalizing in September 2022. If attached, you yield more power than you realize. Let things go. ARIES is crazy about you.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Memories of a lost love must be kept in perspective. Your interest in helping the disadvantaged grows. Quietly, you will act and do much good in the world. Tonight: There are thoughts and feelings you'd prefer to keep to yourself for the time being.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
You will enjoy chance meetings with those from your past. A reunion with a longtime friend is likely. You reconsider the pursuit of a dream once abandoned. Get in touch with your inner voice for direction. Tonight: Consult with a group.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Today is all about professional aspirations and your ambitions. You will attract attention. Pursue opportunities that showcase your capabilities. You're entering a more promising security cycle. You might have gone from rags to riches more than once. Tonight: A sigh of relief.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Expect an increase in energy and motivation. Take time to exercise. Travel is favored, as are journeys of the mind and spirit. There is much to learn. If you've always yearned to write, now is the time. Tonight: A sense of the miraculous prevails.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today puts you in tune with your potential. Fate is at work in your life. Some things just are or are not meant to be. Appreciate synchronicities, and you'll be guided to manifest what's best. Heed signs. Tonight: Your energy level is especially high.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today reveals much about a close partner. Companions offer suggestions. Reality is clouded. If in doubt, wait for the facts to be revealed before making choices. Revel in the attraction of opposites. Tonight: A much sought-after dinner with a loved one.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Your sense of adventure deepens. You'll yearn to wander and explore. Dreams and visions must not be taken literally. Direct your heightened imagination and creativity into constructive ends. A domestic matter demands your attention and can be sorted out. Tonight: An especially healthy meal.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today ushers in a cycle of happiness. Reach out to those you care about, (even one you haven't talked to in a long time), visit an art display or complete creative projects. Get all the facts

before acting. Tonight: Patience is a must.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Seek inner harmony and release stress. A family member is feeling very adventurous and may surprise you by taking a gamble. Take sensible precautions and all will be well. Genealogical study uncovers interesting facts. Tonight: It's a wonderful time to redecorate your workspace.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A sibling or neighbor is changing. Don't be in denial when obvious signs are being sent. Be diplomatic when discussing controversial issues. Call ahead and confirm plans. Transportation needs are being considered and information exchange is very important. Tonight: Return calls promptly.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Thoughts mostly revolve around your earning power. You work hard for your family's security. Shop for an item you've long coveted in the days before the pandemic. Keep receipts; a purchase might have to be exchanged. Tonight: Study your habits regarding money.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Today marks one of the most promising times all year. Career and personal opportunities abound. Enjoy life and put plans in motion for future dreams. Write your new resolutions, schedule appointments and begin projects you've been interested in. Tonight: Celebrate quietly.

BORN TODAY
Writer Douglas Adams (1952), actor Terrence Howard (1969), actress Thora Birch (1982).

Contract Bridge

FAMOUS HAND

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	3 2		
♥	3 2		
♦	A K 5 4 3		
♣	6 5 4 3		
WEST			
♠	J 5 4		
♥	K J 9 8 5		
♦	J 9 6		
♣	A 10		
EAST			
♠	Q 10 9 8		
♥	7 6		
♦	Q 10 8 7		
♣	J 8 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A K 7 6		
♥	A Q 10 4		
♦	2		
♣	K Q 9 7		

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♥!	Dble		

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

If you don't believe in fairy tales, you won't believe this happened. It is said that the deal was actually played in the early days of contract bridge — more specifically, in 1927!

South opened the bidding with one spade. Of course, today we'd bid one club, but in those days the principle of opening the suit below the singleton had not yet been developed.

West ventured two hearts, a hair-raising action by present stan-

dards, but people were more sporting in those days. North got into the spirit of things with three diamonds, but at least he had an opening bid by South to lean on.

South thought he'd be unlikely to score many diamond tricks if he undertook a three-notrump contract, so he tried four hearts, even though West had already bid the suit. He was hoping he'd make enough high-card tricks in the side suits and low-card trump tricks to bring the contract home.

West doubled, and North, who had no idea what was going on, passed. West led a diamond, whereupon South quickly wrapped up 10 tricks!

He won the diamond with the ace and cashed the king, discarding a club. He then played a club, losing the king to the ace. Back came a club to South's queen. Declarer then cashed the A-K of spades, ruffed a spade in dummy and a diamond in his hand.

By this time, South had won seven of the eight tricks played and still held the A-Q-10 of hearts, a spade and a club. West had only the K-J-9-8-5 of hearts left.

Declarer led a spade, and West was forced to ruff and return a trump. South won with the ten and exited with a club. Again West had to ruff and return a trump, handing declarer his 10th trick and his doubled contract.

Those were the good old days!

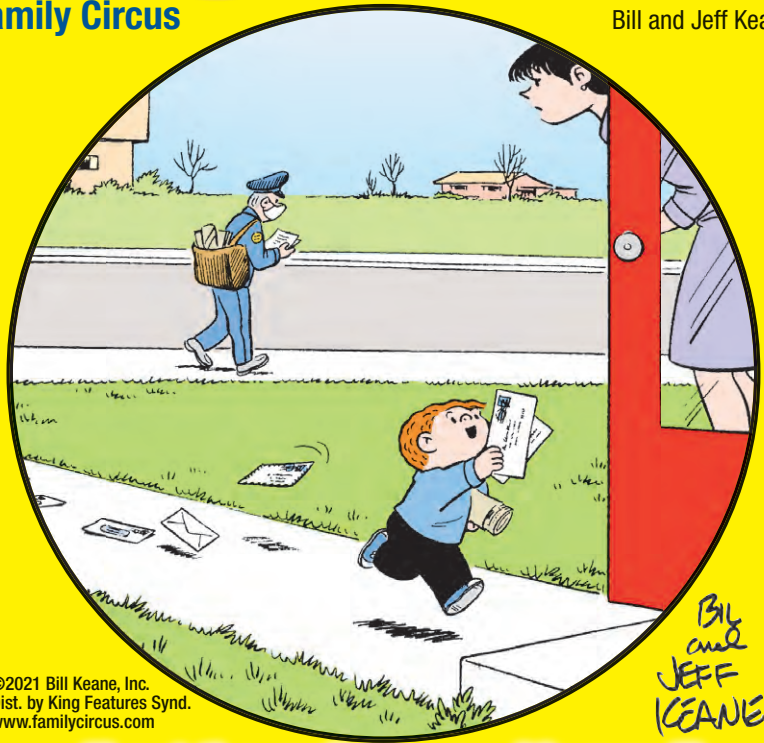
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"I got the mail for you, Mommy!"

Bill and Jeff Keane

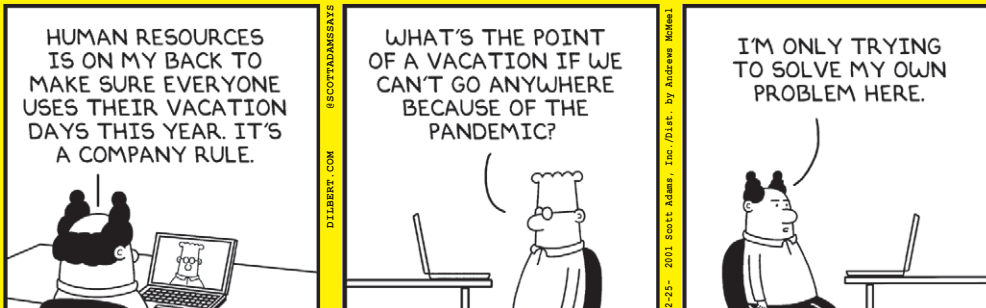
Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

Scott Adams



Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

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



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson

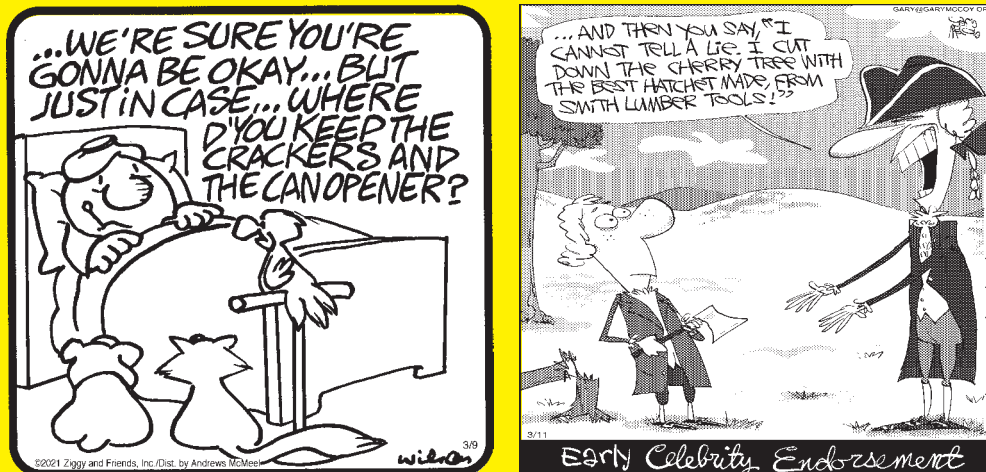


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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9				5	4			3
			6			9		

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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

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

Edited by David Steinberg March 11, 2021

ACROSS

- Expense
- Statement after a dis-appointing game
- Prepare, like some potatoes
- "The Hand-maid's Tale" home
- Love to ____ (adore)
- Purina brand
- Get-to-know-you event
- Enter
- Where Oedipus was king
- Brian who left Roxy Music
- German currency
- Word after "ball" or "bottomless"
- Bury, as with homework
- Travel from Topeka to Terre Haute, say
- Peevish mood
- With 43-Across, bustle
- Relaxes, as pressure
- Tennis do-over
- It's between words ... or worlds
- Dennings of "2 Broke Girls"
- Some 20 Questions answers

DOWN

- Note that may say IOU
- "That hurts!"
- Nighttime backyard events
- More rotund
- Time to beware
- Thompson of "Back to the Future"
- Like many whiskey barrels
- Court reporters

ACROSS

- See 29-Across
- Fashionable
- Mercedes model whose name sounds like an online course
- Money often used for bribery
- Pale or amber brew
- Schooner pole
- la-la
- Away from the waves
- POANG chair seller
- Ancient Roman salute
- God with a thunderbolt
- Sharp as "Star Wars"
- Complication
- Award for gymnast Katelyn Ohashi
- Cuddly bear
- Complication

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	C	T	O	R	S	O	L	O	A	T	M	S
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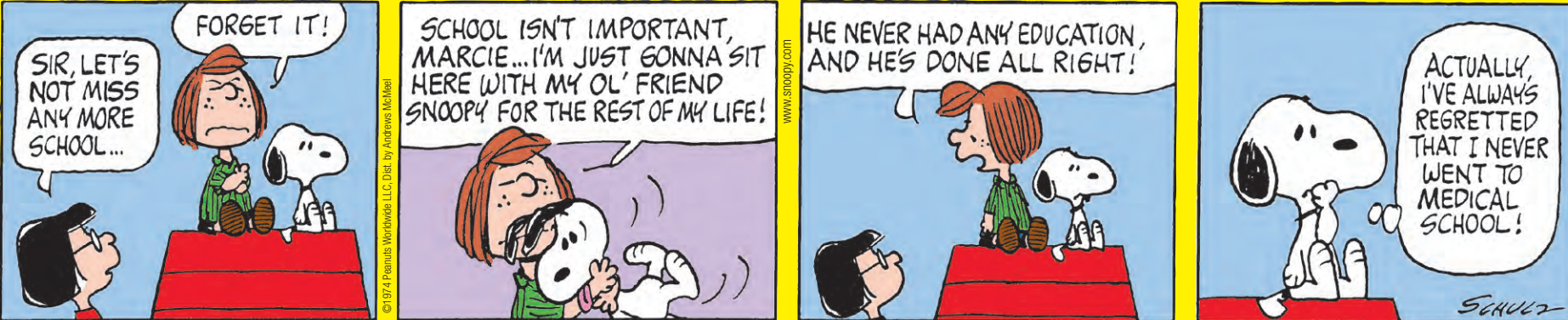
Cold Front by Barbara Lin

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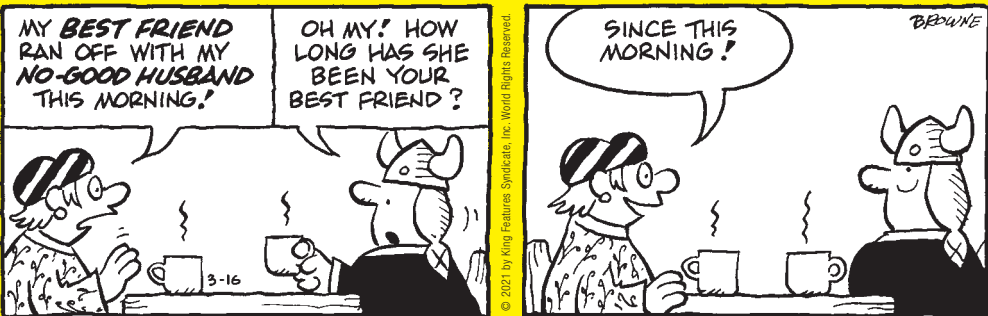
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Charles M. Schulz



Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



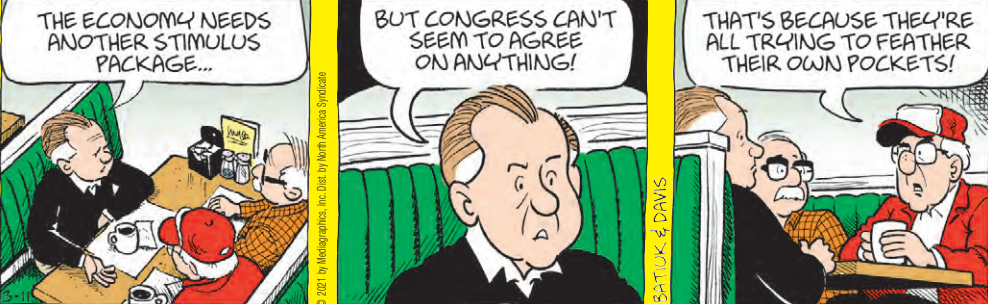
The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



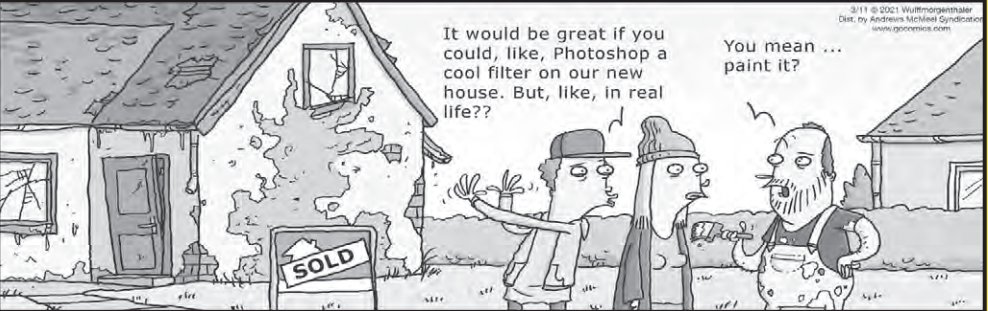
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Tony Carrilo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



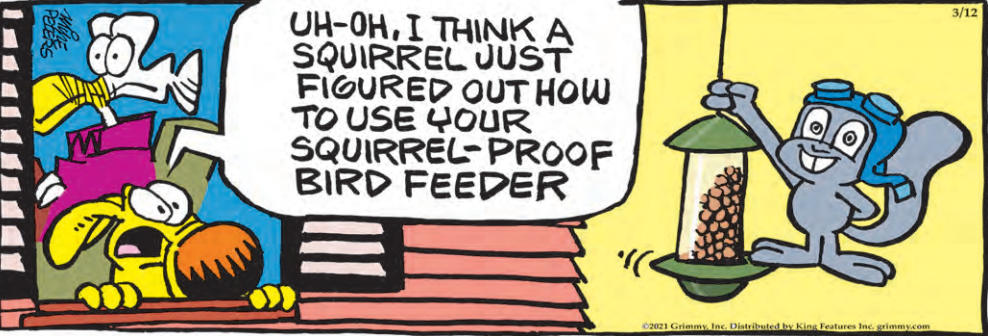
B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

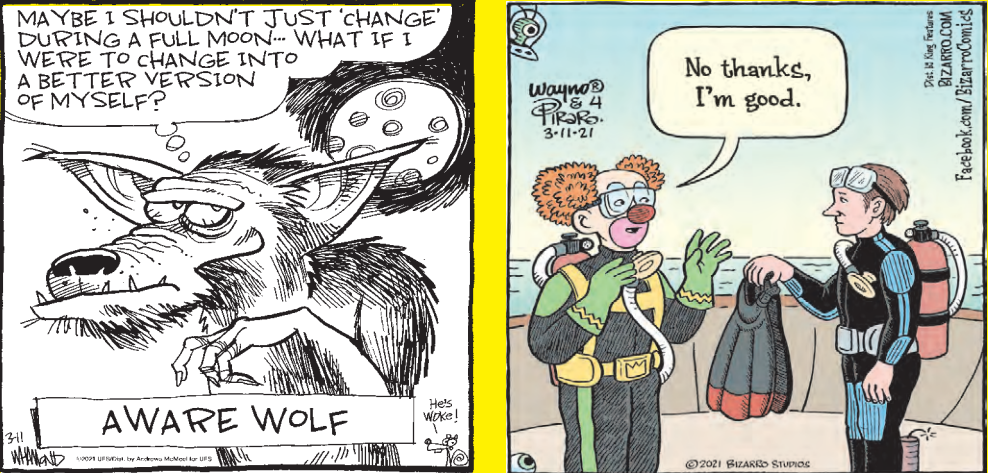


Reality Check

Dave Whamond

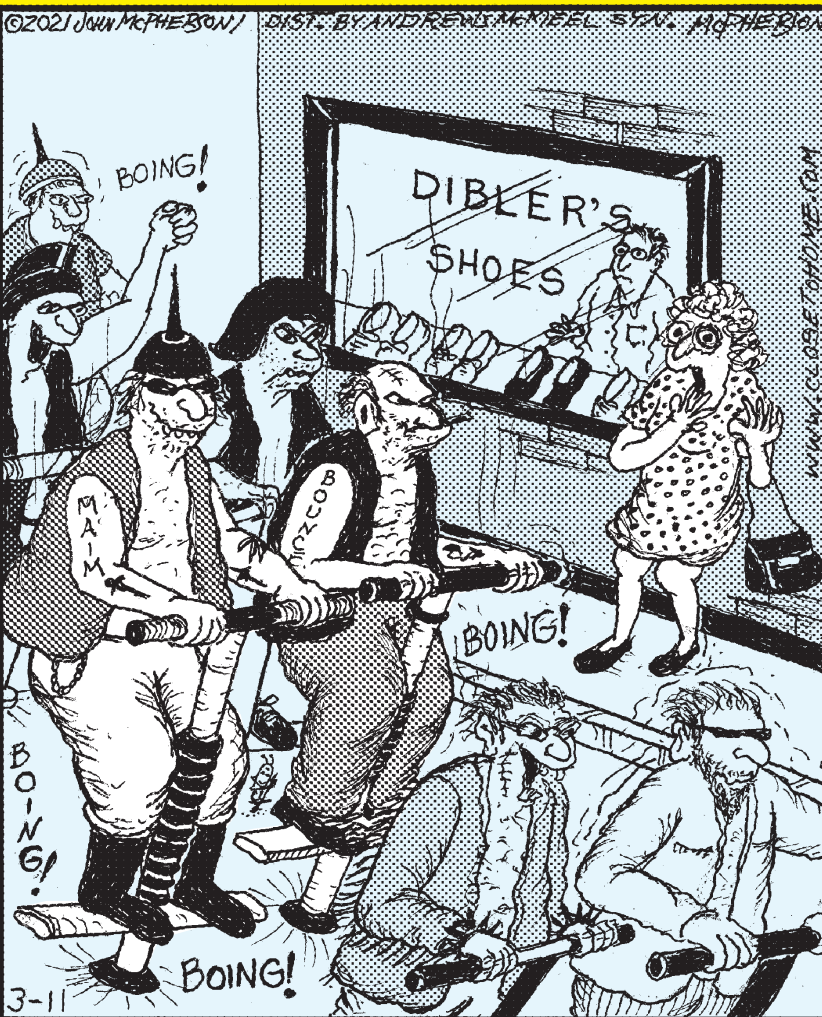
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



Close To Home

John McPherson



"Just when they thought it was safe to be out and about again, a new evil appeared in Mayville."

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"That *thing* taught my little boy how to bark!"

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Blue Devils on pause
Quarantine puts South boys
basketball season on hold PAGE 3D



PHOTO COURTESY OF EMILEA ZINGAS

Emilea Zingas is a member of the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club.

Farms skater heads to world championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms, Emilea Zingas has traveled the country and the world as part of her figure skating career. Zingas’ next destination is Stockholm, Sweden, where the 2020 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School will compete in the 2021 World Figure Skating Championships later this month.

“It’s really inspiring just to know that I’m on that level now and have the opportunity to compete,” Zingas said as she prepares for her first-ever appearance at the world championships. “I’ve worked really hard for it and I’m happy that it’s being reflected in my scores. ... I’m going to be up against some of the most amazing athletes I’ve ever seen.”

Zingas qualified for the World Championships by finishing third in February’s 2021 Challenge Cup, a competition held in The Hague, Netherlands. Despite being raised in the United States, Zingas has made her way to the world

championship competing under a different flag. Later this month, she will become the first skater representing Cyprus to compete in the world championships.

“That’s where my dad’s side of my family is from and I’ve had dual citizenship with Cyprus for a long time,” Zingas said. “My grandparents especially are really proud of me. ... Just embracing where my family is from has been really awesome.”

Long before she started skating for Cyprus, Zingas trained with the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club. Lindsay O’Donoghue, its director of skating, has been coaching Zingas since she was 7 years old. As her longtime student heads to the world championships, O’Donoghue said she knew Zingas always had a special talent.

“Ever since she was little she’s been a performer,” O’Donoghue said. “She has a lot of talent and ability. ... She’s really risen to the occasion at the competitions she’s had in order to get this opportunity to com-

pete at Worlds.”

In between international competitions, Zingas still travels to Michigan to train in the area. Still working with her coaches in St. Clair Shores, Zingas knows she wouldn’t have been able to make it to the world championships without them.

“They’ve been a huge part of developing the person and the skater that I am today,” she said. “It’s like a family and a team at the same time and I’m really grateful for that.”

Qualifying for the world championships is quite the achievement itself. However, Zingas’ competitive spirit keeps pushing her to go above and beyond.

“I’m going to be pushing myself as hard as I’ve ever pushed myself,” Zingas said about her training. “At the world championships, skaters have the opportunity, if they score high enough, to earn an Olympic spot and that’s ultimately the goal.”

The 2021 World Figure Skating Championships begin March 22, in Stockholm.

Quarantine guidelines put a stop to Grosse Pointe girls hockey

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The quarantine guidelines put into place by the Wayne County Health Department and the state of Michigan have put a temporary halt to the season of all three Grosse Pointe girls hockey teams.

An affected player and coach from the University Liggett School girls hockey team have placed the Knights on a quarantine until March 14. In the week leading up to the positive tests, the Knights came in contact with at least four other teams in the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League. Because of this, a number of teams have been placed on quarantine as well.

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils also have a positive case that puts them on quarantine until March 15.

“Luckily, we did not come in contact with any other teams in that time, so no one was shut down because of us. Up to this point, all of our other coaches and players are healthy,” Grosse Pointe South head coach Hailee

Craig said.

And finally, girl’s hockey in Grosse Pointe suffered a complete shutdown March 1, when the Norsemen came in contact with an opposing team with a positive case.

According to Grosse Pointe North head coach Casey Quick, none of his girls have tested positive for COVID-19, but all were removed from face-to-face school and put on a 14-day quarantine from all school-related activities.

“It doesn’t make a lot of sense to me,” Quick said. “None of the girls on our team are sick, all of the coaches are vaccinated and it has been over a week since we played the game. If masks, temperature checks and vaccines work, why are we not allowed to go back to practice?”

In the anger and frustration of having yet another shutdown, senior captain Mia Cassar of Grosse Pointe North reached out on behalf of her team to argue the order.

According to Cassar, her team was “heartbroken and frustrated” to learn they were once

again going to be pulled away from their friends, schooling and extracurricular activities. “My goal was to do everything and anything I could to get our team back on the ice as soon as possible,” Cassar said. “We’ve attempted to go through every loophole and have received word back from the higher ups in the district, but they keep turning it over to the health department. Their answer continues to be ‘no.’”

The CDC guidelines state that in order to get infected, a person must be “within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.”

“If someone tests positive on a team, I understand pulling the plug,” Quick said. “In hockey, you aren’t exposed to anyone for 15 minutes due to the speed and nature of the game. There are so many non-truths and there is so much panic. The girls are upset and there’s no reason we should be on a 14-day quarantine when we took the necessary precautions to remain



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The University Liggett School girls hockey team have put their season on hold through March 14.

safe and have all tested negative in the week following our contact with the affected team.”

The coaches, despite their disappointment in a halted season, are doing what they can to make sure their teams are prepared for the upcoming state tournament, which begins March 18.

“We plan to hit the ice as soon as the quarantine period is over and the girls understand that when we do, it’s time to get to work,” University Liggett School head coach Greg Paddison said. “Our girls know what’s expected of them and they’re not losing sight of our goals and expectations for this season.”

Craig commented that, “Heading into playoffs I think everyone is nervous. This is a year like no other. However, our girls have been doing at-home workouts by themselves in the off time and keeping active. Nothing is going to be able to replace actually being on the ice, but we are doing everything we can to minimize the effects of being off for two weeks.”

The first competition back takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13, between the Norsemen and Ann Arbor Pioneer at Veteran’s Ice Arena. The following day, they play the Bloomfield Blackhawks at 4 p.m. at Orchard Lake Saint Mary’s.

Liggett is scheduled to resume at 5:30 p.m. March 15, against Washtenaw at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

New Knights coaches look forward to spring season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With spring sports set to begin later this month, a couple of new coaches at University Liggett School have the chance to finally get started with their new teams.

The new varsity girls tennis coach of the Knights is Ken Thomas. Thomas has come home to the Detroit area after spending several years coaching college tennis in California. His most recent coaching job was at College of the Desert, where he was named Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2018.

“In your heart, this is still home,” Thomas said about returning to Michigan to coach the Knights. “This is where I’m from and I was keenly aware of how good the program is. ... I personally find it

rewarding.”

Thomas played high school tennis at Austin Catholic Prep in Detroit before going to the University of Wisconsin. While with the Badgers, he earned All-Big Ten honors three times. Through playing and coaching tennis at the high school and collegiate levels, Thomas believes the team-oriented aspect for young players is something special.

“When you’re on a team concept like in high school or college, it’s going to be an experience that you’re going to remember and value for your entire life,” Thomas said. “I want them to enjoy the experience and value their friendship with each other.”

As he prepares for his first season with the Knights this spring, Thomas could not be more excited to get an



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEN THOMAS

Ken Thomas is entering his first season as girls varsity tennis coach at Liggett.

opportunity like this in the area he has always called home.

“Sometimes I feel like a salmon swimming upstream just trying to get home. ... I’m really looking forward to it; I really am,” he said.

Although not technically in his first year with the Knights, track and field coach Melvin

Moss finally has the opportunity to get his Liggett team into competition in 2021. With his first season with the Knights last year being canceled due to the pandemic, Moss is excited to start making things happen this spring.

“We definitely want to get everyone as



PHOTO COURTESY OF MELVIN MOSS

Melvin Moss is ready to get the Liggett track & field team into competition after last year’s cancellation.

healthy as possible and be ready to go once the season starts,” Moss said.

Also a Michigan native, Moss is an alumnus of Bishop Gallagher High School. Moss has an extensive resume that includes working as a personal trainer for professional athletes and serving as athletic director and head football coach at Center Line Prep Academy.

With a long history of coaching and training, Moss has a strong philosophy he incorporates into both athletics and everyday life.

“There’s three things that I want to do every time I interact with anyone on any level, but especially student-athletes, which is motivate, encourage and inspire,” Moss said. “If I don’t motivate, encourage and inspire someone anytime I’m interacting with them, then I didn’t do my job.”

Under the MHSAA’s revised schedule, spring sports practices are scheduled to resume March 22, with competitions allowed to begin as early as March 26.

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 both in-person in the City Council Chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan and by video (Zoom) and telephone access in accordance with public health orders 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 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 either in-person or by Zoom will be posted on the date of the scheduled appointment at <http://www.gpwmi.us/aboutus/communityCalendar.html>. To comply with public health orders face mask and social distancing requirements will apply to in-person meetings. Resident taxpayers must appear or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

Tentative State Equalized Factors:

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

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Eric Dunlap
Assessor

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys varsity

North boys hockey pushes to catch up with experienced opponents

hockey team made a big push for victory in its game versus L’Anse Creuse Unified Thursday, March 4, at Fraser Hockeyland. Norsemen senior captain Dylan Holman scored an exciting goal to take the team to overtime, tying the game 4-4 with just 2 minutes remaining in the third period. Unfortunately, the Norsemen could not hold off their seasoned opponent, allowing a goal from LCU’s Cade Ringstad 2 minutes into overtime.

North goals were scored by Holman, who netted two, E than McCormick and Niko

Karoutsos. The Norsemen have struggled to win in the league up to this point in the season. Head coach Rob Blum believes the South Division is in fact one of the most competitive leagues in the state and his team is still very young.

“Our team is on a bit of a learning curve being comprised of mostly underclassmen,” Blum said. “A lot of these guys have been playing peewee hockey for either the St. Clair Shores Saints or the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs and it’s a competitive jump into high school hockey from there.”

The North team is not only battling against more experienced players, but was forced to quarantine two weeks early in the season.

“We have not had a lot of practice time, so we have been trying to play as many games as possible and use these as practices,” Blum said. “We have a very young team and right now we are not seeing enough scoring chances.”

Blum believes his team has shown great improvement from the beginning of the season until now.

“I definitely see the team progressing and starting to come together,” he said. “Heading into the playoffs, I think we have a lot of potential.”

The Norsemen are hoping to making some noise in the state playoffs, which start on March 15, at McCann Ice Arena.

Blum is looking forward to strong performances from starting goaltender R.J. Cassar.

“This is R.J.’s first year as a starting goalie and he has been playing great,” Blum said. “We have also been seeing excellent leadership out of our senior captains, Nick Asimakus and Dylan Holman, both of whom are point leaders on the team as defensemen.”

The Norsemen have two more matches before starting playoffs — Tuesday, March 9, against Rochester United and Wednesday, March 10, against Brother Rice.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 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

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 1, 2021
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 121298 through 121388 in the amount of \$306,127.42 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 Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,420.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various municipal areas of the City. (3) approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,724.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) approve payment in the amount of \$16,287.04 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, repair of stop boxes and a fire hydrant replacement. (5) approve payment to SafeBuilt, LLC in the amount of \$27,317.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of January 2021. (6) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$35,284.97 for professional services during the month of January 2021 for the following projects: Kelly Road Ped. Crossing, #180-208; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; Ridgmont Sewer Repair, #180-247; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202; MCI Metro Fiber, #180-245; Everstream GPW Connector, #180-237; Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239 and Drinking Water Asset Mgmt, #180-246. (7) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,274.07 for software support on the district court’s computer system and SOS/Lein fees. (8) to approve payment to Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti and Sherbrook in the amount of \$6,240.00 for the professional services performed by attorney Mike Watzka in conjunction with the Metro Act and Telecomm Small Cell permit applications. (9) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,056.20 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of supplies and a firewall. (10) to approve the purchases of computers, cameras, speakers, monitors and display unit for dispatch and a firewall for the library as outlined in the proposals submitted by Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$12,671.83.
- accept the lowest qualified bid submitted by Kings Roofing in the amount of \$23,000.00 for the repair of defective areas of the DPW shed roof and also to re-roof it in its entirety and further that \$11,463.71 received from the insurance company go toward these repairs, with the City only funding \$11,535.29.
- adopt the 2021 Federal Poverty Income Policy as required annually by the Michigan Department of Treasury State Tax Commission.
- to accept the 1.1% rate increase proposal dated February 11, 2021 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2021.
- approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$654,267.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for October through December 2020 and January through March 2021.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

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

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
March 15, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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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



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Blue Devils battled back to secure their ninth win of the season.

Blue Devils earn comeback win over Dakota Cougars

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

At the beginning, Friday looked as if it was not going to be a good night for the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils girls basketball team as they hosted the Dakota Cougars. With Dakota leading 17-4 after the first quarter, the Blue Devils managed an efficient comeback to end up with a 58-39 victory. “Dakota was prepared, as was Port Huron the other night, and we had to come back and do some things that we used to do,” Blue Devils coach Kevin Richards said after the game. “We’ve been playing defense, a lot of smoke and mirrors, and we dug ourselves into a

hole so we had to get after them with full-court man.” South’s comeback rally began in the second quarter. Down 17-4 after the first, the Blue Devils outscored Dakota 20-7 in the second quarter to tie the game 24-24 going into halftime. It was South senior Cameron Lundh who gave the Blue Devils their first lead in the third quarter at 26-24, and South did not look back from there on their way to victory. Lundh, along with fellow senior Alexa Downey, ended as top scorers for the Blue Devils Friday night. Lundh finished with 12 points while Downey continued her streak of dominant performances, leading all scorers with

32 points. After the win, Richards had nothing but praise for this pair of seniors. “Alexa, we kind of expect that out of her now,” he said. “She’s been lights out and she was an all-league player last year and the year before and we’re lucky to have her. “Lundh started to score for us ... and she sort of sets the tone for what we want to do defensively,” he added about his other star senior. “She’s the best athlete that I’ve ever coached and I’ve never had a kid have an impact on the game defensively like she has.” This week the Blue Devils host Port Huron Northern on Thursday and Ann Arbor Prep on Saturday.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM GEBECK

The Knights tied the game in the third period, but could not come out on top in OT.

Knights fall in OT

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School boys hockey team did not look to be playing up to their potential much of the day Saturday as they hosted St. Clair Shores Unified. Despite coming back from a two-goal deficit in the third period to send the game to overtime, the Knights fell short of a comeback win as they lost 4-3. “Our special teams has been struggling a bit, our power play and penalty kill,” Knights coach Mike Maltese said after the loss. “We just have to make some changes there and move forward and get a better stretch of games here for state playoffs coming up.” The Knights jumped out to an early lead in the first period on a goal from junior Doug Wood. However, St. Clair Shores’ Jack Korte managed to tie the game just moments later. The first big momentum shift of the game came at the end of the second period. The Knights were on the attack late in the period but could not manage to

get the puck in the net. With just 7 seconds remaining in the period, an unlucky bounce led to a goal from St. Clair Shores to take a 2-1 lead into the locker room. Shores extended its lead to 3-1 early in the final period. However, goals by Liggett’s Ian Gudenau and Ethan Schlenker helped tie things up and force overtime. A minute and a half into the extra

period, Shores captain Lance Farrell netted the game-winner. “I was proud of the effort that we put forth,” Maltese said. “We’ve just got to find a way to get it done and we’ve got to find a way to win games and close out teams.” The Knights host Dakota for Senior Night on Saturday before beginning MHSAA regionals Monday, March 15.

Boys basketball on pause; rivalry game postponed

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South boys varsity basketball team has had its short season put on hold due to COVID-19 contact tracing. As a result, the Blue Devils’ rivalry matchup against Grosse Pointe North originally scheduled Monday, March 8, was postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date. “On an opposing team, somebody had tested positive and we were notified after the fact,” said Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. According to Fannon, the exposure happened during the Blue Devils’ game March 2. So far, no players on South’s team who were exposed have tested positive. A letter sent by Grosse Pointe South High School to varsity basketball families stated that guidelines from the Wayne County Health Department require that any player who “physically played on the court against the oppos-

ing team for 15 minutes or greater” must quarantine for 14 days. With the quarantine period beginning March 2, players will be eligible to practice and compete again March 17. The letter also stated that all players on South who were considered to be in close contact during the game were notified to quarantine March 5. This quarantine period has resulted in the cancelation or postponement of at least four games on the Blue Devils’ schedule. Most notably, Monday’s rivalry matchup against North was postponed. However, administrators are looking to get the game rescheduled. “This is such a great community event usually, even though there’s limited capacity,” Fannon said. “It’s something that the community looks forward to. Our plan is just to postpone the North-South games and we don’t have a date set yet.” The Blue Devils currently are 8-2 on the season and tied for first place in the MAC Red/White Division.

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Bid documents, including scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available after March 22, 2021 at Nova Environmental, Inc, 5300 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105 and at the **mandatory** Pre-Bid Proposal meeting.

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