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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

On-street dining coming to The Hill

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following lengthy discussion during Monday night’s council meeting regarding an outdoor dining scenario unprecedented to the Pointes, Luxe Bar and Grill received approval to construct a deck in the

two Kercheval parking spaces in front of the restaurant to expand its patio outdoor seating. Safety measures will include a two-foot separation from the travel lane on Kercheval, as well as a two-foot buffer from the adjacent parking spaces. The platform will be

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Students returned to face-to-face learning April 12.

District resumes face-to-face instruction

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe high school students are back in school this week, despite the governor’s request for high schools to voluntarily go virtual for

two weeks due to the seriousness of Michigan’s rise in COVID-19 cases and deaths. All Grosse Pointe Public School System schools were out the week of March 29 through April 2, for spring break. After the

break, high school students attended school virtually the first week back, April 5 to 9. As a result, the district’s high school students already spent two weeks out of school; however, the first week was during spring break, a

popular travel time for families and older students. The governor also asked that youth sports be suspended two weeks. The Grosse Pointe district instead elected to

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Woods releases public safety report

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety presented the annual report for 2020, at a council meeting Monday, April 12. Director John Kosanke announced a 24 percent reduction in index and non-index crimes in 2020, a decline from 586 crimes reported in 2019, to 446 in 2020. Kosanke said the pandemic likely was influential. “The overall reduction in crime can be attributed largely due to the coronavirus pandemic, which saw the temporary

closures and reduction of hours in many non-essential businesses,” Kosanke said in a statement. “The governor’s executive stay-at-home order in the middle of the year changed the way that many people work as they had to adapt to new methods of working from home. As traffic on the roads decreased, so did crime.” Larceny continued to be the highest-reported crime in the Woods, with 73 reported incidents. In the prior year, 145 incidents were reported. Malicious damage to property saw a significant increase, from 14

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Residential living a reality in The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With the creation of the first residential space on Kercheval in The Village in decades, a new chapter is beginning for the downtown district. Construction and design were completed last week on the second-floor studio apartment at 16906 Kercheval, above The Village Groom Room and Glitter and Scotch, a

women’s clothing store set to open as early as May. “What I’m hoping to do ... is to show what can be done with even a 550-square-foot parcel,” said Jim Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company, which owns the building, of his hope for The Village to become a 24/7 location. The studio apartment features an open floor plan and ceiling with an industrial yet finished

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The second-floor apartment includes a full kitchen.

look. Creating the first live/work scenario in The

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Park man accused of stealing thousands from charity

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Fifty-six-year-old Park resident John R. Lynch was arrested Thursday, April 8, in connection with federal criminal complaints of fraud, embezzlement and unlawful use of funds from Clinton-based Holy Cross Services, an organization that receives federal

funds.

In March 2012, Lynch began working as the CFO of Holy Cross, a human service agency with a mission “to bring hope, promote change and help people live free, healthy and productive lives,” according to its website. Lynch became CEO of the organization in January 2015. Holy Cross aims to serve the community through chil-

dren’s services, behavioral health services and homeless services and shelter. It is one of the largest private, nonprofit organizations in Michigan. The organization receives federal funds under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, as well as under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, which provides assistance for foster care,


adoption and guardianship. Holy Cross management noticed financial irregularities clueing them in on potential embezzlement activity in 2017. They brought on an outside accounting firm to audit and released Lynch in April 2017. The organization released a statement in the wake of Lynch’s

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Baseball legend reflects on playing and coaching the game he loves


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Pointes ‘thrown under the bus’ in past redistricting

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Civil rights laws had a role in the Grosse Pointes being denied direct, unified representation in the state Legislature, according to a former Lansing insider.

Federal statutes ensuring minority representation in state and federal government entered the calculus of redrawing state legislative districts during Michigan’s routine reapportionment, based on the 10-year census in 2010.

Civil rights protections,

plus overall political goals of Republicans doing the redistricting to keep hold of state House, Senate and congressional seats, sacrificed the five Grosse Pointes out of their traditional, combined district in the Michigan House of Representatives, according to Wayne State University political science professor Timothy Bledsoe, former Democrat state representative from the City of Grosse Pointe.

“There’s pressure to make sure new (district) maps aren’t subject to legal challenge,” Bledsoe said. “(Republicans)

didn’t want to be slapped down by a federal judge, so they were careful in drawing congressional seats, state House and Senate seats to reach a magic number of majority-minority districts that could leave them pretty much immune to legal challenge.”

A majority-minority district contains a minority group or groups comprising most of the district’s population. The only majority-minority congressional districts in Michigan are the 13th, in which the Pointes are located currently, and the neighboring 14th.

“Any redistricting plan has to comport with the U.S. Constitution and federal law,” said Andrew Richner, vice chair of the redistricting committee during his six years as the Pointes Republican state representative, 1997 to 2003. “Those issues are primarily related to civil rights laws that prohibit racial discrimination. In our redistricting process, we had rules with respect to keeping, to every extent possible, districts within political boundaries.”

“The Federal Voting Rights Act requires a sufficient number of minority people to justify a legisla-

tive district be created so a minority person can be elected,” Bledsoe said.

After the 2010 census, Republican lawmakers in Michigan set to work under a state constitutional mandate for the majority political party to redraw legislative boundaries.

“People pulling levers behind the scenes had a single-minded determination to draw maps that provided secure Republican majorities in the state House, Senate and Congress,” Bledsoe said. “In order to do what they wanted to do in other parts of the state, they had

to throw the Grosse Pointes under the bus, divide the Pointes into two districts and make both (House) districts majority-minority districts.”

Republicans succeeded at the state legislative level. Even with the 2018 election sweep of top-office Democrats Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel, Republicans held the House and Senate.

“That’s a testament to House maps being drawn successfully from a Republican perspective,” Bledsoe said.

GP LWV redistricting town hall is next week

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — The deadline is next Wednesday to register for a virtual town hall meeting that organizers promise has actual merit.

“We need people to register no later than April 21, so we can make sure we get the Zoom link to them the morning of the event,” said Judy Florian, president of Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters.

The online meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, is about a new method of updating Michigan legislative borders to reflect population changes revealed by the 2010 census. League meetings typically last 1 ½ hours prior to a question period.

Register at the Pointe league’s website, lwv.grossepointe.org.

For the first time in state history, legislative districts are being updated by a committee of citizens rather than lawmakers belonging to the majority party in Lansing.

A successful ballot proposal in 2018 took respon-

sibility for drawing Michigan’s district maps from legislators and gave it to a 13-member, bipartisan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

“The proposal says redistricting has to be transparent, impartial and a fair process,” said Florian, of Grosse Pointe Park. “The commission is composed of four Democrats, four Republicans and five non-affiliated. All meetings are public. They’re going to be on YouTube. They’re virtual, but they’ll be in person at some point. The real crux of the issue is having public comment.”

“Unfortunately, the Michigan ‘Independent Redistricting Commission’ has taken a partisan turn by hiring Bruce Adelson to guide the process,” wrote Jay Hackleman, a Park resident and officer of the Eastside Republican Club, in an email. “He’s a Democrat donor and activist whose hiring undermines the credibility of the final maps.”

“Everyone will have an opportunity to share their views on how they’d like to

see these districts drawn,” said Andrew Richner, former Republican state representative from the Park and vice chair of the 2000 redistricting committee.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library also is sponsoring the town hall meeting. Leagues around the state are helping raise awareness in their communities.

“We’re going to explain the redistricting process,” Florian said. “We’re going to review what gerrymandering is, how the redistricting commission was selected, how they’re going to develop maps and all those things.”

Likewise, the commission is hosting at least 14 public meetings across the state mid-May to June, all on Zoom. Visit ICRC pages on the michigan.gov website for dates and times.

“The (state) constitution

requires that the commission hold at least 10 public hearings before they even start drawing the maps,” said Sue Smith, vice president for advocacy for the state League of Women Voters and former president of the organization.

Results of the 2020 census were supposed to be ready in time for hearings, but have been delayed until late summer due to the pandemic.

“It’s baffling how you can have intelligent debates and hearings when you don’t even have census figures,” said Bill Ballenger, publisher of The Ballenger Report blog, founder of Inside Michigan Politics and editor until 2016, and a former Michigan state representative and senator. “They’re going to speculate about what they think the commission is going to be fac-

ing when they actually sit down and get to brass tacks when census figures come in.”

“The impetus behind an independent commission was so neither party would have a partisan advantage,” Richner said. “Whether the law will accomplish that or not, we’ll have to see.”

Commissioners intend to produce a first draft of maps by the end of June.

“Once they publish the maps, they must hold another five meetings to give people the opportunity to comment,” Smith said. “If the people of Grosse Pointe don’t like the way the lines are drawn, they should come and say which way they think they should be.”

The date of final adoption is Nov. 1, with Dec. 31 slated findings to become law.

Redistricting: Tell it to the judge

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — A judge is expected to determine if a no-politics mandate ensured purity among members of the first citizens redistricting committee in state history.

The odd-numbered committee is mathematically designed to reach a majority decision on Michigan’s upcoming legislative maps, yet history decrees a decision in court.

“It’s common to see litigation on redistricting plans,” said Andrew Richner, an attorney and former Republican state representative from Grosse Pointe Park. “It’s the nature of the beast.”

Richner served three terms in the Michigan House, 1997 to 2002, including as vice chair of the redistricting committee prompted by the 2000 census.

“The plan I was involved with survived legal challenges,” he said.

Boundaries for Michigan House, Senate and congressional districts are updated to accord with tallies of the nationwide census taken every 10 years.

The Michigan Constitution until recently designated lawmakers to adjust boundaries. Legislators belonging to the majority political party had the most say.

“It’s always been inherently political,” said Judy Florian, president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and also of the Park.

She neither blamed nor excused any party.

“Whichever party gets in power has typically manipulated (district) maps,” Florian said.

The league filed suit against district maps drawn after the 2010 census.

“The judge disagreed with us,” said Sue Smith, Michigan League vice president for advocacy, criticizing the ruling. “Maps are not supposed to favor a party, candidate or incumbent, which is a far cry from current maps.”

“Technology has made it far more possible to undertake mischief in redistricting,” said Timothy Bledsoe, a political science professor at Wayne State University and former two-term (2009-2012) Democrat

‘Communities of interest’

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Among criteria being used later this year to match legislative boundaries statewide with new census data, the foggiest of them all — “communities of interest” — can clear the way for Grosse Pointe reunification in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Doing so would regain the sister suburbs their strongest standing in the

Legislature since 2010, when the regular, 10-year cycle of reapportionment ended with the five Pointes divided and diluted among two House districts.

The prospect comes from hopeful interpretation of the most nebulous of seven criteria mandating the newly-established Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to comport state House, Senate and congressional districts with population changes revealed in the 2020 census.

Specifically, the commission shall create districts containing “communities of interest,” among other things.

“Communities of interest may include popula-

tions that share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests,” according to the commission’s Frequently Asked Questions section on the state website, michigan.gov.

“What the hell does ‘communities of interest’ mean?” said Bill Ballenger, longtime Michigan political analyst and publisher of The Ballenger Report. “Nobody has been able to categorically define it.”

One interpretation defines kindred spirits of a particular area.

“That’s an argument for keeping the Grosse Pointes intact,” Ballenger said, “because that’s what communities of interest

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City names 2020 officer of the year

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Promoted to lieutenant in October, Thomas Martindale now is being honored as the 2020 City of Grosse Pointe officer of the year.

This is his third time with the distinction, after earning it twice during his time with the Pontiac Police Department.

“It’s humbling,” Martindale said. “There’s so many great members of the department, so it’s tough to see me as the officer of the year with so many other great candidates. It’s an honor to be thought of by your peers.”

Efforts that led to the recognition included a joint arrest with Grosse Pointe Park officers that began when Martindale noticed a vehicle driving erratically. In response to Martindale’s attempts to pull over the driver, the driver fled into the Park where officers were able to apprehend him and discovered he was wanted on a warrant for a double stabbing the night before.

Not only was the suspect

arrested, Director of Public Safety John Alcorn noted, but evidence of the crime was seized.

Another day, while off-duty and driving home through Warren, Martindale noticed a man running frantically with an officer following around 100 yards behind. Approaching in his vehicle, Martindale was able to get the man to comply by shouting commands to get on the ground and kept him there until Warren officers reached the scene.

“It’s well-deserved ... and it’s not surprising at all,” Alcorn said, adding the lieutenant was on the shortlist to receive the honor many times in the past. “Anyone who’s worked with him who’s going to hear he got it this year, it won’t be a surprise, because he’s a fantastic cop.”

Martindale also earned a department citation, a community service award for his efforts with the S.A.L.E Program — a voluntary initiative that pairs officers with elderly residents for wellness checks and other aid — and a chiefs letter in 2020.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lt. Thomas Martindale is the City’s 2020 officer of the year.

Flower sale adds contactless pickup

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After putting a hold on the event last year with the onset of the pandemic, the Woods Beautification Commission’s annual flower sale will take place this year.

The flower sale typically happens every Mother’s Day weekend and is the beautification commission’s biggest source of income throughout the year. Proceeds are used to fund events and plantings for the city.

This year, the Woods has partnered with Otherworld GP, a local nursery, for the sale. It is the first time the commission has used a Grosse Pointe business for the flowers.

“We’re all working together as a community,” Commission Chairwoman Debbie McCarthy said.

All proper COVID-19 protocols will be followed to ensure a safe in-person event and there will be added opportunities to participate for those looking for a more contactless option.

Through Wednesday,



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Advanced orders are due April 21.

April 21, patrons will be able to place orders online for contactless pickup Thursday, May 6. Pre-orders may be placed on geraniums, sunpatiens, red-leafed and green-leafed begonias, dusty miller, lantana, sweet potato vine, spikes and hanging baskets. For orders totaling more than \$200, buyers can get their plants delivered for free.

The pre-order form may be found on the Woods municipal website, gpwmi.us.

The onsite flower sale will boast all the plants included in pre-order options, as well as annuals, perennials, patio pots and Indian Summer Recycling compost. The sale takes place at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8.

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Village, it already is set for rental to a first-floor business tenant.

A new era of residential living in The Village not only fits into the Main Street Grosse Pointe initiative to revitalize the downtown strip, Bellanca said, but also meets growing demand for new housing types throughout the Grosse Pointes.

“The tendency today is for smaller homes,” he said. “People have smaller families, so the idea of a 2,500- or 3,000- or 3,500-square-foot home with four bedrooms and two bathrooms just is not part of the future planning, it seems, of young people today who are marrying later and having fewer children.”

In fact, preliminary consideration already is taking place on the potential of building a second floor onto the St. Clair/Kercheval block, made



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The space features a bedroom.

up of six to eight apartments.

“It’s not an easy build, so we need to see if it’s feasible,” Bellanca said.

While Kercheval Company has 28 tenants and approximately 70,000 square feet of property on Kercheval in The Village, other property owners, Bellanca said, already have indicated an interest in converting second-floor space to residential uses, as well.

“The way things are trending today, you could actually live there without a car,” he said. “You don’t need a car. Everything is within walking distance and if you want to venture into downtown Detroit or Royal Oak to party or shop or do whatever, you’re going to Uber it anyhow, so it’s really an economical way to live and you’ve got everything you need. You’ve got two fine grocery stores.

You’ve got two fine drug stores. You’ve got coffee shops. There’s 16 places to eat in The Village. The library’s within walking distance. The park’s within walking distance or biking.”

A change to the City’s residential zoning ordinance passed by council in November, which now allows for unit sizes as small as 500 square feet, makes such an image a possible future for The Village.

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arrest.

“We want to assure all our donors, stakeholders, clients and partners, that Holy Cross fully cooperated throughout the investigation and that the organization has implemented best practices and safeguards to prevent this from ever happening again,” the statement read.

The complaint affidavit outlines Lynch’s personal use of Holy Cross funds. He is stated to have used funds to pay for personal car repairs and part of his mortgage balance, as well as install a new roof on his Park house. Holy Cross funds further contributed to Lynch’s personal American Express account payments.

Lynch hired his own consulting company and another security company for Holy Cross, which was seemingly owned by a relative and tied back to Lynch himself. Holy Cross funds were used to pay both of these companies for services provided.

According to news groups, Lynch also used

Holy Cross funds to contribute to the Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club, an organization on which he served as treasurer. South Dugout Club President Jeff Maccagnone reported no known financial issues

on its end with Lynch’s involvement in the group.

“We have carefully reviewed our financial records and have found no discrepancies,” Maccagnone said.

The FBI is investigating Lynch and the

charges of wire fraud, mail fraud and embezzling and stealing funds from an organization receiving federal funds. Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Hiyama is responsible for Lynch’s prosecution.

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she was formerly employed in January, agreed to pay the business back for the loss without the involvement of charges.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wall crasher

A 16-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School student ran into the brick wall in the school parking lot off of Grosse Pointe Boulevard Thursday, April 8, causing substantial damage. The recently paved parking lot had been wet and the young driver accidentally pressed the gas pedal too hard.

Parking in roadway

After parking his motorcycle in the roadway at Lakeshore and Provencal roads to stand on the grass and look out over the water at 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, a 26-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for not having a plate or insurance and driving while license suspended.

The motorcycle was impounded.

License and insurance

A 17-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for not having a license or insurance after being stopped at Lakeshore and Warner

roads at 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, for having a stolen plate.

Drunken accidents

After striking two cars on Fisher Road at 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content was double the limit.

Pandemic assault

When a 21-year-old Detroit man was kicked off a bus for refusing to wear his mask at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 10, he proceeded to spit in the driver's face and was ticketed for assault and battery.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Under influence of drugs

After being discovered slumped over the wheel of a running vehicle in drive at Hawthorne and Lakeshore roads at 7:29 p.m. Friday, April 9, a 33-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs and violating a restricted license.

Registration and insurance

A 33-year-old Kinde man was pulled over at

Lakeshore Road and Blairmoor Court and arrested for not having vehicle registration or insurance at 12:31 a.m. Saturday, April 10.

Vehicle violations

When a vehicle was seen driving slowly, stopping and then reversing on Lakeshore Road at 3:26 a.m. Saturday, April 10, the 30-year-old Detroit driver was pulled over.

He then was arrested for operating with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more, open liquor transport, concealed pistol permit violation, driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .117 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Unemployment identity theft

A resident in the 1100 block of Beaconsfield reported identity theft at 5:15 p.m. Monday, April 5.

The victim reported unemployment benefits were filed in his name, though he had not filed for them.

Unlocked Buick

A 1997 Buick was picked of its change overnight Monday, April 5.

The unlocked Buick was parked on the street

in the 1300 block of Maryland. An unknown person stole \$50 worth of change from the car.

Hit and run

A hit and run occurred in the 1400 block of Wayburn at 11:20 p.m. Friday, April 9.

Officers were dispatched to the scene for an injury accident. The suspected vehicle, an older model red Subaru, struck a light pole and house before fleeing the area.

An investigation led officers to believe the accident may be the result of a rolling domestic dispute situation from Detroit that continued into the Park.

Missing Schwinn

A Schwinn Typhoon bicycle was stolen overnight Friday, April 9, from the 1100 block of Maryland.

An unknown person stole the 1963 bike, valued at \$475, from the unlocked and partially opened garage.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Golf drinking

An officer responding to the scene of a motor vehicle accident in the 1500 block of Edmundton at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, found a BMW parked in the middle of the street with heavy damage to its front end.

The 32-year-old Woods driver had struck a

parked GMC pickup truck.

The driver admitted to drinking earlier while playing golf with family. His eyes were glassy and he smelled of intoxicants.

Officers gave him several field sobriety tests, which he failed. A preliminary breath test read 0.09 blood-alcohol content.

The Woods man was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Three years expired

A 37-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for an expired license plate at Mack and Country Club at 10 a.m. Friday, April 9. Her 2014 Chevy Impala's plate expired in 2018.

Her license currently is suspended and has been three times prior to this occurrence. She also has three Detroit traffic warrants.

Officers issued the woman several citations.

Drugged driving

An officer was sent to the 19000 block of Mack at 6 a.m. Friday, April 9, for reports of an accident.

A 24-year-old Mount Clemens man struck a parked car, severely damaging the front end of his vehicle and the rear end

of the parked car.

Speaking slowly, the driver claimed to have looked down to text while driving.

He denied drinking and confessed to smoking marijuana Thursday night. Though he failed several field sobriety tests, he registered a 0.00 on a preliminary breath test.

The man was arrested for operating with the presence of drugs. He was taken to a hospital for a blood draw.

Stop following

A Woods woman reported leaving Kroger at Marter and Jefferson and noticed she was being followed.

A beige Ford Taurus followed the woman south on Marter, eventually driving alongside her, passing her and pulling into a driveway. The vehicle then backed out of the driveway in front of the woman, almost hitting her.

The man driving the Taurus called the woman a derogatory name and continued to follow her.

She eventually lost sight of the vehicle.

— Kate Vanderstelt
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OUR VIEW

Michigan gets dissed on COVID

As southeast Michigan suffers under the increasing strain of the most recent COVID-19 surge, Grosse Pointe and its schools are muddling along, too. The high schools here were open when the week began, as they were in many districts, even after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer asked high schools on April 9 to return to remote instruction for at least two weeks. She also asked Michiganders to refrain from participating in youth sports and from dining indoors at restaurants during that period. It appears almost no one has heeded her requests. Meanwhile, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged the governor to order actual shutdowns. But there’s risk in that, too — Michiganders might have ignored her orders or taken her to court, further diminishing the powers of the office.

The CDC could instead have been more sympathetic to Gov. Whitmer’s pleas to send more vaccines to Michigan. Would that strategy work? After all, the first shot in a two-shot sequence seems to offer a good deal of protection — enough that some experts, early on, suggested administering just one shot until the whole country was covered. Other states will surely need to know, as Michigan does now, what options are available. As cases rage, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has tried to stay on an even keel. High school classes resumed, but a remote option was added for students who wanted to stay home. A significant number of students at all grade levels also are at home on quarantine following a COVID-19 exposure.

In fact, it is the number of students who get sent home, even though they aren’t sick, that until now has caused the biggest disruptions. At the beginning of the week, that included at least three elementary school classes across the district and the entire eighth grade at Brownell Middle School. Dozens of high school students, including some sports teams, have been through the drill.

Most students who are sent home after exposure do not themselves develop the disease. That doesn’t make the situation any easier for teachers. Unless the whole class gets sent home, they must get lesson plans to students at home, and then teach to students in class and sometimes livestream, too. Meanwhile, school personnel also have to spend countless hours on contact tracing every time a student has a positive test result. Grosse Pointe’s numbers suggest that, at least until now, most students get exposed outside the classroom. The mitigation strategies inside the schools seem to work.

What’s changed is that new COVID-19 variants apparently are spreading like wildfire. Michigan has been ranking second among states, behind Florida, for prevalence of the variants, with the UK strain showing up in particularly strong numbers. By the end of last week, Michigan had logged 2,262 cases; in comparison, the neighboring state of Ohio counted 658 cases, or less than a third as many. Cases, including more serious ones, also seem to be occurring among children and younger adults. By Monday, the state’s hospitalization numbers had exceeded those from last November’s peak, even with a good share of the older adult population vaccinated.

It’s no wonder, then, that several parents expressed their concern to the Board of Education about keeping schools open. Board members, in turn, have wondered why schools should close when bars are open, professional sports continue, shoppers pack into stores and so on. But the schools are hardly a separate entity. They reflect the community and they cannot fight off COVID-19 without everyone taking some measure of responsibility.

As weekly case numbers reach new highs for the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, it’s not clear if the end is even in sight. Even though Michiganders have twice proven they can beat back the disease’s spread, can they do it again?

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Our sharp-eyed photographer spotted this rock cairn on Lakeshore at the foot of Colonial Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. Rock cairns are man-made piles, stacks or mounds of rocks and have been built around the world for different purposes by many cultures. The word “cairn” originated in Gaelic and means “mound of stones.” Cairns can serve as navigational aids or to mark a monument or sacred space. Depending on who made them, cairns can also guide hikers by marking a trail or turn at a fork in the road. Many people have traveled across the United States across areas and roads that were marked by cairns.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

No women for superintendent?

We are disappointed not a single female candidate was among the four semi-finalists for superintendent announced at the school board meeting Monday night. Making the cut were Stephen Bigelow, superintendent of Bay City Public Schools; Jon Dean, deputy superintendent, Grosse Pointe Public School System; Ryan McLeod, superintendent of Eastpointe

Community Schools, and Lawrence Rudolph, assistant superintendent of high schools, Detroit Public Schools Community District. When Mitt Romney ran for president in 2012, he famously said he had “binders full of women” as job applicants when he was governor of Massachusetts. Apparently, the search firm looking for a replacement for our retiring superintendent couldn’t match that.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Last G.P. News sibling passes

We were saddened this week to learn of the passing of Lauren E. Chapman, the last of the children remaining of Grosse Pointe News founder Robert B. Edgar. She was predeceased by brother, Robert G. “Butch” Edgar, and sisters, Gay Ahlgrim and Denny Gordon. For years, I had the privilege of editing her “Offering from the Loft” columns. She was a gifted writer and curious about everything under the sun. Lauren never failed to greet any member of the Grosse Pointe News staff like family, always remembering to inquire about family, and she genuinely cared about everyone who worked at the paper. She was a good friend to both Terry and I, and we are going to miss her. According to the family-provided obituary in this

week’s paper, she died Thursday, April 8, 2021, at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was 84. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Benjamin; children, Jill Chapman, Gay Kennary (James), Chip (Judy) and Clayton Chapman; and grandchildren, Hadley Kennary, Cole Milazzo (Kaitlyn), Ali Milazzo, Griffin Kennary and Sarah Chapman. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will take place at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church columbarium and Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa. It was Lauren’s wish that any memorial bequests be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org; or The Salvation Army, salvationarmyusa.org; or Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, bgcsm.org; or Tau Beta Association, taubeta.org; or Michigan Garden Club, migardenclubs.org.

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.

‘The Council Rules!’

To the Editor:
Mr. Theokas, I enjoyed and I was frightened by your editorial article (“The Council Rules”) in the March 25 Grosse Pointe News. I am a six decades plus resident of the Woods and I, too, witnessed the same changes in council and commission meetings that you described. I, too, remember, “... in the old days the council interacted directly with its audience on virtually every item. ... It was an excellent example of

town hall democracy.” For those that did not read Mr. Theokas’ article, I am partially quoting from his article. Why have Woods and, apparently, the Park residents permitted our democracy change to a dictatorship? MARGARET POTTER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Masks are still required

To the Editor:
In the April 1 edition, Letters to the Editor, the letter from the Farms mayor states that for the fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required,

referencing CDC guidelines. This incorrect statement could increase the risk for seniors and other vulnerable residents. The current CDC guidelines are as follows:

- ◆ Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing.
- ◆ Wear masks, practice physical distancing and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
- ◆ Wear masks, maintain physical distance and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households.
- ◆ Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings. (cdc.gov/

coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html)
ALAN BROAD
Gross Pointe Shores

Gloria Whelan: 97, still writing!

To the Editor:
Your article in the April 8 issue stated Gloria Whalen’s age as 67. I can imagine the typist juxtaposing the 9 to a 6, thinking, “This woman can’t possibly be 97!” But, yes, she is! She is one amazing woman! Her books may be written for the young, but any age can enjoy them. As an adult I loved “Homeless Bird” and learned so much about Mackinac Island in the 1800s reading “Once On This Island.” I highly recommend her wonderful picture books for the little ones as well. Looking forward to her next! JOANNE DENNIS
Grosse Pointe Woods

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Love your Mother, Earth



When I got my first email address years ago, back when you went to a business in person to sign up, I had to think of one on the spot. I was asked what my email address would be, but I hadn't thought of one yet. So I came up with eicwald to go before the @ symbol. It stood for

“Everything Is Connected We All Live Downstream.” I was in college at the time earning a bachelor’s degree in natural resources, so it was fitting. Earth Day is coming up April 22, which is a high holy day to me, but it doesn’t mean much to many people anymore, which is discouraging. I have great respect for the Earth. I love the wildlife, the trees and the land and it is important that we take care of it, keep it clean and not muck it up. The apartment building I live in doesn’t recycle, so once a week I take my recyclables to my friend’s house. Do I always feel like it? Not really, but throwing away recyclables is not

an option, so I do it. I have written before about how I have stopped numerous times on Lakeshore to pull balloons and garbage off the street before they end up in the lake and possibly choke or hurt marine life. It makes me sad that people don’t seem to think twice about littering. I feel like the Iron Eyes Cody character in the commercial about pollution in the Keep America Beautiful ad. The ad originally aired on Earth Day. In 1971. It is now 2021, 50 years later, and people are still polluting and littering. Why don’t they care, I wonder? Have the last 50 years taught us nothing or are we not listening?

In one of the Pointes, during events, the city started putting recycle bins next to the garbage bins and people still threw their single-use plastic bottles and cans in the garbage bin. How much easier does it have to get? The recycle bin was right next to it. It must be about habit, because it doesn’t take a lot of thought or effort to throw it in the proper receptacle. But it does take consciousness. How polluted does the earth need to be before something is done? Some believe the earth will fix itself and on some level that might be true, but it needs our help. We need to get out of the way and stop causing the environment so much harm by bad

habits. If you were sick and wanted to heal the part of you that was unhealthy, would you just assume part of you would fix itself? No. You would take steps to heal that which is sick before it gets worse. So why aren’t we doing that with the planet by changing our habits to help it heal? Last year when most indoor places were closed, people spent more time outside. National parks got crowded and people learned the Japanese term “forest bathing,” which means to spend time in nature. Many people came out of their homes and walked or rode bikes. There wasn’t much to do otherwise since so much was closed, so we spent time

in nature and it helped our mental status. It’s difficult to be inside for long periods of time. But imagine getting out in nature if it was crammed with litter and garbage, if local parks became condos and there were no green spaces to sit in and take a deep breath. Who would want the landscape to turn into a landfill? It doesn’t take a lot of effort to help keep the earth clean and to do our part. Please honor the earth and yourself by cleaning up the place you live in and the spaces you spend time in. Every day really should be earth day. Like the narrator in the Keep America Beautiful ad said, “People start pollution. People can stop it.”

LETTERS:

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Summer on Kercheval

To the Editor:

If I was the mayor of the five Grosse Pointes, I would shut down Kercheval this summer. On the weekends, we’d have a big tent party with tables and chairs. All our health care workers would get free VIP bottle service. Everyone gets shrimp and prime rib. Lots of beer. We could book the best bands, like Supertramp, The Pixies or Iggy and the Stooges. We should reward our healthcare professionals who worked hard to get us out of this COVID funk. Anyone vaccinated can attend. Make it happen. Thanks. SHAWN DUFFY Grosse Pointe Shores

Vaccinations in Pointes a success

To the Editor:

In partnership with Wayne County, the Grosse Pointe communities held a joint COVID-19 vaccination site last Tuesday and Wednesday at Windmill Pointe Park. The event exemplified the benefit of the county and cities working together for the public good and provided over 1,400 vaccinations to area residents. On behalf of the five Grosse Pointe municipalities, we wish to thank: Wayne County Department of Health,

Human & Veteran Services, Deputy Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Floyd and County Commissioner Timothy Killeen for bringing this event to the Grosse Pointes; paramedics from MedStar Ambulance and pharmacist from Beacon Pharmacy for assisting in administering the vaccine; Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) and Ray Laethem for providing means of transportation to and from the event; and the many volunteers who ensured the event ran seamlessly. Special thanks go to Grosse Pointe Woods Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart who served as lead coordinator and the city of Grosse Pointe Park for allowing the use of their park facilities. Most importantly, we thank the community for doing their part in becoming vaccinated. We hope to be able to offer another vaccination site in the near future. In the meantime, we encourage all residents to take advantage of the vaccination sites being offered throughout the area. Let us be protected together. PETER DAME Grosse Pointe City Manager STEVE POLONI Grosse Pointe Shores City Manager SHANE REESIDE Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager NICK SIZELAND Grosse Pointe Park City Manager BRUCE SMITH Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week
FARMS EMPLOYEES GO ON STRIKE: Employees of the Public Works and Pier Departments of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms went on strike in protest against the amount of wage increases granted by the village trustees. Council was advised these employees voted to reject the increase as “completely unsatisfactory” and that unless a satisfactory agreement was reached, the men would strike.
STUDENT NET STARS GET LESSON FROM CHAMPS: At the Tennis House last weekend, members of the 1946 Grosse Pointe High tennis squad had an experience they will long remember. Bobby Riggs, World Professional tennis champion, and Don Budge, former champion and currently challenging Riggs for the title, took time out on their cross country tennis tour to visit the Tennis House and give personal instruction to each and every member of the squad.

1971

50 years ago this week
REASON WHY FIREWORKS ARE BANNED: There is good reason for outlawing fireworks in the state of

Michigan. Just ask Bryce Russell, whose residence at 503 Washington was set ablaze by pretty and seemingly harmless sparklers, which incidentally have an ignition temperature of 3,000 degrees at the tips. They did some \$15,000 (a conservative estimate) worth of damage to the upper part of the roof of the Russell garage and the apartment above.
Obituaries: Mary Dahlstrom, Irene Burgess, Edward Hartwick, Howard C. Harrison, Richard Forsyth, Doris Ouellette, Anne Gibson Berry, Paul Knoll, Albert F. Roulo, Mary Nicklos, Mary True Allen, A. Glenn Duty, Harry Acker

1996

25 years ago this week
VANDALISM AT WAR MEMORIAL MAY BE ‘LAST STRAW’: The evidence: A shattered 13-by-10-foot picture window overlooking Lake St. Clair and a couple of marbles on the floor. The scene: A teen dance in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. But whodunit? If War Memorial officials don’t have an answer soon, they may consider canceling the last teen dance of the season.
VILLAGE FOOD MARKET CELEBRATES

40 YEARS: Forty years can bring a lot of changes to a business and a community. But although Village Food Market has expanded twice during that time, some things remained the same. “We know what our customers want and how to get it to them,” said owner Neil Bell.
Obituaries: Lester M. Elliott, Elizabeth Doungerakis, William Clements Finkenstaedt, Frank Vernor Morris, Dr. Henry T. Grinvalsky, George L. Meathe

2011

10 years ago this week
WOODS TALKS GET CHIPPY: If Monday night’s discussion over the proposed budget by the Grosse Pointe Woods

city council is any indication, it’s going to be a long budget season. Members of the council barely made it past the first page before a heated discussion occurred over compensation for elected officials and recognition for city volunteers.
WOODS’ MIELE EARNS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR: Miami University senior forward Andy Miele, of Grosse Pointe Woods, recently made history, becoming the first player in school history to win the prestigious Hobey Baker Memorial Award, presented annually to the top player in college hockey.
Obituaries: Byron Mitchell Cheeseman, Charles Thomas Cudlip, Robert M. Dossin, William Scott Fortune, Mary Echlin Nash, Ruth Marie Sisk, Thomas Eagles Moore, Helen Marie Rose, John Kercheval Grylls

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Charges stack up against larceny suspect

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the case against Joseph McMahon begins to unfold, additional crimes, some even potentially unrelated to him, are coming to light. The 56-year-old Detroit man arrested mid-March for suspicion of one vehicle theft and at least 13 larcenies from vehicles in three of the Pointes in recent weeks, was arraigned on eight new felony charges Friday, April 2, before City of Grosse Pointe Judge Russell Ethridge. Additional evidence found during the investigation alleges McMahon entered a carriage house garage in the 200 block of Lincoln Feb. 22, and stole a gun out of a truck parked inside. Surveillance footage shows a man entering and exiting wearing the same clothing captured on various larceny from vehicle videos, including the hat that was recovered from McMahon’s home during his arrest. “Normally, if it was a separate garage, it would just be a B&E (breaking and entering),” Grosse

Pointe Detective Sgt. Joseph Adams explained, “but seeing that it’s a livable space, which actually has its own address, that makes it a home invasion. “Once he found the gun,” he added, “that changes everything. That enhances everything. He’s a felon with a gun.” A tip uncovered by Park detectives on the location of the weapon not only led to its recent recovery, but ultimately resulted in Grosse Pointe officers discovering an active drug house in the 1300 block of Chalmers March 26. The house, where the gun was suspected to be, neighbors McMahon’s. Once Michigan State Police were called in, 40 grams of crack cocaine, 2 grams of heroin, \$4,000 of stolen property from local stores and around \$12,000 in cash were recovered. With the case turned over to the MSP, charges currently are being sought for the owner of the home. A probable cause conference on McMahon’s new charges from the Lincoln carriage house — second-degree home invasion; receiving and concealing weapons/firearms; larceny of weap-

ons/firearms; weapons/firearms possession by a felon; and four counts of weapons felony firearm — was set for Thursday, April 15, before Ethridge, with bond set at 10 percent of \$50,000 with a GPS tether upon release. Friday’s proceedings also brought a preliminary exam before Ethridge on McMahon’s initial charges of larceny over \$20,000 for the vehicle theft, receive and conceal over \$20,000, larceny from auto and habitual fourth offender. For these, he was bound over to the Wayne County Third Circuit Court for an arraignment on information Friday, April 9, with an additional bond amount of 10 percent of \$50,000. “Since Mr. McMahon has been in custody, we have not had any reports of LFAs (larceny from auto) in the City of Grosse Pointe,” Adams reported. McMahon already has served time for breaking and entering into the Farms public safety building in 2011, and also was suspected of stealing items from 19 unlocked homes in the Farms and Woods in 2014.



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Fun in the springtime sun

John Vinson, Spencer Logan, Brent Parshall and Nick Hy have been playing croquet since 2010, near the Grosse Pointe Farms water treatment plant on Moross. The version they play is called American Six Wicket. Here, Vinson gets ready to strike the ball with a mallet while the others await the result.



John Vinson, Nick Hy and Brent Parshall wait for Spencer Logan to line up his shot.

HILL:

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encompassed in a structural barrier to be approved by the public safety department. The approval can be revoked if it becomes a safety hazard at any time, City Manager Shane Reeside added.

“There are so many horrendous things about the COVID-19 crisis,” Councilman Neil Sroka said, “but one of the things that’s happening out of it is there’s some innovation and some changing perspectives on how things work in a lot of different parts of our lives, including our cities.”

The agreement, which matches current allowances for other outside dining uses, likely will allow the platform to be constructed between April 1 and Nov. 15 each year. It also will require Luxe to pay the city \$240 per month to make up for the loss of meter revenue in the two spaces. After looking at statis-

tics and availability, the loss of two parking spots does not cause concern for parking availability on The Hill, according to Reeside. The plans were approved 5-1, with Councilman Joe Ricci opposed, citing concerns of pedestrian walking space and the blind corner nearby. Councilman

James Farquhar was absent. “I do think that there will actually be an improvement for pedestrian safety and accessibility with the plan as proposed, which essentially creates a sidewalk closer to the building,” Sroka said, citing the required five feet of clear area, “as opposed to right

now what has to happen if you have a baby stroller, you have to essentially almost go into the street in order to get around the cafe seating that’s there right now.” With the approval, Councilman John Gillooly predicted, similar requests may soon follow. “I remember when The Bronze Door was the only restaurant on Kercheval and soon that will be making a resurgence,” he said, “but now we have not only this great establishment of Luxe, but we have Dirty Dog, Cafe Nini, Jumps, that are truly great dining establishments and I think once we pass this, we should expect to receive four more of these types of proposals, probably in the not too distant future.”

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incidents in 2019, to 33 in 2020. Retail fraud also increased from nine to 20 reported cases between 2019 and 2020. With the executive stay-at-home order, Kosanke recalled many requests for drive-by greetings from officers. “We did our part to bring this little bit of joy during somber times,” Kosanke said. “In turn, the community has shown support for our efforts by expressing their appreciation with cards, gifts of food and even yard signs.” Public safety members received 2,335 hours of combined training in 2020, consisting of police and fire training courses and in-house training. The department welcomed a new officer, Duncan Gill, into its ranks and saw the return of dispatcher Gregory Tourville. Additionally, Officer James Arthur and records clerk Diana Cormier retired. Kosanke asked for input on improvements as the department transitions through 2021.

“I welcome suggestions from residents and business owners for improvements that can be made or for alerting us about problems which need resolutions,” he said. “I will continue to work to the best of my ability to make this department the best that it can be.”

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Superintendent candidate profiles

Dr. Stephen Bigelow, Superintendent of Bay City Public Schools

Bigelow began his career in education in 1998. He served as a teacher in South Lyon Community Schools; a teacher, assistant principal and principal in Warren Consolidated Schools; and superintendent in Capac and Bay City.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, an education specialist degree from Oakland University and a Ph.D. in education from Oakland University.

Dr. Michael J. Dean, Deputy Superintendent, Grosse Pointe Public School System

Dean began his career as a teacher in Detroit Public Schools in 1995. He worked subsequently as a teacher and elementary principal in Algonac Community Schools, an elementary principal in Allen Park Public Schools and an elementary principal and assistant superintendent in Birmingham Public Schools.

He began his Grosse Pointe career in 2012, serving multiple leadership roles in human resources, curriculum and currently as deputy

superintendent for educational services.

Dean earned bachelor's and master's degrees in educational leadership from Wayne State University, an education specialist degree from Saginaw Valley State University and a Ph.D. in education from Wayne State University.

Dr. Ryan McLeod, Superintendent of Eastpointe Community Schools

McLeod began his career in education in 1997. He worked as a teacher in Airport Community Schools and Novi Community Schools and as an assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent in Monroe Public Schools, before accepting his current position as superintendent of Eastpointe in 2006.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in physics from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Toledo.

Dr. Lawrence Rudolph, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools, Detroit Public Schools Community District

Rudolph began his career in education as a teacher in Detroit Public

Schools in 1995. He worked subsequently as an assistant principal in Detroit and Rochester Community Schools, before accepting his first principalship with Hartford County Public Schools in Bel Air, Md. In 2011, he began the first of three assignments with Baltimore Public Schools as principal and executive director of principal support focusing on school turn-around issues.

Rudolph returned to Michigan in 2018 to serve as high school principal at Wayne Westland Community School District, before accepting his current assignment as assistant superintendent of high schools in Detroit.

He has a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in teaching from Hampton University, an education specialist degree from Wayne State University and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Pennsylvania.

Following are key dates as the selection process moves forward:

- ◆ April 27, 4 p.m. — first round interviews, Brownell
- ◆ April 28, 4 p.m. — first round interviews
- ◆ May 11, 6 p.m. — finalist interview
- ◆ May 12, 6 p.m. — finalist interview
- ◆ May 13, 6 p.m. — finalist interview

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Lyla Paschke's "Sanest."

South junior earns 2 national art awards

Competing in the 2021 Southeastern Michigan regional awards of the Scholastic Arts Awards, junior Lyla Paschke, along with nine other Grosse Pointe South High School artists, received Gold Key awards. Gold key works were automatically advanced to the national level of adjudication in New York City.

In addition, Paschke's sculpture, "Sanest," was chosen as one of five American Visions nominees. This award is chosen as the "Best in Show" by the judges to compete for the national American Visions awards.

In addition to winning a national Gold Key, Paschke was selected as

the national American Visions Award winner. More than 80,000 students submitted nearly 230,000 works of art and writing to the 2021 awards. Winning work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill and

emergence of a personal voice or vision.

Only 2,000 works received a national medal, meaning Paschke's work was within the top 1 percent of all submissions. A national ceremony will take place virtually June 9, and her artwork will be published in an online gallery.

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consider each sport on a case-by-case basis, rather than suspending all sports, and comply with recommendations from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

As of last week, South's junior varsity soccer and North's girls lacrosse teams were quarantined. This week, Cass Tech was forced to cancel the opening basketball game in the playoffs against North due to COVID-19.

"The governor made it clear that it is a local decision," said Rebecca Fannon, the district's communication coordinator.

Any students who do not feel comfortable with this decision may elect to stay home and their absence will be treated as a COVID-19-related absence. In that case, school officials will devise a virtual education plan for those students, including live and recorded Zoom sessions, assignments or other teaching methods.

However, the district informed high school students that student athletes who are absent for COVID-19 or any other reason will not be allowed to participate in sports during that absence,

as outlined in the district's Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday asked for the voluntary suspension of in-person education, youth sports and dining in indoor restaurants.

"We know what works," Whitmer said. She urged Michigan residents to support her request.

The Grosse Pointe Education Association issued a statement supporting the governor's recommendations concerning schools.

"Data and science should be leading this decision with primary concern given to the health and safety of our students and staff members," GPEA President Christopher Pratt said in a statement.

"There has been a change in the clientele of those diagnosed with C-19, with children 10 to 19 being the fastest group of infections," the GPEA's statement continued. "We are seeing staff and students infected as a result of school-related contact and outside-of-school contact."

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Parents, students rate virtual learning

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is deciding whether to continue OneGP Virtual next year.

The virtual learning program started this school year out of necessity caused by the pandemic. Now the district is deciding whether to continue the program beyond this year and is working on a survey to find out if the community wants to continue this program.

The 2020-21 school year opened with a mountain of pandemic uncertainties. Last fall, families were asked to decide: Do they want their children to attend a traditional school or a virtual school this school year?

Normally Grosse Pointe couldn't offer a virtual school, because Michigan requires districts to be certified for

that type of learning. Grosse Pointe wasn't. But the state waived the certification requirement during the pandemic. OneGP Virtual was born for students in the Young 5 through 12th grade levels.

"It's kind of a school within a school," said Sara Delgado, the OneGP Virtual coordinator.

The 1,100 students who signed up were more than the district expected, she said.

Brianna Wright, a senior, would have attended Grosse Pointe North High School. The Harper Woods resident said her parents wanted her to attend virtual school because of the pandemic.

"I supported it," Wright said. "I have a compromised immune system and I'm very afraid of getting COVID."

She believes she's doing better in the virtual school.

"I stayed with all A's and B's," Wright said. "I absorb the knowledge better. You don't have to deal with classroom distractions. It's so much simpler online."

She's graduating this year, but said she would probably opt for virtual school next year, if she wasn't.

Another senior, Spencer Hoover of Grosse Pointe Park, thought he learned more in a traditional classroom.

Hoover, who would have attended Grosse Pointe South High School, said his grades are about the same as in the traditional school but he missed the personal interaction with his teachers.

"It's hard to tell, but if I had to choose, I would say no," Hoover said, when asked if he felt he learned more virtually.

"There's something about being in the room with the teacher. You

really can't replicate that kind of interaction over a screen."

He and his parents chose virtual school because of the pandemic. OneGP Virtual classes are structured differently between younger and older students.

At the elementary level, students have math, reading and writing via Zoom lessons. Teachers post work for students to do during the week in social studies and science.

"We decided to keep the focus on numeracy and literacy, to make sure the students were staying focused on those two areas during the pandemic," Delgado said.

High school and middle school students have Zoom lessons and follow the regular schedule they would have followed at their traditional school. They also can log into their teachers' Zoom rooms for extra help.

Attendance records are

handled through the school the students would have attended traditionally. Parents report absences to the home school. But virtual teachers also track attendance through the computer programs. And they follow up on absences, just like traditional school teachers.

Virtual school was new ground for the Grosse Pointe teachers who elected to teach in OneGP Virtual this year.

"I think some of the teachers who opted to teach in the virtual school this year went in with a bit of hesitancy because everything is so new," Delgado said. "The success that many teachers and students have experienced has been, I think, a pleasant surprise to some."

From the teachers' standpoint, a major part of their job was learning how to know if the students are engaged and understanding the les-

son. In a traditional classroom, teachers typically rely on body language and simply watching the students' responses to know this.

Those clues aren't as readily available via a computer. So the teachers learned to know their students' reactions in other ways. For example, in Zoom lessons, they would break the classroom down into smaller groups, with each group having their own Zoom meeting. It was easier for the teacher to check students' engagement in the smaller settings, Delgado said.

Or, if students are working on a particular presentation, they can tell students to register a computer code. That way the teacher knows if they are on the program and see the work they're doing as they do it.

One of the major differences between virtual

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Former North teacher talks light at Monteith

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Third- and fourth-grade magnet teacher Shelley Denison invited former Grosse Pointe North teacher Gary Abud to speak to her class Friday, April 9.

Denison's class is focusing on a light and vision unit in science, culminating in a project studying the decline in the number of Tokay geckos living in the rainforest in the Philippines.

"Throughout this unit, the students have taken on the role as conservation biologists," Denison said. "They discovered that more highway lights have been installed where the geckos live and in their final scientific explanation, they will write about why more light makes it difficult for the geckos to see their prey."

Denison wanted to bring Abud into her classroom to deepen her students' understanding of light and vision as they embark on this project.

Abud was diagnosed with keratoconus as a child, a condition that transformed his cornea from dome-shaped to cone-shaped. Ultimately, Abud received double



Lyla Dwaihy tries on a pair of glasses that imitates the vision of someone with the condition keratoconus, which Abud had.

cornea transplant surgery from Eversight, a nonprofit organization that works with human eye tissue and sight, to fix the condition.

Abud's history with vision and light led him to partner with Eversight. In 2019, he published a book called "Science with Scarlett: What Color Will it Be?" The book uses a young girl, Scarlett, to walk readers through different color and light experiments.

"The biggest impact (of the book) is that I get to get kids excited about science," Abud said. "The second biggest impact is being able to raise awareness of the work of an organization like Eversight and being able to share my story of

a cornea transplant and just raise awareness of the importance of the work that you can do by being a donor."

Abud came to

Denison's class with a passion for science and his personal background to demonstrate to the students the importance and functions of sight and light.

"I love teaching and I love learning, and this is an experience that is really at the center of who I am," Abud said. "I am a lifelong learner and a lifelong teacher and being able to present to kids like this is so great to me."

"One of the most important things is that I believe science education is really crucial," he added, "and oftentimes it takes a back seat in education at the elementary level behind reading and

math, which are important, but sometimes we don't spend as much time with science at a high level until kids get older. So I wanted to be able to do something that would help bring the science experience to younger students and get them excited about it earlier on."

Abud taught the class how light functions, from how it travels in waves to how it allows humans to see a specific spectrum of color.

From Abud's presentation, students were able to deduce that light pollution from new developments in the environment are interfering with the color of the environment

in the Philippines, ultimately meaning geckos may no longer be able to see their prey.

The students also were able to talk via Zoom with Nick Hicks, a representative from Eversight. Hicks showed the students a virtual procedure of a cornea transplant and even brought out a preserved eyeball.

"I thought the presentation was outstanding," Denison said at the end of the day. "Mr. Abud kept the students actively engaged throughout the entire hour-plus that he spent with them. He strategically planned for movement, active listening and hands-on learning with his high-interest content. I thought the students' questions were awesome and demonstrated their interest in the subject matter, especially during the Zoom meeting with Eversight."

Denison saw an air of excitement in the kids as they returned from lunch after Abud's presentation.

"He is ... an amazingly gifted teacher, so I wanted my students to get inspired by him to further their interest in science," she said.



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Abud asked students Norah Moses and Greg Tod to use a Slinky to demonstrate how light travels in transverse waves.

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◆ May 14, 6 p.m. — BOE deliberation/decision

Dates are subject to change based on the number of candidates; these will be updated on the district's website. First round interviews April 27 and 28 are open to the public, within social distancing parameters, and feedback forms will be available for those in the audience.

The interviews will be televised and posted on the district website after they're complete, so as to not provide advance notice of questions to the other candidates. The board will provide regular updates on the process at its televised and livestreamed meetings.

Vaccinated North teacher out of hospital

A vaccinated Grosse Pointe North High School teacher who contracted COVID-19 is hopefully on their way to recovery.

"We are delighted to have permission to share the North teacher has been released from the hospital and is now recovering at

home," said Rebecca Fannon, communications coordinator for the district.

The district also notified parents that those who were in close contact are subject to quarantine, according to the Wayne County Health Department's guidelines.

The school district notified parents April 7, that the teacher was ill with the virus, adding three students also had tested positive. None of the infected students had been in close contact with anyone in the schools.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

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and traditional school has been socialization and knowing if students are emotionally struggling.

"Teachers have been really careful to do a social/emotional check in" on their students, Delgado said. Students can be asked at the start of the session to rate their readiness to learn on a 1 to 10 scale. This gives teachers a heads up on which students may be struggling that day.

"We feel that's really important in the virtual classroom," Delgado said. "If kids walk into a face-to-face classroom, you can kind of tell with the body language. In a virtual classroom, you can use these emotional check-ins."

Parents who were interviewed were enthusiastic about the virtual program.

Amy Skwiers of Grosse Pointe Woods enrolled her son, Conor, in the Young 5 program at OneGP Virtual instead of in Monteith Elementary School because of the pandemic.

"It worked out wonderfully for us," she said. "The lessons are very concise, but they're very interactive. They've definitely built up their ability to stay on Zoom, pay attention."

She liked the consistency. OneGP Virtual stayed virtual the entire year, versus the traditional schools that went through in-classroom instruction, virtual instruction and a hybrid of the two.

She also said virtual school was very portable.

She was able to spend a month with her 84-year-old mother in Florida.

"We can take it with us wherever we go," she said.

Skwiers said the fact both she and her husband work virtually from home helped make OneGP Virtual work for them. If they were going to an office every day, it would have been different.

But she'd consider putting Conor in the virtual school again next year.

"I would love to see Grosse Pointe keep it in place just to keep us competitive with other districts," she said.

Jennifer Wengel of Grosse Pointe Farms also would keep her daughter, Claire, in OneGP Virtual next year, if it was offered. Jennifer is a seventh grader who would have attended Brownell Middle School.

"For our daughter, it worked out well because she applies herself and she's able to get all of her work done," Wengel said. "Her grades have been showing it. She's all A's and A-pluses."

She's able to see her daughter's lessons.

"I can walk into the room where she is and notice some kids don't have their cameras on," Wengel said. "The teachers get them to put them on."

Teachers respond to student and parent emails almost immediately.

She admits her daughter did miss out on the social interaction of being in school.

"But she also does skating, so she has social interaction on the ice rink and she'll be going to do soccer in the spring," Wengel said.

South celebrates 40 years of ArtFest

Grosse Pointe South ArtFest, which supports students in their creative pursuits of the arts, celebrates 40 years with ArtFest 2021, a virtual exhibition and online auction. Art students at all grade levels will showcase and sell some of their work.

The online auction takes place May 5 to 7. Details on auction guidelines will be released as soon as the website goes live. The entire community is invited to support young artists by participating in the auction. Visitors to the website may bid on student artwork and a buy-it-now option will be available.

The ArtFest Awards



COURTESY PHOTO

Gracie Romer's "Web of Lies."

take place May 7, with award and scholarship winners announced virtually.

The following day, purchased auction artwork will be available for pickup or delivery.

In addition to showcasing student art,

ArtFest provides monetary awards to South art students through general donations.

There are many community sponsors, family sponsors and alumni sponsors ranging from Colorado, New York and Arizona. Award dona-

tions range from \$25 to \$500. Current awards encompass a variety of mediums including photography, metals, drawing, painting, graphic design, ceramics and sculpture.

ArtFest donors may specify award title, medium, number of recipients and amount of each award. Those interested in donating to 2021 ArtFest in support of the arts should contact parent volunteers Laura

Wholihan at wholihan@hotmail.com or Paula Draper at paula@highbiemaxon.com by Friday, April 30, for more information.

The 2021 ArtFest virtual exhibition will remain live for one year.

Brownell eighth graders staying at home

The entire eighth grade at Brownell Middle School is attending school virtually this week due to the high number of students already in quarantine due to COVID-19.

In a letter to parents last Friday, the school district explained that

43 percent of Brownell eighth graders were already unable to attend school in person. With the expectation that this number was only likely to increase, the decision was made to hold school virtually.

Virtual school will follow the

same schedule as in-person school, with classes provided via Zoom links.

Additionally, the eighth grade was scheduled to take the PSAT test Tuesday. That will be rescheduled.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

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Rainy Day Art & Framing Co., celebrates 50 years in business this year.

Fine at 50: Rainy Day Art & Framing Co. celebrates milestone anniversary

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Rainy Day Art & Framing Co. always held a special place in Grosse Pointe lifer Lisa Amori's heart.

Her earliest memory of Rainy Day is going in as a customer with her hobbyist father. She continued going to the store as an art student at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and as an artist in her adult life.

Amori had always wanted to work at Rainy Day, but her husband told her, "If you want to work there, you want to own it."

In 2005, she saw an ad in the Grosse Pointe News sharing that the store was for sale.

That's when she and her husband made the decision to purchase the art supply store.

"It was meant to be," she said.

1971

The store was originally opened by the Snow family in 1971, as The Rainy Day Company.

The Snows used to say good things always seemed to happen to them on rainy days.

"I thought it was because art was the perfect thing to do on rainy days, but that wasn't it," Amori said.

The Snows owned The Rainy Day Company 14 years before selling it to a blueprint company in 1985. It was sold again in 1992, and lastly to the Amoris in 2005.

The name of the store varied slightly over the years, but always kept some rendition of the original Rainy Day title.

One-stop shop

Rainy Day is a place



From left, Veronica Williams, retail manager; Lisa Amori, owner; and Amy Lloyd, framing manager.

for hobbyists, professionals, students, parents, children and everyone in between.

"There is something here for everyone," Amori said.

Half of the store carries 2D art supplies and the other half offers full-service framing.

In-store products include painting and drawing supplies, children's craft kits and a gift section from local craft artists.

The store has hundreds of framing options and its framing specialist, Amy Lloyd, can frame just about anything.

Along with selling art supplies and framing, Amori has made it her mission to promote local artists through Rainy Day.

The store features the works of artists in the Grosse Pointe community on a gallery wall.

"We work to help artists," Amori said.

One local artist, Carol LaChiusa, will be featured in the store as a part of the Rainy Day 50th anniversary cele-

bration. LaChiusa will have an exhibit in the store for one month starting April 23.

50 years

Over the years the needs of the store have changed as technology has advanced.

Certain services such as graphic arts and a blueprint machine have been eliminated from the store.

Time is only one element of the changing industry; the coronavirus pandemic forced Amori to get creative in her sales strategy by offering "back

alley" pick-up for customers.

By sending photos to clients and offering over-the-phone payments, customers were able to continue shopping at the store without ever stepping foot inside the building.

Amori said throughout the pandemic, "people were really supportive."

She had customers purchasing art supplies for neighborhood children and others to keep busy during lockdown.

The pandemic also encouraged people to redecorate and clean their homes. This caused a minor "boom" in the framing business, general manager Veronica Williams said.

Rainy Day today

The store now has a team of four, including Amori.

"We are a little family," Amori said.

Along with Williams and Lloyd, comic artist

Kelly O'Hara is part of the team.

Each team member has a fine arts degree and does commission work through the store.

Amori has seen the business as a staple in the community since Rainy Day opened 50 years ago. She has viewed the store through the eyes of a child, during adulthood and now as the owner.

She said being a business owner in the community she grew up in allows her to rekindle old friendships and keep in touch with acquaintances from throughout her life.

"I love it, I love this store," Amori said.

A 50th anniversary party is on hold due to the pandemic. They have hopes to host a party this summer to celebrate the milestone.

Rainy Day Art & Framing Co. is located at 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Artist celebrates book release

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Longtime artist Carol LaChiusa considers her favorite pastime a necessity — something she's always had to do.

"It's just a must," the Grosse Pointe Farms resident said of her life's work.

The artist — who taught "Watercolor Workshop with Carol LaChiusa" nearly 20 years on local cable, as well as instructed local art classes for decades — recently published a catalogue of her work.



COURTESY PHOTO
Carol LaChiusa

Copies of "Everything's a Painting: Watercolors with Contemporary Haiku" are available for purchase during a book signing event at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 23, at Rainy Day Art & Framing Co., in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rainy Day, which sponsored "Watercolor Workshop" during most of its run, currently is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

"This has been something I've wanted to do for years," LaChiusa said of her new book. "I was urged by my students to have a retrospective of my art."

The book opens with paintings she created for her first large solo show in 1983, for which she painted a series of "mag-

nified interiors of flow-

ers," she said. "I always do series," she added. "I've always loved plein air. I've loved to do it since I was a child. I chase nature. I work with God. I get inspired. ... I want to project this love of nature in this book."

All 65 images captured in the book were shot by photographer Eric Law. Accompanying every painting is a haiku, written by LaChiusa, describing each work in three lines.

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Detroit Zoological Society seeks new Mayor of Amphibiville

The Detroit Zoological Society is looking for a new candidate to leap into office this summer as Mayor of Amphibiville. This 2-acre wetland village is home to the Detroit Zoo’s award-winning National Amphibian Conservation Center, which features naturalistic habitats for frogs, toads, salamanders, newts and caecilians, and highlights the critical role they play in the environment.

Amphibiville’s outgoing mayor — Trinity Favazza, 14, of Shelby Township — has proven herself to be a conservation champion during her two terms. She has amassed many impressive accolades, including the creation of a state-wide Amphibian Conservation Awareness Week in 2018. She is a young leader who repre-



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Borneo eared frogs

sents hope for the future of the planet and has done impressive work protecting local wetlands and bringing attention to amphibian conservation. “Having a mayor of this important conservation center helps to engage younger generations who have so much to contribute as they grow up and become stewards of this planet,” said DZS

Executive Director and CEO Ron Kagan.

To join the race to become the new Mayor of Amphibiville, candidates 7 to 12 years old who live in Michigan are invited to submit an essay of 100 words or less on what they can do to

help amphibians. All entries must be submitted by April 30, to social media@dzs.org or to Mayor of Amphibiville, Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067. Entries must include the candidate’s name, age, address and daytime telephone number. The winner will be announced this summer with an official swearing-in ceremony.

The new Mayor of Amphibiville will have a plaque inscribed with his or her name displayed in the National Amphibian Conservation Center throughout the two-year term of office and will receive a family membership to the Detroit Zoo.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.



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The outgoing Mayor of Amphibiville Trinity Favazza.

Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast is May 6

In observance of National Day of Prayer, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts the 35th annual Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of praying for city, state and national leaders. This year’s keynote speaker is Chris Lambert, the founder and CEO of Life Remodeled, a Detroit-based nonprofit that exists to bridge people across divides to help transform each other’s lives.

Life Remodeled focuses on the intentional and equitable revitalization of Detroit neighborhoods distinguished by their significant need and radical

hope. In the last seven years, Life Remodeled has invested \$35 million and mobilized nearly 70,000 volunteers to set the groundwork for sustainable change in four Detroit communities.

Lambert is the recipient of Building Design + Construction 40 under 40, Crain’s Detroit 40 under 40 and DBusiness 30 in their 30s awards.

The Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast is one of the Grosse Pointes’ most well-attended and moving events, bringing dignitaries and local citizens together for a meal, prayer and special performance by students from the Detroit Youth Choir. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the chamber, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, by calling (313) 881-4722 or visiting grossepointe-chamber.com.

Moross Greenway Spring Clean-Up is April 17

The Moross Greenway Project is looking for volunteers for its annual Spring Clean-Up from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 17, rain or shine.

Those interested are asked to gather in the parking lot of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 21150 Moross.

Volunteers are asked

to bring their own gardening gloves and dress for the weather. Boots are recommended, as the islands often are wet. Masks, water, trash bags and traffic vests will be provided.

Volunteers will be focused on two main tasks: trash collection and garden bed cleanup. Volunteers are asked to

bring hand pruners and/or hedge trimmers if they are interested in garden cleanup.

Board members will be available to answer questions.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

To participate, RSVP at morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

◆ Earth Day Craft-to-Go, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 19, all branches.

◆ Tween Writing Group, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 19.

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Lakeview High School, 21100 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, St. Barnabus Church, 24800 Phlox, Eastpointe.

Register at redcross blood.org.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

Gilda’s Club’s Lake House location, 23500

AREA ACTIVITIES

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

◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Gentle Mat Yoga.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, Gynecological Cancers Support Group.

◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, Chair Yoga.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. Todd Scott of Detroit Greenways speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

The Helm

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

◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each

month, with Jessica Malfa.

◆ 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 resident age 60 and older or disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

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.

Correction

The article “Author weaves history lesson into young reader picture book,” printed in the April 8 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, should have read author Gloria Whelan, who recently published a book for young readers, is 97 years old.

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Focus on the future

Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction is May 8

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For more than 50 years, The Grosse Pointe Academy has hosted its annual Action Auction, which not only serves as a fundraiser for the school, but is a treasured community event.

The tradition continues this year as The Academy hosts its Action Auction beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Tracy Fieldhouse.

This year's auction chairs are Andrea and Christopher F. Provenzano, and Alicia and Martin Krall. The honorary chairman is Anthony L. Soave.

Following the theme, "Let the Good Times Roll," the event promises to provide a sense of normalcy during a somewhat abnormal time.

"Now more than ever, schools need TLC and special attention," Andrea Provenzano said, noting the importance of The Academy's annual fundraiser. "There's a misconception of private schools that we have excess money. The reality is these fundraisers are critical to sustaining all of the important things we want for our stu-

dents."

Provenzano said she and Krall worked hard through a difficult year to organize an extraordinary event, meeting every challenge and hitting every milestone "with smiles on our faces."

Their hard work is evident in the selection of unique and high-quality

auction items procured for the event. Among them are the services of in-home personal chef Anthony Lombardo of SheWolf; an in-home wine-tasting event; domestic trips to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Telluride, Colo.; fine jewelry from

Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists; and an exclusive trip to New York City to meet with fashion designer Christian Siriano, who will custom design a clothing item of choice for the highest bidder.

The celebration, which will follow social distancing guidelines, includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a seated dinner and the live auction.

"We've been lucky over the years to have such great support from the community and we look forward to that again," Krall said.

Not only will the evening raise funds for the school, but also serves as a celebration of Head of School Tommy Adams, as well as the faculty and administration at The Academy, "for their dedication, hard work and determination to lead us through this tough time," Provenzano said.

The Academy is one of few schools in Grosse Pointe that have offered in-person learning since the fall, Krall noted.

"The value of that in-person education is priceless for our children," Provenzano added.

Proceeds from the Action Auction support The Academy at large, Provenzano said, noting funds will be used to supplement programming, arts and athletics, as well

as professional development.

"Funds raised directly support the vision of The Grosse Pointe Academy," she added. "Through this year's paddle raise, we wanted to support everyone at the school, from the early school through eighth grade."

Tickets are available online at gpacecademy.org/alumni-giving/giving/action-auction/.

"It's an in-person event, but we also have livestream tickets if you prefer to stay home and watch the auction from there," Krall said.

Patrons are welcome to purchase individual tickets or buy a table. Donations to the paddle raise also are accepted.

"We are excited and honored to chair this event for the second year now," Krall said. "We're excited to see everybody."

Added Provenzano, "We're looking forward to this. We really want to do this for the children. Our No. 1 focus for us through all of this is the children. We couldn't be happier to be part of such a longstanding tradition of five decades."



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, auction chairs Martin and Alicia Krall, honorary chair Anthony L. Soave, and auction chairs Andrea and Christopher F. Provenzano.



On top of the world

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mark Rossman recently captured this unique view of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. "I captured this spheroid image from 352 feet altitude with the clouds building up ominously around the dawn sun," he wrote.

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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.

Lauren E. Chapman

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Lauren Edgar Chapman died Thursday, April 8, 2021, at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was 84.

Family was the primary focus of Lauren's life; their shared love sustained her throughout life, her family said. Lauren also loved her dear friends, conversation, music, horses, travel, reading, sunlight, pure white snow, animals, flowers, thunderstorms, Christmas and any reason to welcome people into her home to celebrate. She loved all holidays and decorating her home with her collections. Rabbits surfaced in the spring, bowls of fruit and gourds in the fall, flowers throughout all seasons and an avalanche of Christmas items.

Lauren's summer home in the Pennsylvania mountains was her sanctuary. There, she felt most content, nestled in her private place, surrounded by water and a rich forest populated with the animals she adored. Lauren enjoyed many decades of friendships forged on the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack and said re-entry was tough when returning home each autumn to the reality of busy schedules.

After she returned from Bennett College in Millbrook, N.Y., Lauren was a legal secretary to a partner in a large Detroit law firm. She credited her boss with his teaching of legal disciplines, insisting on perfection with each document. These skills served her well throughout her life and often opened doors for new volunteer opportunities and

board positions. After Lauren married Benjamin G. Chapman July 12, 1958, she worked for an industrial design company and as a part-time office assistant to a local naval architect. Following the birth of her fourth child, Lauren partnered in an antique shop and for many years conducted estate sales and appraisals. For 17 years, Lauren authored "Offering from the Loft," a column in the Grosse Pointe News, the newspaper her father, Robert B. Edgar, established in 1940. Lauren and her siblings owned the newspaper from his death in 1979 until 2007.

She thrived on creative endeavors, including writing, art, humor and original thinking. She appreciated beauty in all forms, including sunrises, flowers, music and flags blowing in the wind. Her senses were always on high alert. Lauren's homes were filled with flowers throughout her life. She started painting in her late 70s and loved learning new things. She often remarked she was grateful for the blessings of sensitivity, creativity, common sense and the benefit of cleansing laughter and tears.

Lauren was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Garden Club of Michigan and Tau Beta Association.

Lauren is survived by her husband of 62 years, Benjamin; children, Jill Chapman, Gay Kennary (James), Chip (Judy) and Clayton Chapman; and grandchildren, Hadley Kennary, Cole Milazzo (Kaitlyn), Ali Milazzo, Griffin Kennary and Sarah Chapman. She was predeceased by her parents,

Geraldine Grinnell Parker and Robert B. Edgar; stepfather, Fredrick W. Parker Jr.; brother, Robert G. Edgar; and sisters, Gay Ahlgrim and Denny Gordon.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will take place at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church columbarium and Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa.

It was Lauren's wish that any memorial bequests be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org; or The Salvation Army, salvationarmyusa.org; or Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, bgcsm.org; or Tau Beta Association, taubeta.org; or Michigan Garden Club, migardenclubs.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Ellen L. Smith

Ellen L. Smith (nee Hribar) of Jupiter, Fla., passed away peacefully Saturday, March 27, 2021, surrounded by family. She was 75.

A loving mother, grandmother and wife, Ellen was born Jan. 21, 1946, in Grosse Pointe, to Louis and Emilen (nee Schulz) Hribar. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1963.

Ellen married David Smith in 1965. After their wedding, they served together in the Peace Corps. After the couple returned to the U.S., Ellen earned a master's degree in higher mathematics from Wayne State University, then taught several years at her alma mater, Grosse Pointe South High School.



Lauren E. Chapman



Ellen L. Smith



Marjorie J. Arpin

Ellen and her husband loved sailing. In 1979, together with their children, Rebecca and David, they sailed to the Bahamas, where they spent a year exploring the Out Islands, living aboard ship and homeschooling their children.

On return from the Bahamas, Ellen and her family settled in Annapolis, Md., where Ellen continued her teaching career; over the course of many years, she taught students at Annapolis Area Christian School and Anne Arundel Community College.

In 1990, Ellen and her husband began work overseas in the Federated States of Micronesia, where Ellen joined the staff at the national campus of the College of Micronesia, continued to teach higher mathematics and administered a grant to install and establish the first web and internet system for the South Pacific island nation. After Ellen and David retired in the late 1990s, they returned to Annapolis, where Ellen worked part time as a consultant for the NSA at Fort Meade. The couple moved to Jupiter in 2004.

Ellen's family takes comfort from her life filled with professional accomplishment and personal adventure. Ellen served in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica, lived in the Bahamas, as well as the islands of the far Pacific, where she was valued by the leaders and chiefs of many islands. She also hiked the Blue Mountains in

Australia, explored temples on Bali, sailed on the Sea of Galilee and lived like a local in Greece and Paris. In addition, Ellen and her husband lived part time for several years in Bermuda after they retired.

A lifelong devoted Christian, Ellen loved church activities and Bible studies, lovingly nurtured her two children and taught homeschoolers at Jupiter's Grace Immanuel Bible Church. She loved quilting, gardening and sailing the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay and ocean destinations.

Ellen is survived by her husband and loving partner, David Stephen Smith; children, Rebecca Morani and David Christian Smith; grandchildren, Sarah Savage and Christopher Smith; and elder sibling, Louis Hribar. She was predeceased last year by her youngest sibling, Carl Hribar, whose obituary may be viewed at grossepointenews.com/articles/carl-hribar.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, followed by a funeral service at 5 p.m. at Aycock-Riverside Funeral and Cremation Center, Jupiter.

Marjorie J. Arpin

Former Grosse Pointe resident Marjorie "Marge" J. Arpin died peacefully Sunday, April 4, 2021, surrounded by her loving children. She was 84.

Marge was predeceased by her parents, August and Anna Morianti, and brother, Reginald. She was the loving wife of Joe Arpin; loving mother of Jim Arpin (Lori), MaryJo Racy (John), Paul Arpin (Katherine) and Molly Ferrante (Domenic); and loving "Mimi" to her grandchildren, Jeffrey, Patrick and Margot Racy; Philip, John Paul and Katie Mee Arpin; and Julia, Matt, Nicole and Luke Ferrante. She will be fondly remembered by her sister, Joan Wysocki (Dr. Ken Wysocki) of Beverly Hills, Mich.; cherished nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Kay Arpin of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Marge was born June 30, 1936, in Windsor, Ontario. She attended Pasadena City College.

Marge married Joe Arpin of Windsor, and together they raised four children in Grosse Pointe. She treasured her beloved husband of 62 years and was forever grateful for their family rituals.

Marge's 10 grandchildren were her pride and joy and she surrounded them with love and affection. Always up for Rummikub with the kids, a late-night card game or mahjong with the girls, Marge had a zest for life. Her kitchen was always open. Marge will be remembered for her exceptional entertaining, knitting and sense of curiosity.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at St. William Catholic Church,



Wesley A. Jend

in Naples, Fla., followed by burial at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. The Mass will be livestreamed at saintwilliam.org.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Third Piece, a knitting community providing a fun creative outlet for frontline workers during their days off, thirdpiece.com.

Wesley A. Jend

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Wesley Arnold Jend, 92, died Tuesday, April 6, 2021. He was born May 15, 1928, in Detroit, to Dr. William James Jend and Stella Hermine Baur.

Wes attended Eastern High School and Albion College. He later attended Wayne State University, where he earned an MBA.

He was the loving husband of Henrietta Jend for 57 years; loving father of Martha Abraham (Edward) and Michael Bryant (Lillian); grandfather of Adam Bryant (Kristine), Lee Bryant (Amy) and Christopher Bryant (Tiffany); and great-grandfather to Jacob, Danielle, Alyssa, Leah, Cameron, Lauren, Nolan and Grace. Wes was a loving brother to the late Dr. William Jend Jr. and the late Dorothy Louise Coon.

Wes enjoyed weekends at the family cottage near Chelsea, on Clear Lake, where he and his family swam, boated and enjoyed time together in the sun. He loved evening walks with the family schnauzers and talking about a range of topics including history, politics and current events. Wes also enjoyed spending winters with Henrietta in Naples, Fla.

A longtime member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church, in Detroit, he also served on various church committees.

Wes worked his entire career at the AE Fleming Co., in suburban Detroit, beginning shortly after the organization was formed in the 1950s. He became the company's owner in 1975, and tirelessly built the company until he retired. Wes demonstrated generosity and loyalty to his customers and employees, believing it created loyalty in return.

Wes' family thanks the team at Beechwood Manor, St. Clair Shores, for their devoted care.

A private service was held.

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HARRY BION TROUT

Harry Bion Trout, 79, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, left us for his eternal home on Saturday March 27, 2021; surrounded by his loving family.

Harry was born in Louisville, Kentucky on April 22, 1941. He lived in an orphanage and many foster homes until the age of five when he was adopted by Warren and Marian Trout of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He attended elementary school at Vernier School in Grosse Pointe Woods. He attended middle school at Windsor Mountain in Lenox, Massachusetts and high school at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin (Class of '58, Delta Company). He proudly served in the United States Army 2nd Recon 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Harry attended college at the University of Michigan where he later received his Masters in Arts & Education. Upon receiving his Masters, Harry taught for 25 years in Ann Arbor and Detroit.



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Harry met his wife Susan Addy on a blind date on New Year's Eve in 1966, they were married in November of 1967 and soon after added daughter Marian and son John to their family.

Harry was a member and past president of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and member of the

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club; where he enjoyed his weekly dinners and brunches with friends and family and spending time on his boat. He will be remembered for his love of sports, horseback riding, boating on Lake St. Clair, driving his Corvette, his generosity, sense of humor and his love for his family, friends and pets.

Harry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Susan and son John Trout (Robin Hattey); loving granddaughters Madison McMillan (Christopher), McKenzie Frame, Ellie Frame, Hannah Trout (fiancee Derek Rasmussen), and son-in-law Matthew Frame (Melissa). Brothers-in-law Douglas Smith and Robert Addy (Karey), sisters-in-law Dee Steiman (Bob) and Mary Lynn Miller, his many nieces and nephews, his horse Snazzy, dog Spencer and his cat Ziva.

He is predeceased by his parents Warren and Marian Trout, his daughter Marian Frame, his sister Emma Catherine Smith and countless dogs, cats and horses.

Donations may be made to

the Michigan Humane Society, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Wounded Warriors Project.

A service will be held on April 19, 2021 at 10am at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

OBITS:

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Barbara D. Cammett

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Barbara Dewey Cammett passed away peacefully Saturday, March 27, 2021. She was born Sept. 3, 1931, in Milwaukee.

Barb graduated from Wauwatosa High School in 1948. In 1952, she graduated from her parents' alma mater, the University of Wisconsin, where she was an enthusiastic Pi Beta Phi sorority member. Barb pursued a master's degree in education at the University of Michigan, where she met her husband of 60 years, Stuart. Barb and Stuart lived in Grosse Pointe more than 50 years; they moved to Naples, Fla., in 2010.

An avid tennis and golf player, she enjoyed time spent with friends at the Indian Village Tennis Club, Gowanie Golf Club and Vanderbilt Country Club. She also enjoyed playing bridge, volunteering at church, participating in Pi Beta Phi club events, cheering on her favorite sports teams — including the Wisconsin Badgers and Detroit Tigers and Lions — and always having first dibs on the weekend sports section. She and a college friend attended the 2012 Rose Bowl game in which the Badgers played.

Barb always smiled and often sang or hummed her favorite college or sorority songs. She enjoyed painting furniture, flowers and landscapes and playing Rummikub with her girlfriends. A tomboy at heart — or of necessity — she took pleasure in out-driving her husband on the golf course.

A caring soul, Barb was interested in others and their families and most of all, a fantastic cook with a big and generous heart, always ensuring no guest left hungry.

She lived with type 1 diabetes 60 years and was an inspiration to others with the disease.

Barb was predeceased by her brother, Lewis William Dewey Jr. She is survived by her sons, Stuart H. Cammett III, Bryan D. Cammett and John Cammett (Sylviane); granddaughters, Barbara

**Barbara D. Cammett**

and Elizabeth Cammett; great-grandchildren, Jasmine and Cameron; many nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Sandi Cooper.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at Naples United Church of Christ. The service will be livestreamed at naplesucc.org.

Donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 3369 Pine Ridge Rd., Ste. 202, Naples, FL 34109.

Kristin L. Jimison

Kristin Larson Jimison, 69, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021, after battling ovarian cancer.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Ronald Jimison; son, Gordon Randall Jimison (Melissa Winchester), and grandson, Linus; and daughter, Linnea Jimison (Dominic).

Kristin was born Feb. 22, 1952, in Detroit, and grew up in St. Clair Shores. She attended Lakeview High School, where she was involved in many student organizations and served as lead editor of the school newspaper. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Michigan State University in 1974, and a graduate degree in business from Central Michigan University in 1990.

Kristin was an elementary school teacher a few years and then a florist. Thereafter, she had a long and successful career at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Michigan Bell Communications, Ameritech and SBC Global Services.

She and Ronald met in high school band class, where Kristin played oboe and English horn and Ronald played trumpet. Ronald asked Kristin

**Kristin L. Jimison**

for a date upon encouragement from a mutual friend. On their first date, they saw The Philadelphia Orchestra perform Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor; they attended many more concerts throughout their courtship. The couple married in 1975, and honeymooned in Quebec City.

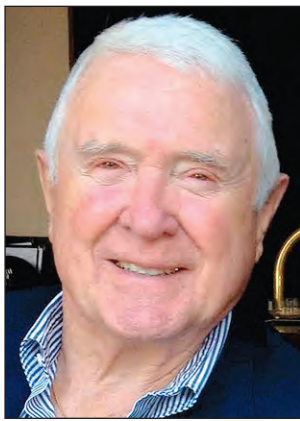
Kristin was musically inclined and performed with the St. Clair Shores Symphony Orchestra and various musical organizations. She and Ronald instilled their love of music in their children, spending countless hours taking them to music lessons, orchestra rehearsals and music camps.

While Kristin worked full time, she also made a home-cooked dinner nearly every night so her family could gather together and share a meal. Some of her favorite dishes included chicken paprikash, boeuf bourguignon, chicken soup with parsnips, white chicken chili and rhubarb crisp made with rhubarb from her garden. She also enjoyed an occasional gin and tonic or bourbon.

Her family fondly remembers summer vacations in Northern Michigan, where they frequently stayed in the Thompsonville-Benzonia area. There, Kristin loved playing golf, going to the spa, going to the beach at Crystal Lake and visiting local restaurants and markets. Kristin also enjoyed visiting her daughter in Montreal, where they attended Quebecois traditional music concerts and festivals.

Kristin was deeply spiritual and spent many years exploring Tibetan Buddhism, meditation, energy healing and natural and herbal medicine.

An excellent gardener, one of her favorite flowers was the Sonia rose,

**Robert G. Nesom**

because it reminded her of her beloved Grandma Kramer.

She cared deeply for her immediate family and loved spending time with her grandson.

Her family is grateful to the teams at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, for their attention and care.

A private family service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kristin's memory may be made to Doctors Without Borders, donate.doctorswithoutborders.org; or the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University, rcah.msu.edu.

Robert G. Nesom

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert George Nesom, 86, died peacefully Thursday, April 8, 2021, at home, with family present.

Bob passed away due to long-term effects of prostate cancer. His family said he fought an incredibly determined and courageous battle with tremendous dignity for several years, aided and supported by the unwavering love and care of his wife, Victoria Nesom.

He was born April 30, 1934, in Detroit, to Emma Lucinda and Fredrick Nesom, both now deceased. Bob grew up alongside his older brother, the late William Nesom, and enjoyed spending time with his extended family in Canada.

Bob graduated high school in 1952, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Stationed in Germany, he served as a medic during the Korean War.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Victoria, in 1957.

He attended Wayne State University and the Illinois College of

**John N. Wooton, D.D.S.**

Optometry, where he earned his Doctor of Optometry degree. Dr. Nesom practiced optometry more than 40 years at his private practice in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was an active member of the Michigan Optometric Association, Lions Club and Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. Dr. Nesom served as a volunteer for many years by providing free optometric care at the Special Olympics in Mount Pleasant and each Wednesday at the Optometric Institute & Clinic of Detroit.

Dr. Nesom lived a full and rewarding life doing things he loved, including traveling, playing tennis with Victoria, golfing, attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events, volunteering medical services and doing odd projects around the house.

Family was his pride and joy and he leaves a growing legacy. He was the proud grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of one.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Victoria Nesom (nee Yaquinta); children, William Nesom (Mary), Carol Cummins (Mike), Dawn DeYonker (Greg) and Scott Nesom (Meredith); grandchildren, Alyssa Kelly (Patrick), Catherine Guzman (Mario), Jake DeYonker, Robert Nesom, Elaine Nesom, Joseph Nesom and Anthony Nesom; and great-granddaughter, June Kelly.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, April 24, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Robert's ashes will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Township, at a later date.

Cremation arrangements are entrusted to A. H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

John N. Wooton, D.D.S.

St. Clair Shores resident John "Jack" N. Wooton, 93, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 3, 2021, at home, surrounded by his family.

Born Dec. 27, 1927, in Detroit, to Irma and Noel Wooton, he grew up in St. Clair Shores.

An outstanding scholar and athlete at Lakeview High School, Jack was valedictorian of the 1945 graduating class. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and a D.D.S. degree from the University of Detroit.

Jack served two years in the U.S. Army before he began his dental career in St. Clair Shores, where he practiced 40 years. He was a president of the Macomb County Dental Society and served as a volunteer on several Michigan Dental Association committees.

John is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sara; children, Linda Valencia (B.J.), Michael (Barbara), John (Carol) and Sandy Hurst (Rick); and sister, Joanne Van Ramshorst. He was the proud grandfather of Michelle, Jill, Haley and Jack Wooton and Kriss Valencia.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Jack's honor may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at the family's online guestbook, cremationmichigan.com.

MEMORIAL**Justine Weitzmann**

An interment service for Justine "Trudy" Weitzmann will take place outdoors at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Christ Church Cranbrook Easter Garden, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Questions may be directed to Janice Weitzmann at (248) 709-8398. Trudy's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News March 25, 2021.

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St. Clare hosts livestreamed auction May 1

Online silent auction kicks off April 22

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are three ways supporters of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School can be a part of this year’s annual auction.

Sponsorship — which is a simple way to show the love, especially for out-of-towners or those unable to log in to the livestreamed event — includes a variety of support levels, from \$50 to \$5,000. Sponsors are recognized on social media, as well as during the virtual event, which takes

place 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1.

Supporters also are invited to donate auction items, perhaps a themed gift basket or gift cards, to go along with the dozens of items going up for bid when the silent auction kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 22.

Lastly, of course, supporters are encouraged to participate in the silent and live events.

“We are on the same path as last year, which is virtual,” said Nicole Rittenour, auction chairwoman. “Last year we had planned to do an in-

person event, but then COVID hit. We tried to wait it out, but we moved it to a virtual event.”

Despite the abrupt change in plans, last year’s event was a success, Rittenour said: “We had a great year with amazing support from the community.”

She hopes the community once again will come through for St. Clare this year.

Beginning April 22, a variety of items will be up for bid during an online silent auction, which lasts until the May 1 livestreamed event, emceed by Detroit journalist M.L. Elrich.

Featured in this year’s auction are big-ticket items like a one-week cottage rental near Crystal Lake, as well as

more community-based items. Bids for a private Mass with Fr. Andrew, the chance to be Principal for the Day or to have a sleepover in the gymnasium are popular among parents, Rittenour said.

Auction items may be donated until April 20; sponsorships will be accepted through May 1. Additional support may be shown through St. Clare’s 101 Raffle and Bistro Bundle Raffle.

The former features 101 tickets for sale for \$100 each. A winner will be selected just before the livestreamed auction.

“The winner has to tune into the livestream,” Rittenour said. “We’ll call them and then they pick any item from the whole auction.”

The winner of the

Bistro Bundle Raffle receives \$500 in restaurant gift cards. Tickets for this raffle are \$10 each and available from any member of the school family. The winner will be selected during the live event, which is free to watch.

However, ticket packages also may be purchased as another way to show St. Clare spirit.

“We want to give people an opportunity to feel like they’re still purchasing a ticket,” Rittenour said.

Spirit Week tickets, for \$20, include a St. Clare mug and pennant. A second ticket package, for \$50, includes a charcuterie board.

“They can tune into the live event with others in their pod and ... have a

viewing party,” Rittenour said. “Because we can’t host an in-person event, we wanted to give people that opportunity.”

Proceeds from the event are divided between the Sr. Kathy Scholarship Fund; the school’s field trip fund to cover transportation and other fees; and its teacher fund, used for classroom supplies and other necessities, as well as teacher bonuses.

“We’re so thankful to have such great community support,” Rittenour said. “It’s been a hard year. We’re grateful that people keep contributing.”

For more information, or to attend, donate to or sponsor the event, visit stclareschool.net/auction.

ARTIST:

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“There’s a story with each painting,” she said, noting the book also includes paintings from her travels — including Italy, Greece, Portugal, Normandy and Mexico, but also many stops in Michigan. “Each painting shows the ambience of the place, the changes in lighting.”

“... When I travel, I put a knapsack on my back with a palette, a few brushes and paper, and I’m ready to roll,” she added.

Though LaChiusa retired after 53 years of teaching art, she still takes a handful of students on walks with her to paint in Grosse Pointe’s parks. The camaraderie and getting out in nature worked wonders during a year of isolation and lockdowns.

“With the pandemic, it really helped me get through all the things we had to get through, to be in nature again,” she said. “I love painting, I love people and I love nature.”

LaChiusa is no stranger to the Grosse Pointe art scene. She



“On the Po”

was one of the founders of the Grosse Pointe Arts Council in 1993; a past board member of the Michigan Council of the Arts, Southeast Michigan Council of the Arts, Michigan Watercolor Society, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors and Grosse Pointe Artists Association; past president of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Grosse Pointe Arts Council and Grosse Pointe Artists Association; and arts council columnist for the

Grosse Pointe News.

The Cleveland Institute of Art and Nantucket School of Art graduate studied sculpture in school, but let her heart take her in another direction.

“It was a beautiful way of learning my skills,” she said of her education, “but I have taught mostly myself in watercolor. ... Back then watercolor was not popular, but then suddenly in 1980, there were requests for it.”

Once she began painting in watercolor, she fell in love with the medium; however, she

also experimented.

“I developed watercolor on the basis of Japanese Sumi, learning as I worked,” she said. “It’s been great fun.”

LaChiusa printed 40 copies of her book for family and friends, and another 50 to sell at Rainy Day. She plans on printing several more.

“It’s been very joyous,” she said of the experience, noting her faith in God has brought her success and comfort along the way.

“I want people to be at peace with the beauty of God and of nature,” she added. “When they buy



“Entangled”



“Full Moon”

my paintings, I want beauty, not a political agenda. I try to project that beauty in my work.”





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The Finer Pointes: Meet Leslie Rabaut

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.

For Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dr. Leslie Rabaut, art was her first true passion in life. She recalled heading straight to the art table in preschool and having to be pried away from it by her teacher.

“It’s part natural talent, which I believe I inherited from my mom, who is an interior designer in Grosse Pointe,” Rabaut said. “Then I went to high school at Grosse Pointe South and benefited from the amazing art department there.”

While fostering her love of painting and drawing, Rabaut also became interested in the “art of human biology,” she said, which led her to pursue a medical degree.

While earning her degree and during her



Leslie Rabaut’s “Up North.”

residency, she found peace in creating art.

“Painting engages my less analytical side,” she said. “It allows the abstract side of me to come out.”

That quest for peace became even more important since the onset of COVID-19. The pandemic began while Rabaut was in the third year of her residency.

“Painting, for me, has always been my creative outlet and my way of balancing out the rigidity and rigor of the medical

world,” Rabaut wrote in her artist’s statement. “Perhaps more than ever, over the past year of the pandemic, I realized that the act of creating is indispensable to maintaining my sanity. Sitting down to paint puts me in a flow state during which I can, for at least a few hours, transport myself out of the stresses of the 2020-2021 world and feel at peace.

“Just as painting has brought me peace over the past year, so too has my time spent outside in

nature,” she continued. “With working from home, without seeing friends and without any social commitments, my free time has instead been spent on daily walks in the woods, by the lake and in my neighborhood. These walks slowed me down. They taught me to really pay attention to the seasons, to the changes, to the rhythms of the nature unfolding around me.”

Rabaut, who prefers to paint in the bright, vivid colors of oils, she said

she’s become bored with direct representation and prefers to work in the abstract. Her entry in “The Finer Pointes” will reflect her interests and inspiration in the natural world, she said, using bold colors to celebrate the beauty of nature, “without which both my paintings and my life would lack all inspiration.

“Every time I’m outside walking, I see art in nature around me, especially in trees,” she added. “A lot of colors and textures and patterns I see in nature strike me as natural forms of art.”

Rabaut, who moved back to Grosse Pointe last

summer,

recently started working at Plum Health Direct Primary Care, which allows her the flexibility and freedom to spend more time with patients – practicing the art of medicine – as well as more time painting.

“I’m really excited to back in the Detroit area and engaged in a

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

job that allows me to fulfill both of my passions, art and medicine.”



An example of Rabaut’s work.

Lifelong reader shares her family story in Grosse Pointe

By Jean Buhler
Guest writer

There has been much in the Grosse Pointe News of late regarding our past history that I decided to write to you about my family’s journey to and in Grosse Pointe beginning 100 years ago.

I was looking at my calendar a few weeks ago and realized that it was in 1921 when my father built a tiny single bedroom house which still sits proudly amongst myriads of four-family flats near the edge of our city limits.

My parents, James and Janet Swan, were married in the First Presbyterian Church of Manchester, England, in 1920 and immigrated to the United States in 1921. My father, “Jim,” and his bride headed to Detroit to find employment in the auto industry. He found work at Hudson Motor Car Co.

After looking for living

quarters and finding none to their liking, he was directed to a small package of land on Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park. There, with the help of a new-found friend, he built a small dwelling amongst uninhabited fields.

It wasn’t long afterwards that the street was booming with the building of two- and four-family flats. Dad was laid off at Hudson Motor due to the “depression” but was lucky to find three part-time jobs and repaired radios at home.

Us kids often wondered why our house was built at the back of our lot, yet happy were we because of it. The front yard afforded soccer games in the spring, croquette in the summer and ice skating in the winter. My father kept us running and giggling with his soccer moves learned while playing in England. In the winter he “banked” our lot with snow and filled the cen-

ter with water from the hose making it a skating heaven. The neighbors on each side turned on their side room lights to allow us night skating.

Jimmie, oldest brother, attended “old” Trombly school up at Jefferson behind what is now the Sunoco Gas Station. Jackie and I walked the other way (five residences) to the “new” Trombly Elementary School — weren’t we proud?

Nick’s Grocery Store was a few houses up the street the other way, at the corner of Fairfax. It’s now called the Fairfax Market. When I was sent to Mr. Nick’s, mother would pin the short list and money in my pocket. Mr. Nick in turn would put the change in the bottom of the bag and place the couple of items on top of the change. He told me to “go straight home, no stopping to play!” With a piece of candy and holding the door for me, his reminder again, “no playing.” Also, if mother shopped at Nick’s and was short on her cash, he would say, “Never you mind Mrs. Swan, next time.” That is how business was in those days.

I can’t recall when, but Al Green’s restaurant and the Esquire Theater moved in on Jefferson and Beaconsfield. On Wednesday evenings the Esquire drew in crowds of people who would



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Jean Buhler’s childhood home on Beaconsfield.

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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Needle in a bae stack

I am a 31-year-old woman, and I can't figure out why I'm having such a hard time finding a man. I am attractive (in good shape and considered pretty); have a master's degree; am successful in a competitive business; and I love to read and talk about news, history, and ideas. I have wonderful friends; I've worked hard to resolve my issues; and I do my best to be a kind person. I just want my match: someone who's smart, highly educated, equally successful or more so, attractive (tall -- at least 6-foot-1 -- and masculine), passionate, well-read, and a good person. What's wrong with me that, even with online dating, I rarely find men even in the ballpark of what I want?

—Miserable

Grocery shopping's easy when your list has generic items -- "beer," "chips," and "cheese" --

and not "cheese from free-range Albanian yaks raised by monks, whispering positive affirmations to them as they graze": "You are loved, loving, and lovable, and you manifest perfect health by making smart choices."

You're looking for "that special someone," not "that random anydude." You've developed yourself (advanced degree, cool job, and smartgirl interests), which sharply narrows the pool of equally achieving men you have to choose from.

Being a woman likely adds another layer of difficulty, through "hypergamy." This is the strong evolved female motivation to "marry up" -- or at least date partners of a higher socioeconomic status (the guy in the corner office over the corner barber).

Women, in general, are the vastly choosier sex in the mating market -- in online dating and beyond.

This aligns with evolutionary biologist Robert Trivers' 1972 theory of "parental investment." Trivers predicted that the members of a species -- typically the lady ones -- who have the greatest possible costs from having sex (pregnancy and offspring to provide for) would be the most selective in choosing partners.

Countless scientific findings -- across species -- support Trivers' theory, including recent research delving into the ratio of heterosexual male versus female "super-likes" on Tinder. (A super-like -- by swiping up on a profile -- unlike a simple swipe-right "like," triggers an automatic notification to the up-swiped person.) Belgian economics doctoral candidate Brecht Neyt, with his adviser, Stijn Baert, found that women on Tinder super-liked only 4.5% of the men's profiles, while men super-liked 61.9% of

the women's. This is effectively digital beer goggles -- worn by a big chunk of the straight male population.

And recall hypergamy, women's preference for partners of higher status: a sign a man's likely to have continuing access to resources to provide for any children.

Neyt found women liked profiles of men with a master's degree 91% more often (over those with a bachelor's), while men liked women with a master's only 8% more often.

Unfortunately, there's been a higher-ed "gender gap" for decades, with fewer men applying to and graduating from college.

In 2003, for example, four-year colleges in the U.S. graduated 1.35 women for every dude who found his way out.

As of 2013, women outpaced men in college enrollment 1.4 to 1, and the gap has continued to widen -- translating to an increasingly shrinking supply of those highly desired men with master's

degrees (or Ph.D.s).

This is a problem because evolved female emotions are your mate-choice watchdog, motivating you to go for high-status men and making you feel bad about dating a man who's a kind but ambitionless slacker, or even one who's just moderately achieving. (Male evolved psychology, on the other hand, works to ensure that men don't shove aside hot, fertile 20-year-olds to go hit on that very attractive grandma with a lovely personality.)

In other words, you can't just tell yourself you *shouldn't* care about the job or education level a man has: make yourself be as hot for a successful plumber as you are for a successful lawyer.

However, you could give your "list" of man minims a hard look: see whether there are any you could live with cutting, thus increasing your pool of possibilities.

For example, because height -- tallness -- is one of

the strongest female preferences for male appearance, there's probably an under-tapped stock of sexy, successful, really good men who are on the shorter side: uh, "condensed, dark, and handsome."

If you can't scale back your standards, you should make peace with the likely outcome: You'll probably continue to have a tough time finding the sort of man you want.

Like other women looking for love who are high climbers on the career ladder, you might eventually come to the conclusion that you have two choices: a nice, loving, hardworking guy a few rungs below you or one of those body pillows that you draw a face on and name Ted.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Use talent for a midlife career change

Q: I am 50 and was the founder and sole worker of my own local business. When I decided to move out of state, I could have sold my client list to a competitor, but I had so much to do for the move across country that I just turned it over to someone I knew in the field.

I am now settled into my new location where I am starting anew in everything -- friends and a job -- but I would like to try something new.

I am not a licensed interior designer, but I have worked at high-end decor stores and have been told by many I have a talent in that field. I liked working on my own, and I got all my business through referrals. I'm friendly, but it's an energy-drainer to start

another new venture that requires heavy networking in order to build a business.

At this point in life, I don't want to go into a field where I have to get another degree and license to practice, and I don't want to force myself to be social for the sake of being successful. I figure I have about 20 years of energy in me to work.

I know I would have been a good interior designer, but I think it's too late for that. I could do something in art, like painting again, but that is certainly not going to be a money-maker for me.

How does someone decide what to do in midlife?

A: A midlife career change starts with analyzing what one enjoys and what one can do well.

creative individual.



Many people return to some sort of formal education if needed, but that certainly isn't required for a

creative individual.

When clients hire an interior designer, they are not hiring the person's degree. They are viewing a portfolio of design work to decide if those examples appeal to their sense of taste and comfort.

Drop your notion that a person has to have a degree.

If a designer favors wild wall paint colors and cold, modern furniture when you prefer neutrals and comfort,

You are now living in a new area of the country and you will want to meet new people regardless of the career you choose. The closest profession to an interior designer that doesn't require a degree is a staging professional. A stager does not need to be licensed or formally trained. You can take a home-study course taught by a staging pro, but with your natural talent (based on the compliments you have received), it sounds like you would breeze through it.

Perhaps you have photos of rooms you decorated in your previous location. If not, you can draw freehand or use a software program to illustrate furniture layouts for major rooms in a home.

The investment should be minimal. Don't fuss over the portfolio. The purpose is to show you understand the elements of floor plans and furniture layouts. A stager helps to create a certain ambiance and make the rooms look spacious. After viewing a few HGTV shows featuring makeovers, you will see how badly some people need your skills.

Once you have your

idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one? I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thankyou.--CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST

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Man talks about his will but won't put it in writing

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for seven years. We are in our 60s. He refuses to make a will. He tells me what he "would" put in his will and asks me if I am OK with his wishes.

He has an adult child from his first marriage and would like to include her in the will. I'm fine with what he wants. This conversation has been going on for more than five years now, but he never acts on it. I am very hurt and frustrated.

The house is in his name, and my name isn't even on his checking accounts. I resent him for this. There are times when I want to get a divorce because I feel if something should happen to him, I will have no security.

I also think he is being selfish and unloving to me and his adult child to leave us in a situation where we would have to go through the probate process. Please help me to get through to him. -- RESENTFUL IN MAINE

DEAR RESENTFUL: Your husband may be afraid to face the idea of his own mortality. He wouldn't be the first.

The two of you need to make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in wills and estates. If he doesn't put his wishes in writing, the assets he has worked so hard for may be seriously diminished when the state decides "for him" and takes a sizable chunk out of the estate.

While you are talking with the lawyer, there should also be a discussion of end-of-life planning. Does he want hospice? Palliative care? Do you know what his wishes are in the event he is unable to speak for himself? Those wishes should be in writing and so should YOURS. (This subject should also be raised with your doctor(s).)

Most people want to keep what they have worked for and decide for themselves what will happen when they die. Death is a fact of life, and hiding from it won't make it go away.

DEAR ABBY: I send out lots of greeting cards every year for birthdays, anniversaries and



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Christmas. I keep a large number of them on hand so I am prepared.

I received a Christmas card this year from an elderly family member that said: "Thank you for the insulting anniversary card." "Insulting" was underlined twice. I was dismayed. Their anniversary was last August. I have no idea which card I sent since I keep so many on hand. I am guessing it may have been a humorous card that they didn't find funny, but I'm not sure.

Both are very alert and oriented. What is the proper thing to do here? Do I call them and apologize when I have no

idea what it said? Should I not send an anniversary card next year or send a very generic one?

I have been very upset that my good wishes were so poorly received. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. Thankyou.--CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CONFUSED: Call the couple and ASK what it was about the card that upset them. Explain that it wasn't your intention to offend them, and apologize. DO send an anniversary card when the time comes, but when you do, make absolutely certain the message inside is appropriate.

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Dear Ann Landers: I recently read the letter from the daughter whose mother was lonely, bitter and dependent on her for a social life. You said Mom needed some extra-curricular activities. May I make a few suggestions?

I am a 79-year-old widow with the physical disabilities that often come with age. A year ago, my children gave me an old computer. It wasn't

too hard to learn, though I confess it was frustrating at first. Every Sunday evening, our family gets together in a chat room so I can talk to my children, their spouses and my grandchildren, no matter where we are. I've learned to surf the 'Net and can send electronic musical greeting cards to nieces and nephews. They also send me interesting and funny things to let me know they are

Classic

Ann Landers

thinking of me. I am having so much fun, there is no time to be lonely.

If that mother doesn't want a computer, she may be interested in tracing her family genealogy and collecting family photo-

graphs. Last Christmas, I sent my children an album of their childhood pictures, awards and report cards. They said it was their favorite gift.

Being alone can be depressing, if you let it. I keep my aches and pains to myself and never criticize. I just listen, smile and pray a lot. -- Cyber Grandma

him.

The problem is, his mother gets government benefits for this boy. She won't give up the welfare check and refuses to give me some of the money to compensate for raising him. She also claims him as a deduction on her income taxes, yet she is not supporting him at all.

Should I just forget about the money and consider the boy my own, or should I try to convince my sister to take care of him? Your advice would be greatly appreciated. -- Ticked Off in Texas.

active, and he was alert and aware.

My sister and I were at his bedside, along with my father's wife. For several days, my stepmother insisted on whispering into Dad's ear that it was OK to die, OK to let go. She urged him "to follow the light." To me, it sounded like she was telling him to give up and get it over with. I found this offensive and disturbing. When I told her how I felt, she insisted she only wanted to make things easier for Dad. What do you say? -- Bob in New York

Dear Ticked: You say your sister's son is "a wonderful, adorable child" and you love him. His own mother doesn't want him, and you don't know what to do? Forget about his mother's chiseling on the welfare checks. Keep the boy, and consider him a blessing in your life. And please be aware that you are a blessing in that child's life, as well. If he doesn't know it now, he will later.

Dear Cyber Gram: You sound like my kind of woman: No leaning on others to entertain you; you entertain yourself. Your closing mantra is a pearl of wisdom. Four cheers, lady!

Dear Ann Landers: When my sister remarried two years ago, her new husband did not want to raise her son from a previous marriage. In those two years, the boy lived with an aunt, a grandmother and an uncle. Now, he is living with me, and I plan to keep him. He is a wonderful, adorable child, and I love

Dear New York: At 95, I doubt that anything she said to your father would have made much difference one way or the other. It sounds to me as if the real problem is an undercurrent of hostility between you and your stepmother. Give it up, and let your father rest in peace.

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Winery to watch: Blackbird Vineyards

Conventional wisdom tells us that the Napa Valley's prominence in the world of fine wine is built upon its extraordinary success with one grape variety: cabernet sauvignon. Cabernet sauvignon, as it happens, is a red grape variety also prominent in the Bordeaux region of southwestern France. Hence the fascination in the Napa Valley with so-called Bordeaux-style red blends.

Most are heavily dependent upon excellent cabernet sauvignon. Then there is Blackbird Vineyards in the Oak Knoll District, which was planted with merlot in 1997. Grapes were sold to nearby wineries. Purchased by Michael Polenske in 2003, it has morphed into an ultra-premium boutique winery that now sources grapes from other top-notch Napa Valley vineyards, such as Stagecoach.

What sets Blackbird apart is its focus on Bordeaux-style blends from the French region's so-called Right Bank, which includes Pomerol and Saint-Emilion. The money grape on the Right Bank is merlot, and, to a lesser extent, cabernet franc. Cabernet sauvignon dominates on the Left Bank but is a minor player on the Right Bank because it seldom achieves ripeness in the cold soils (such as clay) found at the Right Bank vineyards.

While one could argue the Left Bank has the more famous chateaux (Lafite, Latour, Margaux, Mouton, Haut-Brion and such), no one can say Right Bank chateaux such as Cheval Blanc, Ausone, Figeac and Petrus aren't every bit as good.

Enter winemaker Aaron Pott, the evil genius behind the current crop of Blackbird wines. Pott has his own vineyard property in Napa and consults for a number of small wineries including Blackbird. He studied at the University of California, Davis, and took his first winemaking job at Newton Vineyards in the Napa Valley.

He left Newton a couple decades ago and made his way to Bordeaux, where he became winemaker at Chateau Troplong-Mondot in Saint-Emilion. From there he became winemaker and director at Chateau La Tour Figeac, another highly regarded property in Saint-Emilion. Along the way, he picked up a degree in viticulture in Dijon.

Eventually, Pott returned to California to become winemaker for international brands for what was then the Beringer Wine Estates. He later became winemaker/general manager at Napa's Quintessa winery. Then he struck out on his own with a keen passion to make Right Bank blends in the Napa Valley. Blackbird is a perfect fit for Pott, and the wines reflect not only the exceptional source vineyards

potential to age out beautifully. Full maturity is at least a decade in the future if properly cellared. Rating: 98.

Blackbird 2016 Contrarian, Napa Valley (\$135) -- Contrarian is aptly named, because it goes against the instincts of Pott, one of the world's true believers in Right Bank Bordeaux blends. That would be red wines that rely heavily upon merlot and cabernet



but also his remarkable skill as a winemaker.

I recently had the opportunity to taste three of Blackbird's current reds. The top wines are pricy, but I was intrigued by the least expensive, called Arise. It's a stunning wine for the price. Then there was the Paramour, a true Right Bank blend that is heavy on the cab franc, easily one of the finest reds I have tasted this year. And finally, there is the Contrarian, a Left Bank blend.

Only in the mind of Aaron Pott would a traditional Left Bank blend be contrary to the conventional wisdom. He's just coming at it from the other bank of the river.

The wines:

Blackbird 2016 Paramour, Napa Valley (\$135) -- Paramour demonstrates beyond any reasonable doubt that cabernet franc cultivated in the right vineyards and subject to skilled hands in the cellar is a formidable grape variety capable of impressive wine. This vintage is 82% cab franc, 15% merlot and 3% cabernet sauvignon to round out this remarkable Bordeaux-style red blend. The Paramour blend shows rich notes of cassis and blackberry, with an overlay of cedar and graphite so typical of many Bordeaux reds.

Powerfully structured, it has impressive palate weight and length and the

franc. Contrarian, however, is predominantly cabernet sauvignon (64%) but has a strong shot of cab franc (29%) and just a smidge of merlot (7%). The result is an impressive Napa Valley Bordeaux-style blend that shows off Napa's money grape with a small assist from cab franc and merlot. The palate is richly layered, showing notes of ripe blackberry and wood spice, and a touch of graphite. Rating: 96.

Blackbird 2016 Arise, Napa Valley (\$40) -- Arise is Blackbird's entry-level offering into the world of Right Bank Bordeaux blends. It's a good place to start because it is relatively modestly priced and demonstrates Pott's passion for the Right Bank style. It is 55% merlot and 25% cabernet franc. The palate exhibits a plush, juicy merlot texture, firm tannins and layers of black-fruited aroma. A Napa Valley Bordeaux-style blend at this price is almost unheard of, particularly when it's this good. Rating: 92.

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Spring Tarragon chicken

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Chicken and Rice with Tarragon

(serves 4-6)

- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 ½ cups long grain white rice
- 1 chicken bouillon cube (I like Knorr)
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 tsp each salt, pepper, garlic powder

each side for about 5 minutes or until the skin is brown and crispy. Depending on the size of the thighs, you might have to cook in batches.

Take the chicken off the pan and set aside on a plate. Add in the onions, peppers and mushrooms and saute until soft, about 5 minutes. Add in garlic and chopped tarragon. Give it a stir and then pour in the wine. Let the wine bubble and reduce a bit.

Tarragon is an herb that makes my spring soul happy. It's delicate and subtle but perfumes the entire dish with a slight licorice flavor. It pairs perfectly with chicken. This is a one pot meal that braises in an oven.

Braising means searing the meat at a high temperature first to develop your flavor in the pan and caramelize the outside of the meat. The inside will still be raw.

It finishes in the oven, slow cooked to perfection. The rice is so flavorful because it cooks with the chicken. And the chicken comes out very tender because of the braise.

The key is a heavy lidded pot that retains the moisture and concentrates all the flavors that you build. I used the Staub braiser from Atelier (ateliergp.com).

The bouillon cube just gives it an extra add of flavor that you crave. Try this one. I promise you won't regret it.

- 6 chicken thighs (bone in, skin on)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 8oz white mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced into strips



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rub the chicken with the salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Put an oven-safe, heavy cast iron skillet (with a lid, for later), on medium high heat. Add a tablespoon of oil and sear the chicken on

Add in bouillon cube, stock and uncooked rice. Stir to combine and then place the chicken over top, skin side up, with any juices from the plate.

Put the lid on the pan and cook in an oven for 45 minutes. Enjoy this one pot wonder!

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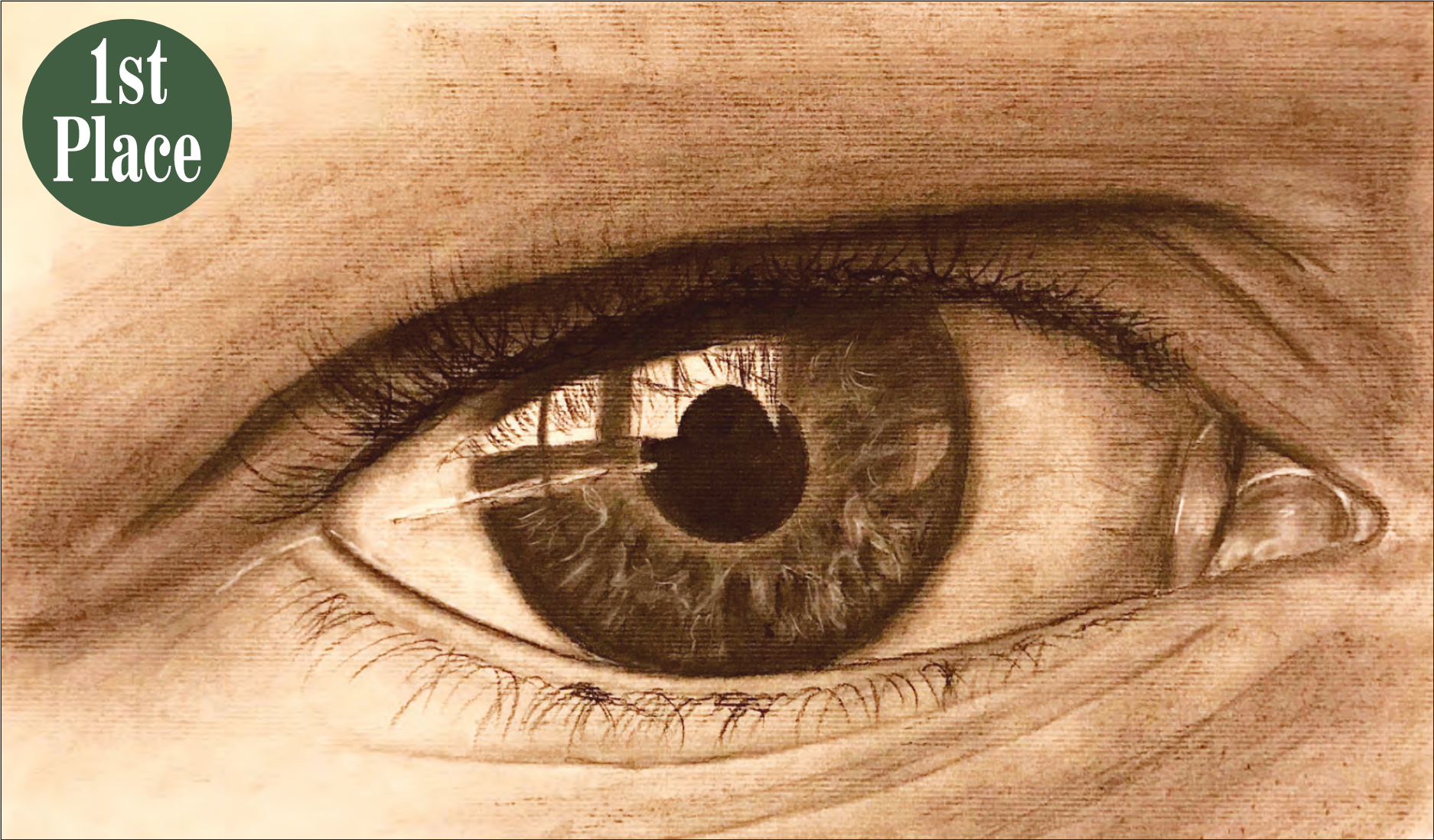
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An eye on young local talent: Our contest winners

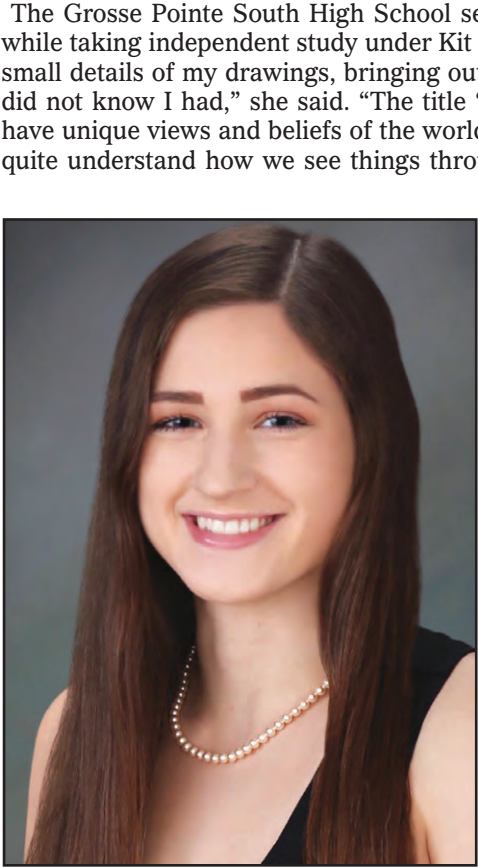
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First Place Winner
of a \$500 cash prize:
Scarlett Draper

Second Place Winner
of a \$250 gift certificate
to Rainy Day Art & Framing:
Ellie Martin

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The results are in for the Grosse Pointe News’ first Junior Art Contest, sponsored by Rainy Day Art & Framing. Grosse Pointe News subscribers were asked to select their favorites among the more than 20 contest entries from students in eighth through 12th grade. The work, which was displayed at Rainy Day through April 10, represented a variety of visual mediums from the community’s talented youth. Earning the most votes – and awarded the top prize of \$500 – was Scarlett Draper’s “Vision,” a 22-by-18-inch charcoal drawing of the artist’s own eye.



First Place winner Scarlett Draper, 17.

The Grosse Pointe South High School senior was inspired to create “Vision” while taking independent study under Kit Aro, who “pushed me to focus on the small details of my drawings, bringing out a skill for figures and realism that I did not know I had,” she said. “The title ‘Vision’ captures the idea that we all have unique views and beliefs of the world and no one else will ever be able to quite understand how we see things through our own eyes.” She said it’s the piece to which she’s devoted the most time and she was pleased to learn it received the most votes in the Junior Art Contest. “I thought it was surprising, but nice,” she said. “You enter so many contests and see other people do well. ... It’s nice to do pretty well myself.” Draper, 17, said she inherited her creative spark from her artistic father, who passed along his talents to his children. Though she’s been into art “pretty much my whole life,” her higher learning plans involve majoring in veterinary medicine. “I might minor in art,” she added. “I’ll keep it as a hobby at least.” “Vision,” along with two of Draper’s other works, were selected by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association to be included in its 2021 AlterCrossing mural project.



Top, First Place winner, “Vision” is a charcoal drawing by Scarlett Draper. Above, “December Sky” is an acrylic painting by Ellie Martin. Both winners will receive a prize in addition to local recognition.



Second Place winner Ellie Martin, whose “December Sky” garnered the next-highest vote tally, will receive a \$250 gift certificate from Rainy Day. Her entry was inspired by a family-favorite destination, a forest and cabin located in Harrisville, “which has become a safe haven for me where I go to get inspiration from the outdoors and peaceful quiet. “It’s where I go with my family a lot,” she added. “It’s a calm place. I love to draw and paint from places that inspire me. That place is special to me and my family.”



Second Place winner Ellie Martin, 16.

Martin, 16, has been interested in art as long as she can remember, and appreciates the variety of art classes available to her at South. She said she plans to pursue “some sort of design, but I’m not sure what that looks like yet. I will definitely use creativity in my career.” “December Sky” is an 8-by-10-inch acrylic painting on canvas. Martin used pointillism to capture the complexity and unity of the forest skyline, “for each dot on the canvas is an individual component, but when combined forms an entirely different perspective.” Martin, a junior at South, said she hopes her work transports people to a place that calms them and “they are reminded that every step, no matter how small, is valuable in the bigger picture.”

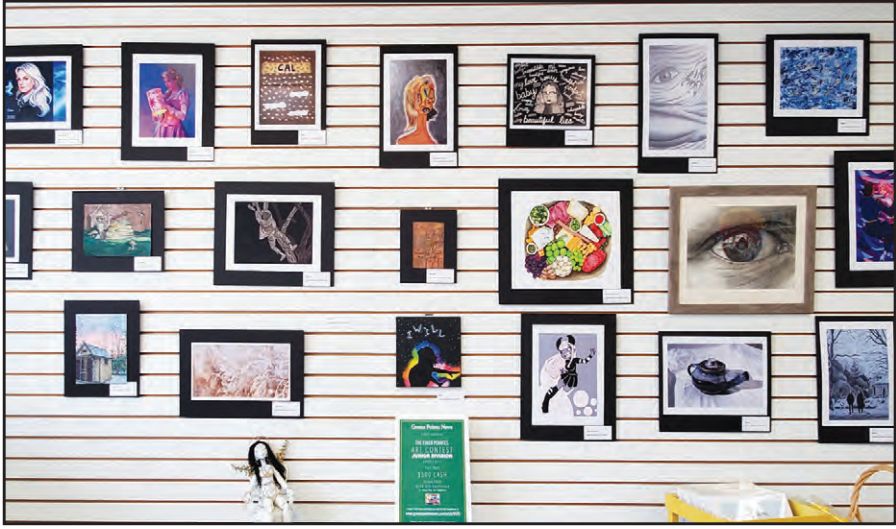


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The junior artists’ work was displayed at Rainy Day Art & Framing from April 2-10 to give the community a chance to see the art in person. Grosse Pointe News subscribers took advantage of viewing the art in closer detail at the store before casting their votes online. Rainy Day is located at 20507 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. The phone number is (313)881-6305.

Corner trainers make good sports

By Ana Dragovic LoVasco
Special Writer

What do trainers Tyler Vivian, Joe Srebernak, and Sean Martin all have in common, beside the fact that they represent The Corner's male population of fitness instructors? Answer: All three started working out back in high school and have maintained a passion for fitness that motivates clients—both men and women, young and mature—to challenge themselves physically and mentally through sports conditioning and functional training. Beyond athleticism (sports of choice among the three include football, basketball, baseball, hockey, and golf), Tyler, Joe, and Sean also radiate strength through a positive attitude and grace in movement and disposition. The easy-going energy they bring to the studio complements the sunny, sportsmanlike vibe of The Corner community.



Tyler Vivian
(teaches Total Body)

Tyler, a New Jersey native who has been involved in sports his whole life, became fascinated with physical development

while playing college football. It was the impetus to change his major and get his bachelor's degree in exercise science. When he's not coaching high school football and basketball, teaching class, or training private clients, Tyler is putting his energy towards renovating his new house, which he shares with his fiancé, Sami.

Training philosophy: Move well, move without pain, and find a routine that fits your lifestyle.

A note to clients: Expect to be coached and pushed to challenge yourself.

Fitness routine: The goal is to be mindful of what I eat, and I work out about three times a week, usually fitting it in between clients and practices.

Favorite sport: Football.

Words to live by: Suffer the pain of discipline or suffer the pain of regret.



Joe Srebernak
(teaches Youth Strength & Conditioning and HIITstrong)

Joe, despite his strong stature, is as gentle as a dove. He considers himself "a man of culture"—he is a voracious reader and movie fanatic, marveling at the human experience. When he's not coaching sports and inspiring young athletes to perfect their game, Joe's tuning into his creative side with his favorite unconventional exercise, slacklining.

Training philosophy: Form is the most important aspect of lifting; build from the ground up; and learn correct movements.

A note to clients: My sessions are very dependent on the person's goals as well as their athletic ability and experience in movement. More important than lifting heavy is lifting correctly, so I like to start with simple exercises we can build on.

Fitness routine: I work out five times a week (mixing in Olympic lifts with athletic movements) and do yoga at least twice a week.

Personal challenge: I have always hated cardio workouts because I wasn't built for distance running; however, I realize how important they are for overall health.

Fun fact: I once shot an albatross on a Par 5, and I like to think I'm the best golfer I know based on this fact. [Editor's note: In golf, an albatross is rarer than a hole in one.]



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Pictured: Trainer Joe Srebernak and client Jack Green enjoy working toward their fitness goals, Feb 2020. Srebernak is one of the three male instructors at The Corner, offering various personal training experiences for all ages and motivations.

Words to live by: Never take yourself too seriously, read as much as you can, and be kind to everyone.



Sean Martin
(teaches CoreStrong and HIITstrong)

Sean and his wife, Nicole, recently welcomed their first child, a baby girl. "She's the best and has consumed my life outside the gym," says Sean. Although he's been working out since he was a teenager ("I'd be lying if I said it wasn't because I thought girls like big muscles," he admits), Sean re-

cently became professionally certified in personal training. He also plans to run his first marathon in 2021.

Training philosophy: Working out and training is more than the physical [aspect]; it's also a major contributing factor to mental wellness. Any type of movement is beneficial, but having a passion for training can't be understated because that mindset gets you in the door.

Fitness routine: I realized as you age, cardiovascular strength and endurance are just as important as power and strength training, so I've made it a point to add running and biking to my routine.

A note to clients: Expect great music and 45 minutes of pushing yourself to the limit!

Next exercise to try: Pilates.

Little-known fact: My nickname in high school was Banana Hands, and unfortunately my high school buddies still call me that.

Words to live by: Persistence beats resistance.

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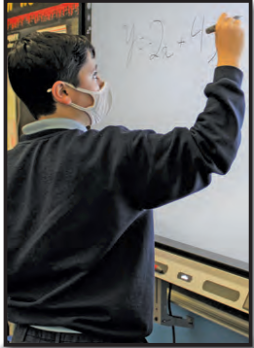
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Artwork receiving Honorable Mention

Below left, "The Moon", a textile sculpture by Elizabeth Millican drew high votes, as did "The Charcuterie Tray", (bottom left) a drawing in colored pencil by Jilliana Pilutti and "Gross Beauty" (below right) a watercolor painting by Lydia Sweeney. All three students receive an Honorable Mention certificate and congratulations on their beautiful work.



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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“Danny Collins”
2015 - 1hr 46min

Confession: I’m not a huge Al Pacino fan. I think he’s a decent actor, but he seems to play the same role, over and over. So when this movie came out, it wasn’t on my radar. In fact, I didn’t even know it existed until I saw it was a recommendation for me on Kanopy.com. I’m glad I took a chance. In it, Pacino plays Danny Collins, an aging rock star that just won’t give up his drinking, drugs, and womanizing ways. Think Neil Diamond. Actually, he sings one of his huge hits, which shares the melody of “Sweet Caroline.”

He gets a letter from John Lennon as a birthday gift. It was in response to a letter he sent Lennon when he was first starting out in the biz, but he never received it.

It has a huge effect on him and he decides to change his life. And that includes connecting with a son he’s never actually met. Well, things don’t go according to plan.

His grown son (Bobby Cannavale) wants absolutely nothing to do with him. His daughter-in-law, (Jennifer Garner) is a bit more receptive and tries to help them reconnect.

Christopher Plummer plays his agent, and as usual, does a wonderful job. Collins helped him

when he was a bottoming out as a raging alcoholic, got him into rehab, and looked after him through the years. The two became life-long pals and business partners. And Annette Benning, playing a hotel manager who is relentlessly wooed by Pacino, is her usual superb self.

The movie is based on a true story. I instinctively guessed it was about Neill Diamond, since they used the music to “Sweet Caroline” to represent his huge hit but I was mistaken. It’s actually the story of Steve Tilston, who I’ve never heard of. Not exactly a household name in the world of rock. But it made for a pretty entertaining movie.

As an aside, I particularly enjoyed the beginning of the movie. A rock magazine writer is interviewing Danny Collins as a young star.



I kept looking at the longhaired hippy and thinking his voice sure sounded familiar. It was Nick Offerman, who plays Ron Swanson on Parks & Rec—just about the opposite of a bearded hippy! Too funny. (Streaming on Kanopy.com)

★★★★☆

My rating system:
★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

While I watch a lot of streaming movies, this column will feature those offered by Kanopy.com. If you’re not familiar with this great service, it’s offered through the Grosse Pointe Public Library system with your library card. Sign up online in less than a minute, then stream six movies a month for free.

These are high-quality movies you’ll have a hard time finding elsewhere, and include a ton of indie gems I’d never heard of.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

LIFELONG:

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receive dishes for the price of a ticket to the movie. Saturday afternoons were for the kids — comedies, short-subject two movies and a serial to bring us all back the next Saturday to find out the ending to that serial. Jackie and I got 11 cents allowance; the show was 10 cents so all the rest was for candy.

Beaconsfield hasn’t changed much in all those years. The street seems narrower because

of the parked cars, and I don’t know anyone that lives there anymore, but my home, where I was born, looks good and stands proudly.

Obviously, needing more room, we moved to a larger home on Roosevelt Place in the Village of Grosse Pointe, now Grosse Pointe City. I attended Richard Elementary, Brownell Junior High (then housed in the East Wing of Grosse Pointe High School) and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School class of 1950.

After marriage to my high school sweetheart in 1956, we moved to Lee Court in Grosse Pointe Woods. In 1972, needing a home without stairs to climb daily, we changed abodes to Ridgemont in Grosse Pointe Farms. Upon the death of my husband, I no longer wanted a home to take care of by myself and found a lovely apartment in Grosse Pointe City on Rivard Boulevard. It’s a short walk to shops, library, groceries and my bank. What more



could I ask for?

Yes, I am a first-generation American and a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe and extremely proud of both!

Everybody has a story to tell. I’d love to hear some from other local residents.

My journey,
Jean Buhler

Editor’s note: Ms. Buhler recalls reading the first issue of Grosse Pointe News, Nov. 7, 1940, as a girl and has been a loyal reader ever since.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Taurus until 2:34 a.m., when the Moon enters Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 15, 2021:

Free-thinking, assertive and self-assured, follow your dreams no matter how challenging they seem. This year, you show those who underestimated you a thing or two. Watch your tendency to become a workaholic. Make time for recreational family activities. A steady income with an occasional bonus will let you plan ahead seamlessly. If single, a casual friendship takes a serious turn. If attached, love always wins an argument. CAPRICORN is loyal.



ARIES

(March 21-April 19)
Community issues and concerns may take you by surprise. An online meeting or town hall will clarify the situation. Offer your assistance, but only allot time you can spare. Prepare for a visit from out-of-town relatives. Tonight: Share music recommendations.



TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)
Keep an eye open for garage sales. Think about organizing one of your own. It is not easy to let go of items that have sentimental value. A friend not attached to your possessions can start the process. Tonight: Practical chores.



GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)
Throw modesty to the wind. Toot your own horn and show off an accomplishment or milestone. Shop with a friend at a local or online mall. Go a little crazy but don’t break the bank. Tonight: An indulgent meal.



CANCER

(June 21-July 22)
Put your money where your mouth is. Try your hand at that artistic endeavor you’ve been doing in dribs and drabs. A class or instructor will allow you to finesse your talent. Show off what you’ve done. Tonight: Lazy evening.



LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)
Streamline membership organizations for which you pay monthly dues. Eliminate those whose meetings you do not attend and whose publications you do not read. Join an alumni online group and track down classmates with whom you lost touch. Tonight: Exercise video.



VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your need to be in charge serves you well. Present your vision tactfully to people with whom you work or volunteer. Given your powers of persuasion, they will embrace your ideas and weave them into a current project. Tonight: Romantic plans.



LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Declutter your home office or the room where you go online. Clear shelves of books you won’t read again. Donate them to a charity that makes house calls. Save the space for reference materials that are not digital. Tonight: Group dancing.



SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Competing gets your juices flowing. Ask your children and grandchildren to show you how to play the latest brain teasers. Organize a friendly game night

between multiple generations. Stock up on finger foods and have fun. Tonight: Movie night.



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Avoid a debate with someone whose ideas you will never change. Forge a new bond with someone who shares your ideas about love and life. Take things slowly, and your connection is more likely to blossom. Tonight: Select new podcasts.



CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You could be affected by a sad story, so keep tissues handy. You will feel the urgency to do something altruistic. Consider adopting a rescue animal from a shelter, or post photos of furry friends in need. Tonight: Gossip with friends.



AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Enjoy the fresh air. Take a detour on a daily walk or run. Visit a local museum or gallery. If there aren’t any nearby, then go online. The world of art is at your fingertips. Tonight: Step up your fitness routine.



PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)
Let people you love know how much you appreciate them. Prepare a favorite meal, give them compliments or buy a gift mentioned in passing. Plan a get-together with friends who are part of your extended family. Tonight: Book club.

BORN TODAY

Artist Leonardo da Vinci (1452), singer Bessie Smith (1894), actor Seth Rogen (1982).

Contract Bridge

MAXIMIZING YOUR CHANCES

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 9
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ Q J 9 5

WEST

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ K J 9 6 4
♦ J 9 3
♣ K

EAST

♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ Q 10
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 8 7 3 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10
♥ A 5 3
♦ A 8 5
♣ A 10 6 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — six of hearts.

Occasionally, declarer may make a play that might arouse suspicion that he had peeked into one of his opponents’ hands. While such things have been known to happen, the fact is that most such plays are based more on sound reasoning than on ill-gotten information.

Consider this case where South was in three notrump and West led a heart. Declarer held up his ace on the first two hearts and won the third as East discarded a low spade.

The outcome now depended on how South handled the club suit, from which he needed to score three tricks to make his contract. The obvious approach was to cross to dummy and try a club finesse. If it won, 10 tricks would be there for the taking; if it lost, he would go down one.

After careful consideration, declarer plunked down the ace of clubs, caught West’s king and finished with an overtrick!

Since the chance of West’s holding the king singleton with five cards outstanding is exceedingly small (less than 3%), while a finesse offers a roughly 50% chance of success, it might seem that South was either clairvoyant or had seen the king in West’s hand. However, declarer had a very sound reason for playing the clubs as he did.

South’s primary concern was to try to develop the three club tricks he needed in the safest way possible. He could afford to lose a club trick in the process, so long as he did not lose it to West. A successful club finesse was therefore not really necessary to make three notrump, but it would be disastrous if West happened to hold the singleton king.

There were thus two different chances to make the contract: if East had the king of clubs, or if West had the singleton king. The play of the ace catered to both possibilities.

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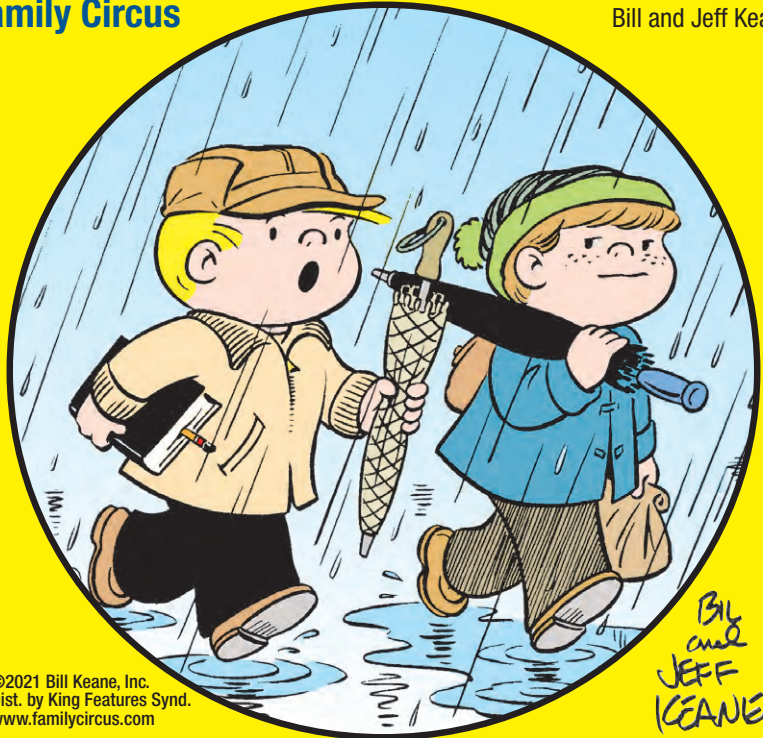
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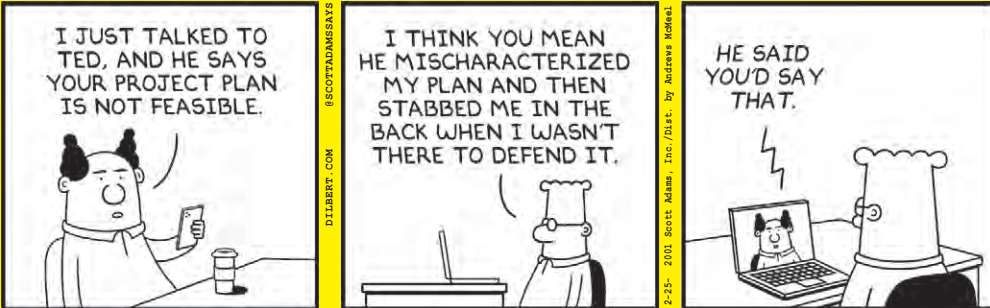
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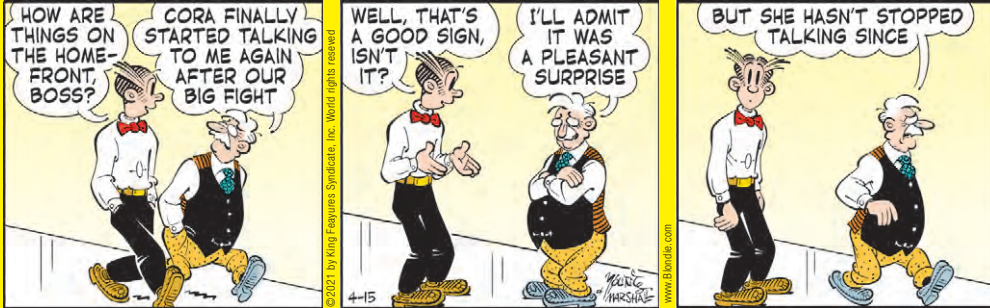
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Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

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Reg Smythe



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Niklas Eriksson

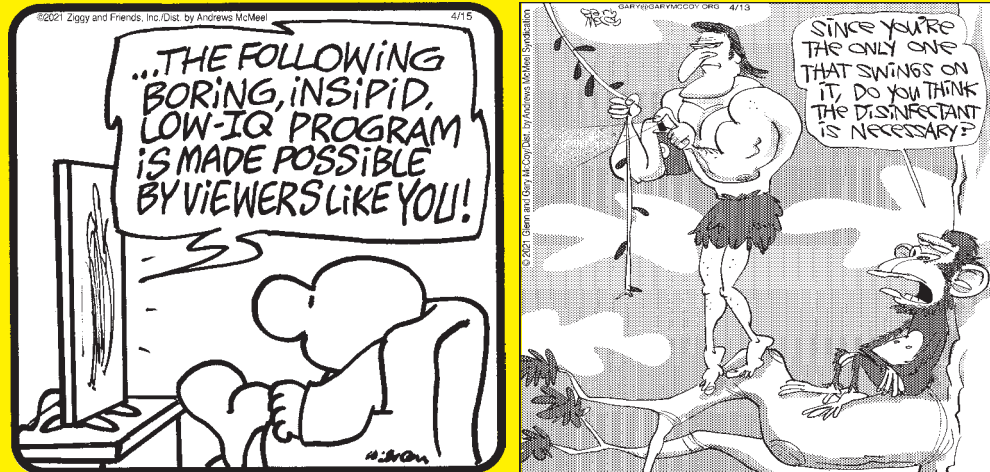


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg April 15, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Pests that followed the Pied Piper
- 5 Online video interruptions
- 8 Tics
- 14 Pain after a workout
- 15 Place to get a shot
- 16 Nonstick coating
- 17 "Gorilla, for instance
- 19 Cramming for an early-morning final, say
- 20 Take care of
- 21 This direction: ---->
- 23 Toss in a chip, perhaps
- 24 "Machine safety device"
- 27 Group for many baby boomers
- 28 Droplets on a dandelion
- 29 Where to watch "Jeopardy!"
- 32 Work with thread
- 34 Best Western competitor
- 39 Buenos
- 41 Legendary Van Winkle
- 43 Rafael of tennis
- 44 "Willow" singer Swift
- 46 Vietnamese New Year
- 48 Jedi guru
- 49 Sound heard by a shepherd

- 51 Top of the mouth
- 53 "Signal surrender
- 60 Very dry
- 61 Slightly wet
- 62 Concentrate
- 64 Group of 100 people
- 66 "We're doing OK!" ... or, read differently, a hint to each starred answer's first word
- 68 Condition that often causes fatigue
- 69 Prompt
- 70 Fitzgerald dubbed "The First Lady of Song"
- 71 Graduation cap
- 72 attachment ID for a W-4
- 73 Coarse file
- 1 Dust collectors
- 2 Lots of land
- 3 Grp. for Finland and France
- 4 Many trips on ships, collectively
- 5 Small battery
- 6 Soda that doesn't contain prune juice
- 7 Dishonest campaign tactic
- 8 Speech therapy focus
- 9 Liveliness
- 10 Company with a spokesduck

- 11 Skew
- 12 "Equal Rights," for Wyoming
- 13 Villain's look
- 18 Frat party wrap
- 22 Roll for a yard
- 25 Places to say "Statt!": Abbr.
- 26 Actor McGregor
- 29 Quaker grain
- 30 Long in Hollywood
- 31 Hear, as a case
- 33 Cleverness
- 35 Company that's always moving?
- 36 Big hoopla
- 37 Papa
- 38 In the style of
- 40 Thin Japanese noodle
- 42 Shampoo in a green bottle
- 45 Short end of the stick

- 47 Pedicured digit
- 50 Type of moment
- 52 Show—(boastful people)
- 53 Attended
- 54 Rodeo site
- 55 Some are creepers
- 56 Mild Dutch cheeses
- 57 Apple computers with numerous ports
- 58 D.C.-to-Boston transport
- 59 Noisy seabirds
- 63 Hit, as with a fine
- 65 What an athlete deliberately breaks
- 67 Hall-of-Fame QB Dawson

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

T	A	C	T	I	C		P	A	L	M		O	A	R
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Triple Meaning by Kimberly Dunn

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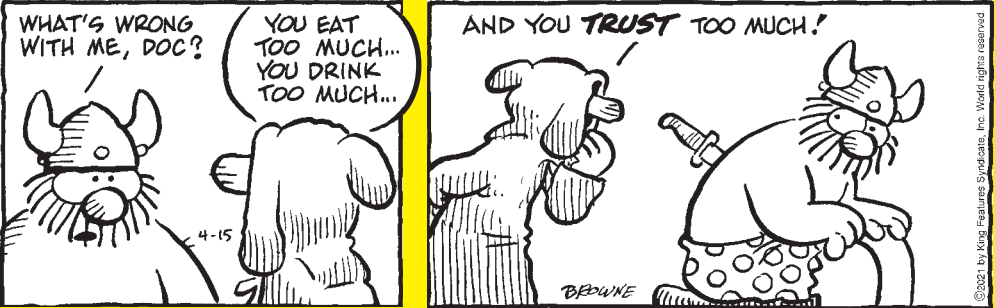
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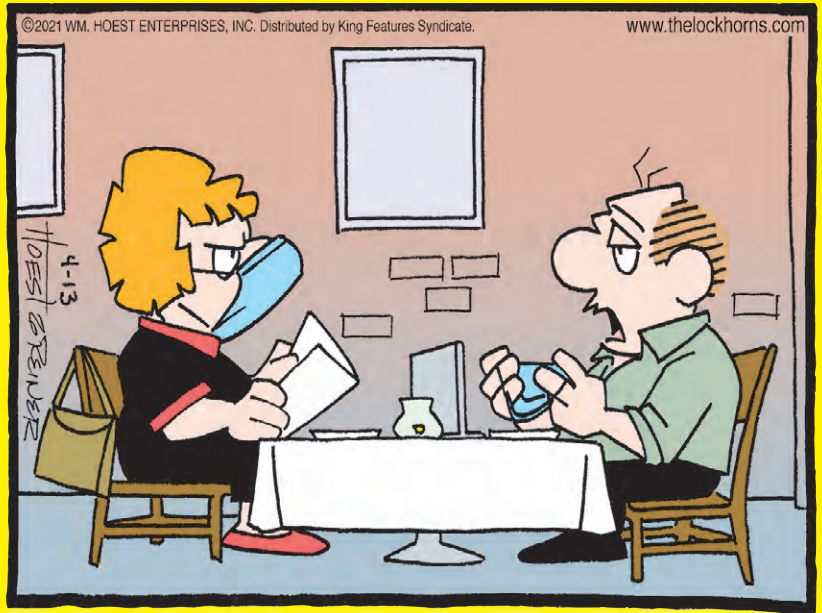
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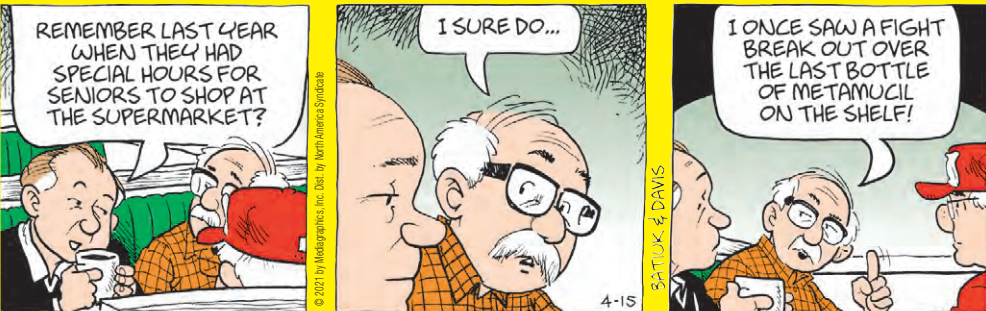
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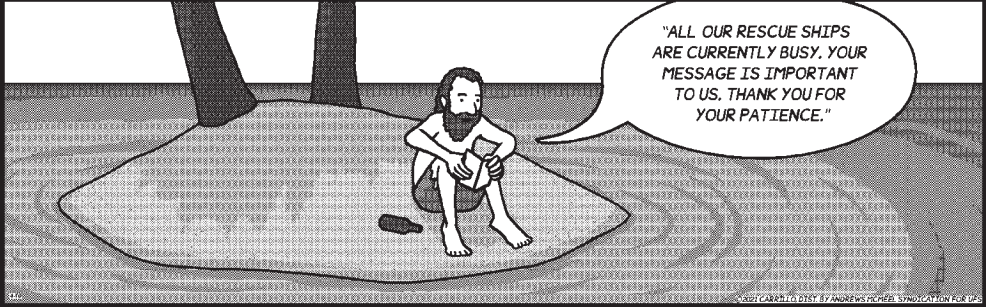
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F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



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Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



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Dan Piraro and Wayno



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North earns big win on big league field

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North baseball team capped off its first week of the season with a taste of what it’s like to play in the major leagues by taking on the Berkley Bears at Comerica Park on Saturday. The 9 a.m. first pitch was worth the early start for Norsemen fans as their team looked dominant with a 10-0 victory over the Bears.

“It’s a great experience for the kids to play baseball on a major league diamond like this,” North coach David Martin said. “And we did it all today. We swung the bat really well, we pitched really well, had great defense and base running. The whole

game kind of came together.”

North’s big day on offense got started in the first inning when Chris Marshall knocked in two runs while reaching on an error. RBI hits by Parker O’Neill and Danny Vogler would put the Norsemen up 4-0 after the first inning.

“I’ve never done this before,” O’Neill said. “I’ve played in some minor league parks, but this was so much better.”

North added two more runs in the second on a hit from Matt Mourad, who would also reach home on an error. Danny Vogler scored on a wild pitch in the third inning. Also in the third came possibly the biggest hit of the day when North’s James Macauley drove

in a run with a hard double to left field on a hit that would have gone over the fence at a high school ballpark.

The Norsemen’s final runs of the blowout win came home thanks to a two-RBI triple by Jake Tedesco.

Vogler got the start on the mound for North, striking out two batters and allowing only three hits and no runs through three innings. Will Pflaum also allowed three hits without surrendering a run in a couple of innings of relief work.

The Norsemen take the road to face Bloomfield Hills on Thursday before returning home to host Lake Orion for a Saturday doubleheader.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North’s James Macauley extends his team’s lead with a double to left field.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South’s Caroline Gallagher pitches to North’s Lizzy Rheume.

Stellar pitching lifts Norsemen over Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The first crosstown rivalry showdown of the year in softball took place Saturday when Grosse Pointe North hosted Grosse Pointe South. A dominant pitching performance coupled with some strong innings at the plate led to a 10-0 victory for North.

Maraina Smith toed the rubber for North and gave the stellar outing that helped push her team to victory. Through five innings, Smith surrendered just three hits and one walk while striking out nine Blue Devils batters.

Shannon Dame, Liv Livingstone and Margaret Kramer were the three South batters

who managed to get hits off Smith. Hits were much more plentiful for the Norsemen, with every starter managing to reach base at least once.

Eliza Ellery and Shannon Kane each had two hits for North. Ellery also brought in two RBIs, as did teammates Emily McCloskey and Amelia Nowicki.

Knights baseball on winning track after season-opening losses

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team saw some highs and lows in its first week back on the diamond. The season started last Tuesday with a 7-4 loss to crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe North, followed by another loss Friday to Orchard Lake St. Mary’s. The Knights opened the season playing against some of the toughest competition the state has to offer, but that’s just the way coach Dan Cimini likes it.

“We always play the best teams and we want to play the best competition,” Cimini said. “We don’t shy away from anybody. Win or lose, it makes us better and that’s our philosophy. I want to play the best players, face the best pitching. I want these

kids to see the best of the best so when we get into the playoffs there’s nothing that we haven’t seen.”

After a pair of losses to open the season, Liggett’s luck finally started to turn over the weekend. Hosting U of D Jesuit for a doubleheader Saturday, the Knights swept the day with wins of 4-2 and 5-0.

Superb pitching for Liggett was a contributing factor in both of Saturday’s victories. In game one, Jack Jones got the start and allowed just one hit and no runs through four innings, with Michael Clark pitching three innings of relief, giving up two runs on two hits, while the pair managed to strike out a combined eight batters.

Following that was a dominant mound performance in game two by senior Alec Leonard,

who tossed a complete-game shutout, surrendering only four hits and striking out eight hitters. After the wins on Saturday, Cimini said he was impressed and proud with how his pitchers performed.

“Mikey Clark has done a great job this year in the six innings that he’s pitched. He’s pitched really well for us. He’s pounding the strike zone ... and he’s very confident in himself which is big for me,” he said. “Alec Leonard pitched great on Saturday. He pounded the strike zone and kept them off balance and worked fast. ... It’s exciting to see him go a complete game like that.”

Joey Randazzo, Matthew Greene and Kurt Barr all recorded RBIs in the first win of the doubleheader, while Ryan Jones was the only



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett’s Alec Leonard at the plate against Oakland Christian.

Knights player to be credited with an RBI in the second win. As things have started to pick up for Liggett, it is his team’s defensive ability that Cimini thinks will help them continue to succeed.

“I think our defense is as good as anybody’s and if somebody hits a ball, we’re going to make the play,” he said. “Our pitchers have to do their jobs and we got to put some runs on the board and let our defense play.”

The Knights rounded out the first week of play with two big wins in a doubleheader against Oakland Christian, taking the victories 16-0 and 4-1, led by a perfect pitching performance by Joey Randazzo.

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Wood’s hat trick helps Knights defeat North

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With spring sports now fully underway, Monday evening saw the first crosstown matchup of lacrosse teams in Grosse Pointe, and the University Liggett School Knights hosted the Norsemen of Grosse Pointe North. The Knights sprung out to an early lead and never looked back, defeating North 10-4 to claim its second win of the season. “We’ve done it three games in a row where we jump out to an early lead and I felt like we weren’t really able to keep that up in our previous games, but this one we were able to push that lead out a little bit and I think that calms everybody down,” Liggett coach Mike Costanzo said.

Liggett’s Doug Wood opened the scoring to help bring the Knights out to that early lead. Wood went on to put two more in the back of the net en route to a hat trick performance. The Knights led 5-1 at halftime, with North’s lone goal in the first 24 minutes coming from Chase Reinhard. Ronan MacMaster, Asher Fuchs and Evan Heimberger would account for the rest of the Norsemen’s scoring in the second half. “I think it was an overall sloppy game, but we’ve got a very young team so our passing and catching isn’t where we want it to be yet, but we’re getting better every day with a good young group with a good attitude,” North

coach Mark Seppala said. Wood’s hat trick, combined with two goals from teammate Alex George, was enough to get the Knights’ offense rolling in the win. For Costanzo, his team’s dominance in time of possession on offense was a real key in getting the win. “They played a zone and we were able to possess the ball a lot and didn’t finish as much as I’d like, but got enough good looks to score,” he said. The Knights get ready to face Shrine Catholic Wednesday, followed by a matchup with Grosse Ile Friday. North hosts Divine Child Friday before taking on De La Salle on the road this Saturday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett faced off in the first crosstown rivalry lacrosse matchup on Monday.



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South sophomore Selga Jansons, left, raced to victory vs. Farmington Mercy. Scarlett Draper & Ahyana Villanueva finished 2-3, on right.

South bests Mercy at season-opening event

By Steve Zaranek
Guest Writer

Grosse Pointe South traveled to Farmington Mercy last week and defeated the Marlins 94-43 to open the season. South managed 10 first-place finishes in 17 events, including four top spots in field events. Ahyana Villanueva led the way in the high jump clearing 4 feet, 10 inches, while teammate Katy Griffin won the long jump at 12 feet, 7 inches. Megan DeGrand cleared 7 feet to win the pole vault while Jose Pinter

threw the discus 54 feet to win that event. On the track, South sophomore Selga Jansons won the 100 high hurdles at 17.5 seconds, with distance teammates, Kloie Roy and Grace Wininger, winning the 1600 and 3200 runs, respectively. South sprinters Sofia Guevara, Claire Zurowick, O’hara Diamond, Villanueva and Jansons won both the 400 and 800 relays with Roy, Ava Carr, Griffin and Wininger taking the distance 3200 relay.

Others adding points to South’s total were Peyton Lancaster, Scarlett Draper, Becca Koch, Katie Hamilton, Kaelyn Hermann, Hannah Przybylski and Anna Czech. On Saturday, South placed fifth at the 21st annual Novi Relays. Medalists for South included DeGrand, Koch, Draper, Zurowick, Diamond, Roy, Wininger, Carr and Czech. Steve Zaranek is the head coach of Grosse Pointe South Track & Field.

South girls lacrosse shakes off the rust

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils varsity lacrosse team has entered its season at full steam having played three games so far with no practices on the books as of yet. After having nearly two years off from their sport due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these young ladies are doing their best to shake off the rust and get back into the lacrosse mindset. Their most recent match took place Monday, April 12, at home against Northville. The 11-4 final score did not end in the Blue Devils favor, but the team made a push to the end that showed diligence and promise for the Blue Devils squad. Northville took an early lead getting ahead of the Blue Devils by eight goals in the first half. The Blue Devils did

not give up, however, even after their goalie, Ava Oskui, took a shot in the head that removed her from the game. “Ava had to go through concussion protocol, so we huddled as a team and asked who would be willing to step in and play goal,” said Blue Devils head coach Alycsa Valentine. Junior Brooke Westfall eagerly volunteered to suit up in goal and her team rallied around her. Grosse Pointe South was able to keep Northville out of the zone, denying any shots on net in the last 8 minutes of the game. Grosse Pointe South goals were scored by Anna Trempus, Abigail Keane, Mary Fannon, Anna Meads and Julia Gebeck. Valentine mentioned that tryouts were cut short due to a quarantine and the team is just now able to start regular prac-

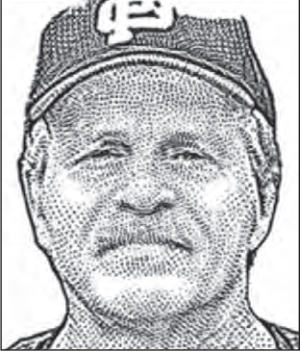
tices. “Our first few games were against the tougher teams in the league,” Valentine said. “However, the girls are eager to play and ready to take the field.” The team is currently led by senior Hope Whitney, and Valentine is looking to appoint more captains as the season goes on. Looking ahead to the rest of the season, Valentine commented on her squad. “We have a handful of juniors and seniors who are very excited to play,” she said. “We have a very talented sophomore goalie, Ava Oskui, who has done great for us so far. We also have a few underclassmen that are playing well. It’s really exciting to watch them develop.” Their next match will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Grosse Pointe North.

Coach’s Corner: A return to normalcy

By Dan Griesbaum
Guest Writer

As March was fast approaching, everyone involved in high school baseball was anxiously awaiting a return to the game we so badly missed in 2020. We had not been together as a team since the first week of June 2019. The tryout period, always a stressful time, was even more so this year, since we were shut down in 2020 before completing the squad selection process. With tryouts behind us, we opened the season April 3, with the threat of COVID restrictions lingering daily. As a few players tested positive, we were on pins and needles, waiting for the axe to drop again. Sure enough, last Wednesday, we were given the dreadful news that our season was going to be “paused” for 14 more days.

We can resume April 21, just after the start of the difficult MAC Red schedule. Our hope is to make up lost games later in the season. On a somewhat positive note, the pause enabled the varsity staff to spend some time with our younger levels. They are both talented groups and are off to great starts in 2021. It has also enabled us to watch some of our future opponents this year, including a powerhouse Orchard Lake St. Mary’s team, as they battled the very talented University Liggett Knights. The OLSM team is, without a doubt, the most talented high school team I have ever seen in over 40 years of coaching high school baseball. With 11 Division I commits and two Division II signees, they are certainly without comparison in the state of Michigan and possibly nationally as well.



Dan Griesbaum

This brings up another conundrum created by the pandemic. Due to the lost 2020 season, uncommitted high school seniors interested in playing at the next level have limited choices in terms of open college roster spots. The NCAA gave all players an extra year of eligibility last season. Also, with the major league draft reduced to five rounds, most draft-hopeful college seniors and juniors returned to their respective schools this season, hoping to get drafted in 2021. So scholarship opportunities and even roster spots for our current seniors are minimal, at best. The only hope is that an ample number of college players will not elect to return in 2022. Let’s all hope the worst of this is all behind us and that very soon we will have a “return to normalcy” in all aspects of high school baseball. An end to mask wearing, social distancing, limited crowds, the ability to high-five a teammate or shake an opponent’s hand after the game certainly cannot come too soon! Dan Griesbaum is the head coach of the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils varsity baseball team.

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
2021 SINGLE LOT ASSESSMENT ROLL

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, 313-885-5800, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021 on the proposed 2021 City Single Lot Assessment Roll. Due to the current State of Emergency and to minimize the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held electronically. Copies of the Single Lot Assessment Roll will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the City Hall Building (17147 Maumee) beginning April 16, 2021.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed Single Lot Assessment Roll. Public comments for a virtual meeting may be made in accordance with the Instructions for Public Comment that will be posted online with the Meeting Agenda and Single Lot Assessment Roll beginning on April 16, 2021.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 04/15/21

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
CITY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input on the distribution of the special assessment levy.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk’s office prior to the hearing date.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

Posted: April 6, 2021
Published: April 15, 2021

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		
Date	Opponent (DH = Doubleheader)	Result
4/6	@ University Liggett	7-4 W
4/7	@ Rochester Adams	14-9 W
4/9	@ Brother Rice	9-1 L
4/10	Berkely (@Comerica)	10-0 W
4/13	Detroit Edison	
4/15	@ Bloomfield Hills	
4/17	Lake Orion (DH)	
4/19	@ St Clair	
4/21	St Clair	
4/22	@ St Clair	
4/24	Grand Blanc	
4/26	L'Anse Creuse	
4/28	@ L'Anse Creuse	
4/29	L'Anse Creuse	
5/1	Dakota (DH)	
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	
5/5	Anchor Bay	
5/6	@ Anchor Bay	
5/8	Grosse Pointe South (DH)	
5/10	Henry Ford	
5/12	@ Henry Ford	
5/13	Henry Ford	
5/15	Berkely (DH)	
5/17	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
5/18	@ Orchard Lake St. Mary	
5/19	L'Anse Creuse North	
5/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	
5/21	@ Grand Blanc	
5/22	De LaSalle (DH)	
5/25	@ Cranbrook	
5/27	Cranbrook	
Grosse Pointe South		
Date	Opponent	Result
4/3	Detroit Edison (DH)	11-1 L, 13-1 L
4/7	De LaSalle	PPD
4/10	Southfield A & T (DH)	PPD
4/13	L'Anse Creuse	PPD
4/15	@ Country Day	PPD
4/17	Stoney Creek (DH)	PPD
4/19	@ Sterling Heights Stevenson	PPD
4/21	Sterling Heights Stevenson	PPD
4/22	@ Sterling Heights Stevenson	
4/23	@ Utica Ford (DH)	
4/26	Romeo	
4/28	@ Romeo	
4/29	Romeo	
5/1	Laksehore (@ Comerica)	
5/3	@ Utica Eisenhower	
5/5	Utica Eisenhower	
5/6	@ Utica Eisenhower	
5/8	@ Grosse Pointe North (DH)	
5/10	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/12	Chippewa Valley	
5/13	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/15	GPS Invitational	
5/17	Dakota	
5/19	@ Dakota	
5/20	Dakota	
5/22	GPS Invitational	
5/28	@ University Liggett	
5/29	Detroit Western	
5/29	Orchard Lake St. Mary	
University Liggett		Record (4-2)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/6	Grosse Pointe North	7-4 L
4/9	@ Orchard Lake St Mary	12-6 L
4/10	U of D Jesuit (DH)	4-2 W, 5-0 W
4/12	Oakland Christian (DH)	16-0 W, 4-1 W
4/15	@ Bishop Foley (DH)	
4/17	@ Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	
4/20	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	
4/24	Lutheran Northern (DH)	
4/27	Bishop Foley (DH)	
4/30	Portage Northern (DH)	
5/4	Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	
5/6	@ Country Day	
5/7	Plymouth Christian (DH)	
5/10	@ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	
5/11	@ Luthern Northern (DH)	
5/15	CHSL Semifinals	
5/17	Brother Rice (DH)	
5/20	CHSL Championship (@Comerica)	
5/24	De LaSalle	
5/28	Grosse Pointe South	
5/29	Orchard Lake St Mary	
5/29	Detroit Western	

MAC Standings as of 4/15					
			Division		Overall
Red Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Romeo				1	1
Chippewa Valley				1	2
Stevenson				2	3
Dakota				0	0
Eisenhower				0	0
Gr Pt South				0	2
White Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Ford II				3	0
Gr Pt North				3	1
L'anse Cr North				1	0
L'anse Creuse				6	2
St Clair				0	0
Anchor Bay				0	0



Tommy Gebeck on his Senior Day with Liggett's hockey team. Pictured with dad Tom Gebeck, left, mom Deanna and sister, Julia.



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After graduating from Liggett, Tommy Gebeck will continue his golf career at Wayne State University.

Gebeck commits to play golf at Wayne State

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For many, the arrival of spring means the ability to get back out on the golf course. One of those golfers is University Liggett School senior Tommy Gebeck, who is ready to make a final run at a state championship with his Knights teammates before heading to the next level.

Gebeck's first competitive golf experience was when he decided to join the Liggett team as a freshman. For a sport many consider a hobby, that first taste of competition is what really drew Gebeck to the game.

"That freshman year with Liggett, it was some of the most fun I've had on a sports team in a while and I kind of just fell in love with the sport after that," he said.

That love for the game of golf has now given Gebeck the opportunity to continue his golf career at the collegiate level. After finishing his senior season this spring, Gebeck will join the golf team at Wayne State University, where he says he is looking forward to improving his game even more.

"I visited Wayne and I just love the school; being downtown is nice and close," Gebeck said. "The golf coach, Mike Horn, was super inviting

and really showed that he wanted to win and get better each and every day."

This season for the Liggett golf team means a lot to seniors like Gebeck, who finally get a chance to compete again after last year's cancellation due to COVID-19. In the midst of the pandemic, however, golf was one of the sports in which athletes were still able to thrive.

The pandemic had a major impact on the careers of countless young athletes. For Gebeck, he will always see 2020 as a landmark year in his journey as a golfer.

"That was a big turning point in my career, because us golfers got lucky because golf is pretty safe to play outside during the pandemic," he said. "It was very important to keep working with my teammates who I had the previous year just to keep building that chemistry for senior year."

Golf is not the only sport where Gebeck has found success. He also has been a member of Liggett's varsity hockey team since his sophomore year. He said he feels his experience on the ice has helped translate to areas of his game on the golf course.

"Playing goalie was one of the biggest helps

for golf because it helped me understand how to deal with pressure," Gebeck said. "Being a goalie, everybody always blames it on you, so it's good to get that experience of how to handle pressure."

Managing careers in both hockey and golf, Gebeck always sets high standards for himself as an athlete. Countless hours of practice have earned him success and the chance to compete in golf at the collegiate level.

For years, Gebeck had his eyes on being able to play college golf and his commitment to Wayne State is proof that hard work pays off. After checking the box on his

goal of playing college golf, there's still more for which Gebeck wants to strive.

"My freshman year at Liggett, I saw the students signing to play their sports in college and I basically said to myself, 'I want to be up there one day,'" he said. "That was a big goal I set for myself, to play college golf, and for this year I want to win the state championship and in my summer tournaments, hopefully win an (American Junior Golf Association) event."

Gebeck also thanked his hockey coach, Mike Maltese, and golf coach, Dan Sullivan, for helping him get better and reach his goals.

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