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Hospitals at critical capacity

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

MICHIGAN — Local hospitals are raising the alarm as the state has fallen into its third surge since the pandemic began.

Those in the metro Detroit region are at or nearing capacity, with many COVID-19 units ranging from around 75 percent to 100 percent full, reports the Michigan

Department of Health and Human Services.

“At this time last year, none of us would have imagined, going through that extraordinarily difficult time, that we would be here again (at the) same time this year,” Beaumont Chief Nursing Officer Susan Grant said, adding most Beaumont hospitals are at 90 to 95 percent capacity. “... It’s hard this year, because after having

done this for over a year now, our nurses, our doctors, respiratory therapists, our teams, they’re tired and they’re worn. And they’re not only physically tired and worn, they’re emotionally tired and worn.”

Beaumont Health System, which recently opened curbside triaging centers at some of its campuses, including



From left, Stephanie VanSprange, RN, charge nurse; Katie Johns, nurse practitioner; and Sharon Calme, emergency room technician stand before the Beaumont, Grosse Pointe curbside triage unit.

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Spring is in the air!

Rutherford Boyd’s “Flower Garden, Irises and Poppies,” gives us much to look forward to as warmer weather approaches and new blooms appear.

Pickleball coming to Osius Park

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Construction is sched-

uled to begin, weather permitting, in late April or early May on a series of Osius Park improvement projects.

Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, the \$131,000 plans include new pickleball courts; a concrete walkway at the north

end of the park, connecting the tennis court walkway to the dedication turnabout by the

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Henry Ford expands COVID-19 therapy options

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

DETROIT — As the first treatment developed specifically for COVID-19 to be granted emergency use authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, monoclonal antibody therapy, or mAb, has been found to reduce the risk of hospitalization or death by 70 percent, according to a recent Henry Ford clinical trial. The trial also showed the therapy maintains effectiveness against multiple COVID-19 variants, including the B.1.1.7 UK strain, which currently is driving through Michigan.

mAb therapy has been approved under the FDA’s EUA since early November, but as the

pandemic continues, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services committed to investing \$150 million to increase access to the therapy in underserved and high-risk communities across the country in mid-March.

As southeast Michigan hospitals struggle under critical capacity amid the state’s third surge in pandemic cases, Henry Ford Health System now is partnering with the HHS to expand mAb therapy availability and opened a new monoclonal antibody infusion center April 20, at Community Health and Social Services in southwest Detroit.

“This expansion of the therapy is important in

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Grant approved for 3rd round of reopening assistance

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A third round of the COVID-19 reopening assistance grant for businesses in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district was approved at a meeting Tuesday, April 6. Applications opened Monday, April 19.

The third round was approved

with \$75,000 of funding available. Each business that applies and is awarded a grant will receive \$6,000 to fund their project, a slight increase from rounds one and two, which awarded businesses \$5,000 each.

“I think we’ve had some good success and responses to phase one and phase two,” Chairman John Hughes said, “and phase

three appears to be a natural evolution of that. ... I think it’s a positive thing to help support our businesses, especially as they’ve been through some pretty difficult times.”

The grant money may be used on tables and chairs for outdoor seating; temporary fencing; temporary outdoor lighting; parklet materials/construction; barrier materials including

plant boxes, fencing, etc.; outdoor heaters, fire pit tables and fire pits; online ordering capacity expansion; Plexiglass barrier materials and installation; UV sanitizing lighting; air system purification upgrades; personal protective equipment; marketing expenses and other relevant expenses approved by the TIFA

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Court packing a no-go — unless they’re ours

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Carl Jarboe, municipal judge of Grosse Pointe Park, opposes a Democratic idea to add four judges to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Unless one of those new judges is named Jarboe.

“The nation would be so much better off,” he said.

Gary Bresnahan, president of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, also opposes court expansion.

Unless new judges are named Jarboe, Theodore Metry, Russell Ethridge and Matthew Rumora — all presiding in Pointe courts.

“I’d be for bringing local, common sense and real-life experiences to the Supreme Court,” said Bresnahan, a Farms resident.

The proposal by Democratic senators last week is the first since Democratic President Franklin D. Roosevelt, upset with the nation’s highest court for ruling some of his efforts unconstitutional, failed in 1937 to “reform” the court by adding up to six sympathizers. Roosevelt’s effort is summarized by many historians as court packing.

“I don’t think it needs to be expanded,” said Woods Judge Ted Metry, of recent plans presented on the courthouse steps by Democratic legislators. “Courts are a place for the redressed to have an opportunity to speak and get a fair shake.”

Republican President Donald Trump’s three nominees gave the Supreme Court a 6-3 conservative majority, the strongest in memory.

When advocating for four more justices, Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said last week the Supreme Court “is out of balance and needs to be fixed.”

Dave Schumacher, past chair of the Eastside Republican Club, thinks Democratic court reform is a case of trying to ensure the passage of liberal measures by judicial fiat, not legislation. He characterized Democratic action as an opportunistic attempt to harness power over the court before losing House and Senate majorities in upcoming mid-term elections.

“Because their majority is so narrow, they’re doing everything they can to leverage the power they have,” said Schumacher, of the Woods. “It’s blatantly a political move.”

Partisan enough for

City Judge Russell Ethridge to vouch no opinion.

“I’m not making any comments on anything like that,” he said. “I don’t comment on what other courts do.”

It’s not the court. It’s Democratic lawmakers.

Ethridge followed up with a text message that the topic was too political.

“It’s a completely political power-grab by the Democrats,” said Rumora, judge in the Farms and Shores. “The court right now is the only check and balance on Democrats running amok and passing all this legislation.”

Six judges presided over the nation’s first Supreme Court in 1789. Between then and now, the number grew from five to six to seven to nine in 1837. Judges topped out at 10 during the Civil War, dropped back to seven after the Union victory and settled at nine since 1869.

Expanding the court to 13 judges is therapy in search of an ailment, according to Schumacher.

“Packing the court doesn’t solve a problem because there’s no problem there,” he said. “The only problem is in the Democrats’ minds that they don’t have the

majority. It’s sour grapes and political payback on Trump having three appointments.”

“On a political side of it, (Republican Sen.) Mitch McConnell created this problem by not giving (Democrat President Barack) Obama’s (Supreme Court) nominee (Merrick) Garland a vote, as is the normal procedure for any Supreme Court nominee,” Bresnahan said. “Then, McConnell changed the filibuster rule for Trump’s nominees when they came up for a vote.”

In an Oct. 1, 2020, column for the Washington Post, Marc A. Thiessen recapped a tit-for-tat between major party leaders regarding Senate rules, the handling of judicial nominees and, in particular, the filibuster. Thiessen, former speechwriter for Republican President George W. Bush, cited examples of the Democrats allegedly starting it.

“It’s very important to have an impartial judiciary that people can have faith in,” Jarboe said. “To change the number of justices to achieve a certain political thought process undermines that.”

“If we had 18 justices, they’re not going to be

more efficient,” Schumacher said.

“In today’s society, courts are getting involved in a lot more than was accepted a few years back,” Metry said. “Maybe the appointments shouldn’t be so political.”

In 1983, then-Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., called Roosevelt’s court-packing tactic legally permissible, but wrong.

“It was a bonehead idea,” Biden said, according to the YouTube posting. “Biden in 1983: FDR’s court-packing proposal was a ‘bonehead idea.’” “... It was a terrible, terrible mistake to make. And it put in question for an entire decade the independence of the most significant body in this country, the Supreme Court.”

As president, Biden this month signed an executive order creating a 36-member Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court.

“Topics it will examine include ... membership and size of the court,” according to an April 9 White House briefing statement.

Additional topics consist of “the court’s role in the constitutional system; the length and service of justices ... and the court’s case selection rules and practices.”

“I think right now the prevailing sentiment is to keep the court’s number the same, but to reform the way it’s working and being formed as vacancies come up,” Bresnahan said. “Hopefully, the commission convened by the president will do a deep dive into that or at least provide solid recommendations for how it’s to be done.”

Many nations have supreme justices far outnumbering the United States’.

Russia, the largest nation in the world by landmass, has 115 supreme justices. China, the largest nation by population, has 340 supreme justices.

Jamaica, smaller in size than Connecticut and with a population less than southeast Michigan, has 40 supreme justices. Monaco, all 2.1 square miles of it, has seven justices. Vatican City, the smallest nation in the world, has one judge and a four-member tribunal.

“I don’t necessarily blame Democrats for trying to pack the court,” Schumacher said. “But it’s not going to help anything, because what’s to stop the Republicans when they get back into power to add four more?”

Vaughn selected for Woods office

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Thomas Vaughn was selected to fill a vacant seat on the Woods city council at a special meeting Monday, March 29.

Vaughn’s appointment to council comes after

great involvement in the community. His first position was with the senior citizens commission, which he joined in 1989. From 1989 to 2002, Vaughn served as a commissioner, as well as terms as chairman and vice chairman of the commission. In 2002, he became a commissioner

on the planning commission, where he served as chairman and currently serves as vice chairman. He also has been a member of the building authority committee since 2020.

“I love to live, work and play in Grosse Pointe Woods,” Vaughn said. “I love all of our recreational opportunities that we have in the Woods. That’s one of the reasons why my wife and I have chosen to move to the Woods in the first place and really live our entire lives here.”

Living close to Mack Avenue, Vaughn emphasized the importance of having a flourishing walkable business district.



Thomas Vaughn

“We love to walk up to Mack and shop and go to the restaurants up there and it’s just such a great walking community that we love,” he said.

As he applied to the open council seat and was preparing his letter of interest, Vaughn drove down Mack Avenue to get a sense of the work he had been involved in with the planning com-

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Brown selected for Woods office

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Angela Coletti Brown was selected by the Woods city council to fill a vacant spot at its last special council meeting Monday, March 29.



Angela Coletti Brown

Brown grew up in the area, but had since moved away to Chicago. In 2017, she moved back to the Woods with her husband and daughter.

“We just fell in love with the city,” she said. “We really like that it’s safe. It’s family-oriented. There’s just this vibrant park life and we love being outdoors, so it just really was a perfect fit.”

Months after moving back to the area, Brown was looking into the recreation commission and found a vacancy. She submitted an application and has been serving on the commission since.

In 2019, Brown led an effort to submit a park improvement proposal to council. Council approved the plan to make major enhancements, starting with one park at a time.

As she gives up her

seat on the recreation commission for a seat on city council, Brown is excited to extend her work to a bigger realm.

“My passion is both personal and financial,” she said. “Personal in that, obviously, I love this community. I’ve been part of the recreation commission ... and these wonderful community events, so I certainly want to continue that.”

Brown’s background on the recreation commission brings to council her investment in maintaining a family-oriented community, safety and community events to bring the Woods together. She is

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The Wayne County Health Department is expanding eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine to all Wayne County residents and workers ages 16 and older, excluding Detroit, at clinics at Wayne County Community College-Taylor, Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Wayne County Community College-Ted Scott Campus in Belleville and the Flat Rock Community Center. Call (866) 610-3885 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to schedule an appointment. Currently walk-up vaccinations are welcome as well, based on availability.

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Meijer

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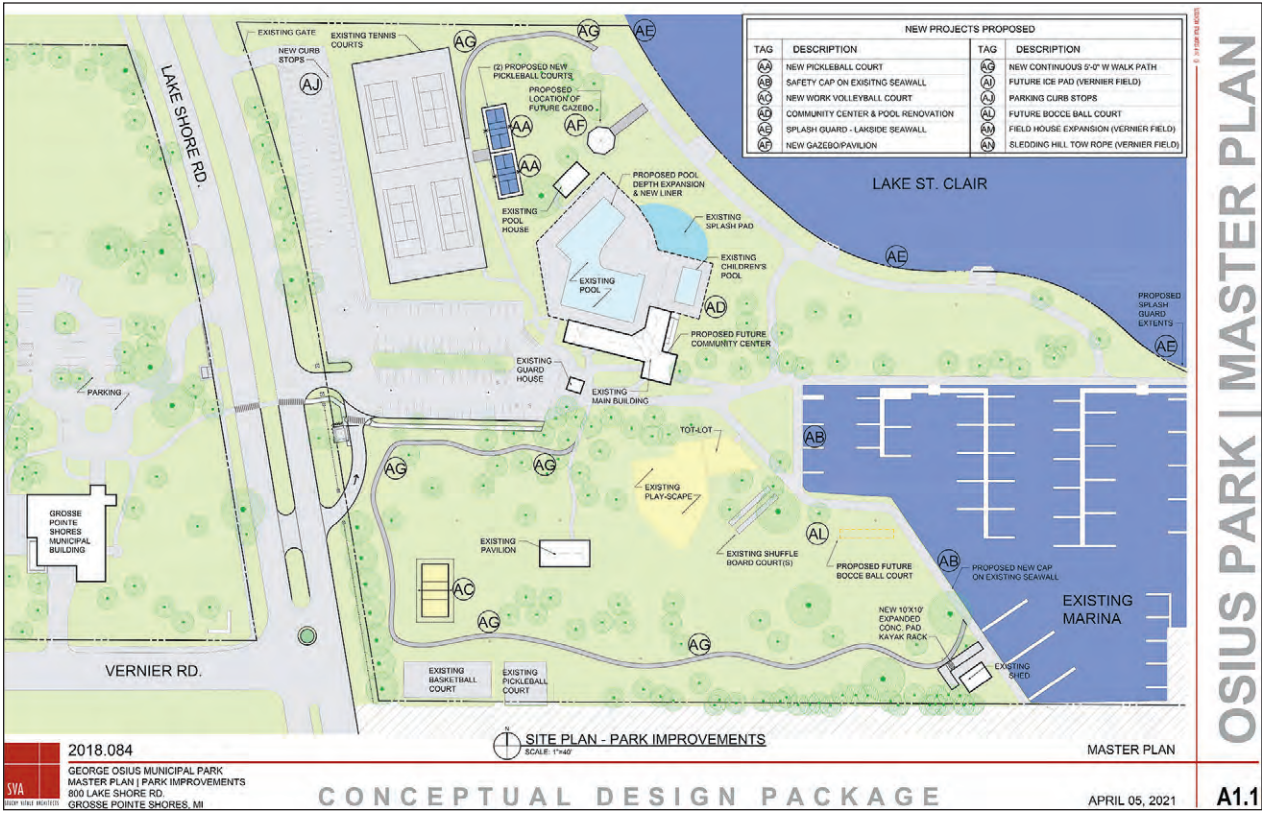
Those age 16 and older are eligible at select locations. Schedule an appointment, when available, through the store website, cvs.com.

Beaumont Health

Patients age 16 and older with a free myBeaumontChart account are eligible. Register through Beaumont's Save My Shot program, to be put on a waiting list based on prioritization and in order of registration.

Rite Aid

Those age 16 and older are eligible, but Rite Aid currently is prioritizing those age 50 and older; those age 18 and older with high-risk conditions; childcare workers and family childcare providers; emergency medical services personnel; healthcare workers; head start and early head start workers; long-term care facility staff; pharmacy staff; pregnant individuals; and pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade educators and staff. Schedule at ritea.id/michigan.



The Osius Park master plan design package shows potential future projects, as well as recently approved improvements.

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lake; a new awning between the tennis and pickleball courts to allow shade and seating near the water fountain and court entrances; a concrete staging area pad near the kayak racks to improve logistics for department of public works employees and kayak owners; and a new pace clock mounted on the wall next to the pool.

“We have seen that

there is a big interest in pickleball throughout all the Grosse Pointes and it’s one of the pretty interesting games that can be used for a lot of ages and athletic abilities,” said Dan Flemming, president of the foundation. “It should serve our community pretty well with our demographic, either our older residents and our younger, so we’re just trying to add some more options to the events and activities that we can provide at the park.”

The courts will be

placed where the sand volleyball pit currently sits, with the latter relocated near the basketball court. Plans for the concrete walkway were cleverly designed, councilman and parks committee liaison Matt Seely said, because “it ties into existing concrete work throughout the park, so that the amount of new walkway is minimal. It should look great along the perimeter fence and give people the opportunity if they want to ... go for a nice walk in the

park.” Construction on all the Osius Park improvement projects is anticipated to conclude by the end of May, if weather conditions allow. An updated 2021 Osius Park master plan, including the planned improvements, was unanimously approved by the parks committee and then approved 6-1 by city council in February. Councilman Doug Kuyck opposed it because he didn’t have the chance to review the updates prior to the vote.

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light of what we are facing at the present time,” said Adnan Munkarah, M.D., executive vice president and chief clinical officer at Henry Ford. “With our hospital admissions at alarming levels at southeast Michigan but also across the state, our bed occupancy at Henry Ford Health System currently is at 90 percent and our test positivity rate continues to be hovering in the upper teens and at 20 percent a few days ago. “By increasing the access to this treatment,” he added, “we are hoping to keep patients of

COVID, who are at high risk of progressing to worse disease and being hospitalized, out of the hospital and getting better at home.” Called “a game changer” by Munkarah, the treatment must be administered within 10 days of the onset of symptoms after a positive COVID-19 test and is only eligible for patients ages 12 years and older with mild to moderate COVID-19 and who are at high risk for progressing to severe disease and/or hospitalization. Administered intravenously, it is a one-time therapy that takes approximately an hour to complete and works

essentially by using laboratory-produced molecules as substitute antibodies to restore, enhance or mimic the body’s immune system and target the COVID-19 virus. mAb therapy is not meant for those already hospitalized or who require oxygen therapy. Patients are required to have a positive COVID-19 test and a referral from a physician to receive the treatment. “Monoclonal antibody definitely is a great game changer at this point of the surge; however, it is not a solution to the problem,” Munkarah said. “The solution to the problem is preventing us from catching the infec-

tion and this is only done by being vaccinated. “... Please wear your mask when you are out in public,” he continued. “Practice social distancing. Avoid large gatherings and wash your hands regularly. These are simple things and they have helped us before and they will help us again.” mAb therapy services also are being expanded at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township and Henry Ford Allegiance Health in Jackson. Ascension St. John Hospital and the Beaumont Health System also offer the therapy.

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Grosse Pointe, to help balance the load in the ERs, currently is caring for more than 800 COVID-19 patients as of last Thursday. Only two weeks prior, the health system had around 500 COVID-19 patients, which is still a far cry from the 128 COVID-19 patients it cared for at the end of February. As of Monday, Ascension St. John Hospital’s bed occupancy was at 87 percent, while it was caring for 127 COVID-19 patients. Bed occupancy in Henry Ford Health System currently is at 90 percent, with its test positivity rate hovering in the upper teens. “This is really taxing our staff and our resources,” said Dr. Nick Gilpin, Beaumont’s medical director of Infection Prevention and Epidemiology, calling the current surge a runaway train. “We have enough PPE. We have enough ventilators. We’re not strained in that sort of

way, but we are strained from a staffing perspective. That is by far and away our biggest challenge.” Due to the vaccination priority of individuals older than age 65, hospital officials are noting this spike is bringing in a younger demographic of patients. During the prior two surges, Gilpin reported, the average Beaumont patient was in their 60s. Now, the average age of those hospitalized with COVID-19 has dropped to the young 50s. In what he called “a perfect storm” of variables driving transmission in the community, the current surge is being led by the younger, unvaccinated demographic, who are propagating the virus by gathering in large groups, spending more time indoors and visiting bars and restaurants, as well as by an influx of the B.1.1.7 UK variant, which is more transmissible. Additionally, the cooler weather and drier air not only are conducive to more indoor activities than outdoor, but also

are considered better conditions for the virus to move around. So what can the community do to help? “We’re not all nurses; we’re not all physicians; we can’t all run to the hospitals to provide aid for these patients, but we can do simple things,” Gilpin said. “No one can do everything, but everyone can do something and something can be as simple as just wearing a mask or just staying home when you’re sick or getting tested when you’re sick. Or, I would even say more importantly than those things, making sure you’re getting vaccinated as quickly as possible, as soon as you’re eligible to do so.” In comparison to the current spike, Beaumont saw approximately 700 COVID-19 patients during the second surge, November through January. While the first surge in March and April 2020 saw 1,200 to 1,300 COVID-19 patients, Beaumont hospitals were almost exclusively COVID hospitals at the

Wondering how you can lift healthcare workers’ spirits?

Healthcare workers facing the third surge of COVID-19 in the state also are facing burnout as they continue through extensive workloads to care for Michigan communities. During the first surge, workers saw an outpouring of support through food donations, cards and drive-by parades celebrating the healthcare heroes. Ideas to continue shows of support include food donations; gift card donations to be used for fun contests or to recognize exceptional teamwork; and cards of support, especially from elementary school students. Cards intended for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe employees may be addressed to Brad Lukas, Chief Nursing Officer, Beaumont Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux Road, City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

time, since patients were afraid to come in for any other health concerns. With that currently not the case, Gilpin said, Beaumont campuses are floating close to capacity.

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Attorney named Little Caesars chief of staff

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

When Erin Martin joined the Little Caesars family in 2007, as an in-house staff attorney overseeing employment and domestic work, there were approximately 75 to 100 corporate colleagues within the organization. Now, as she steps into the chief of staff position 14 years later, there are 600 to 700.

The new position, created specifically for the Grosse Pointe Farms resident, will place her as strategic advisor to Little Caesars President and CEO Dave Scrivano, as well as the company’s leadership team.

Continuing her role of general counsel as well, chief of staff responsibilities encompass supporting new company initiatives — currently this includes communicating heavily with franchises about vaccination information — and acting as a go-between to ensure franchisees, colleagues and leadership agree and are satisfied with said initiatives.



Erin Martin with her husband, Dave, and sons Caden and Cameron.

“Every time I would start to think, ‘Is there room for growth? Is there room for development?’ another opportunity would come up,” Martin said, “so I’ve been really fortunate in that respect that I’ve been considered for those opportunities ... and it’s outside what you would normally see for a lawyer. We’re not typically considered business people, so that’s been really fun to

see too and see the development of my career over the years.” Such opportunities have brought Martin experience in leading the company’s legal and business support teams, including real estate, construction, U.S. development, training and communications. Through these, she provided counsel during key initiatives such as projects to advance interests in the area of

diversity and during the build of the chain’s new world headquarters, the Global Resource Center, in downtown Detroit. While people often share a similar sentiment and you sometimes wonder if they’re being truthful, Martin said, it has been the work culture and growth opportunities that have kept her at the company more than a decade. “We sell pizza and so when you think about



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Martin presenting an update on growth opportunities in the U.S. to hundreds of franchisees at the 2019 Little Caesars Business Conference.

pizza, it’s fun,” she explained. “Maybe a little less so now, but it’s reminiscent of parties and people gathering together. It’s a huge business obviously, but at the end of the day we’re selling a customer something that’s fun and that’s to be enjoyed and I think that resonates throughout the organization.” With her excitement to be stepping into a position she’s been interested in for a while and the new profes-

sional opportunities to come, Martin’s priority always has been her family. Her husband, Dave, is a math teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, while her sons, Caden and Cameron, attend University Liggett School and play soccer for Eastside Travel. “We love the neighborhood,” she said. “We love the city that we’re in and I’ve been in Grosse Pointe for almost 20 years now. We’re happy here.”

Shores maintains low serious crime, fast ambulance response time

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — This past year saw the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at an all-time low for the last five-year average of Part I Index crimes, according to the Shores 2020 public safety annual report. Of the Part I Index crimes — defined by the FBI to include homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, larceny over \$50, auto theft and arson — that occurred, the most serious in the Shores were larceny and auto theft. For these, the department saw a 98 percent clearance rate. “Our department members are continuing to display dedication and commitment in the city and (to) its residents through tracking and deterring criminals,” Director of Public Safety Kenneth Werenski said, “promoting the safety of the community through aggressive law enforcement, fire prevention and

superior EMS.” Part II Non-index crimes — defined by the FBI to include assault, identify theft, stolen property, weapons, narcotics and operating while intoxicated — saw an increase from 2019. The biggest reason for the increase was 17 counts of identity theft and a rise in operating while intoxicated offenses. Officers wrote 1,091 tickets in 2020, up 20 from 2019, but bringing in \$214,000 in revenue. “When COVID hit, we put a lot of restrictions in place with contact through traffic,” Werenski said, “and we still were able to do our business and do it in a healthy way.” With 108 calls for service in the EMS division, the city was down just 10 calls from 2019. Of the 112 patients transported, 79 percent of the medical problems were cardiac related. The Shores also maintained its gold standard rating in ambulance response time in 2020.

The national average response time for an ambulance is 8 minutes, Werenski explained, but the Shores responds in 4 minutes, 18 seconds. Of the 64 calls for service to the fire department in 2020, 15 were calls for mutual aid to neighboring cities. Through the 2020 department awards, Officer Ryan Wilson earned the Director’s Award; Lt. Scott Rohr, Officer John Jebrael, Sgt. Terrence Brown and Sgt. Jason Cook earned Lifesaving Awards; and Lt. Ronald Coste and Cook earned Unit Commendations. “I just want to thank the people in the public safety department for their efforts with COVID,” Werenski said. “This past year was really stressful going into areas of unknown, but we did a good job and we’re looking forward to continuing that service.” Currently, the department is actively seeking two additional officers, with hiring goals by the end of the year.

Crime rates drop during pandemic

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department saw a 33 percent reduction in overall crime in 2020 compared to 2019, according to the City’s 2020 public safety annual report. The Grosse Pointes together, according to Michigan Incident Crime Reporting, averaged around a 16 percent reduction in crime. A similar story was the case throughout Michigan, with similar communities such as Northville, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Rochester and Plymouth all down

approximately 20 percent. “2020, as we all know, was a new year of new challenges and tasks and learning for all of us, including the police and fire industries,” Director of Public Safety John Alcorn said. “In Grosse Pointe City, crimes, arrests and citations were all down and that was a trend throughout the area.” Part I Index crimes — defined by the FBI to include homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, larceny over \$50, motor vehicle theft and arson — were down significantly, from 84 in 2019 to 48 in 2020. Part II Non-index

crimes — composed of non-serious felonies and misdemeanors — also saw a slight decrease of about 8 percent, from 118 in 2019 to 104 in 2020. Calls for service, a broad term for whenever police contact is made, followed the same trend from almost 5,000 in 2019 to 3,500 in 2020. In what can partly be attributed to changing procedures to limit officer exposure, such as writing citations for minor offenses that previously would have been cause for arrest, arrests were down from 96 in 2019 to 47 in 2020. “We’d like to take full

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mission. “I have to admit, I was really amazed,” he said. “In the years I served on the planning commission, how many different things the planning commission had done on Mack Avenue. I was very proud to have been a part of and help to change the face of Mack Avenue over time.” On city council, Vaughn is excited to play a broader role in the community, though sad it will not be under late mayor Bob Novitke’s administration. “I will miss that, not serving with him,” Vaughn said. “One of the things that I look forward to is really being part of

the group that is going to transition from Bob’s administration over to Art Bryant’s administration, but keeping Bob Novitke’s legacy alive in Grosse Pointe Woods.” Vaughn was officially sworn into office at the regularly scheduled city council meeting Monday, April 12. “I look forward to continuing ... to make the community a place where our young families want to live and our empty nesters want to live and where our seniors can continue to live ... but I also want to do it in a fiscally responsible manner,” Vaughn said. After partaking in campaigning for many candidates over the years, Vaughn is excited to campaign for his own candidacy for re-election to the

council this November. “I am excited to do that,” he said. “I’ve worked on many city campaigns over the years and it’s something that I have always enjoyed doing. And I think it is a vitally important part of being a citizen, participating in the election process, not just as a voter, but out supporting candidates who you think will well-represent the city. “So I’m actually looking forward to the opportunity to run and to get out and meet even more people in the community than I know.”

BROWN:

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further passionate about the walkability of the city, specifically on Mack Avenue. Financially, Brown is looking forward to protecting investments she and her neighbors have put into the community. Brown was sworn in at the city council meeting Monday, April 12. “I’m excited to learn the ropes,” she said. Brown plans to run for re-election to the council in November.



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Grosse Pointe Park

Screen door damage

A resident in the 800 block of Nottingham was taking a shower at 1:15 p.m. Monday, April 12, when he heard a loud bang.

Upon getting out of the shower, he found his side screen door damaged.

Fleeing in a Dodge

A blue Dodge Charger was reported as speeding near Alter and Avondale at 1 a.m. Tuesday, April 13.

Public safety officers located the vehicle on Alter; the driver then fled in the Charger at high speed.

The investigation is ongoing.

Stolen gear

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Beaconsfield at 1:20 p.m. Monday, April 12.

The victim said she realized golf clubs and baseball equipment were missing from a common attic area of her building on Beaconsfield.

The clubs and equipment disappeared within the last four months.

Stealing contractors

Several contractors were in a home in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe when the resident discovered larceny had occurred.

She reported several pieces of high-end jewelry and a tote bag were missing. The theft occurred between 11 a.m.

Monday, April 5, and 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

Too-dark tint

A 30-year-old Eastpointe man was stopped at Windmill Pointe and Middlesex for having illegally tinted windows at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16.

Upon stopping him, officers also found he had a warrant out for his arrest in the Park.

Officers arrested the Eastpointe man.

Running red

A 31-year-old Farmington Hills man was stopped for running a red light at Jefferson and Bedford at 9:10 p.m. Sunday, April 18.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Identity theft

A resident in the 1300 block of Buckingham reported identity theft at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18.

The victim found a tax return filed in his name by an unidentified person.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Items stolen

A resident of the 500 block of Hampton

reported Wednesday, April 14, items were stolen from her front porch on three separate occasions.

The woman said she placed items on her front porch that were scheduled to be picked up by UPS and returned. All three packages were missing.

The loss is valued at more than \$1,800 dollars.

Moped crash

A moped accident at the border of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores occurred Sunday, April 18.

Officers were called to the scene when a moped drove off the roadway, struck a curb and crashed.

The driver of the moped, a 43-year-old Warren man, appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

The investigation is still ongoing. Michigan State Police have been assisting in the investigation.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Phone fraud

After receiving a call from a person claiming to work for PayPal Monday, April 12, a 64-year-old Grosse Pointe woman agreed to download an app onto her phone to fix

an account issue.

The suspect then was able to access passwords saved on her phone, fraudulently accessing her unemployment services and credit card.

Hospital harassment

Employees at an area hospital filed a report Thursday, April 15, after a 52-year-old Grand Rapids man, upset over his care, repeatedly called and harassed employees at several hospital locations.

Stolen cane

A walking cane was stolen from a 65-year-old Park man's cart Thursday, April 15, while he was shopping at a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Brass knuckles

A 33-year-old Detroit man stopped at Mack Avenue and East Warren at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, for a fraudulent temporary plate, also was found to not have insurance.

He then was arrested for concealed weapons when a search of the vehicle turned up brass knuckles.

Parking lot heroin

After noticing a vehicle parked at a closed business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 1 a.m. Thursday, April 15, an officer on patrol discovered a 36-year-old Clay Township woman preparing to do heroin.

She was arrested for being in violation of the controlled substance act.

Tinted windows

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and East Warren at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 15, for tinted windows, a 32-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for driving with a suspended license and not having insurance, as well as two bench warrants. His vehicle was impounded.

35 suspensions

A 38-year-old Detroit man was found to have 35 license suspensions after being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for a fraudulent plate at 4 p.m.

Friday, April 16.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Driving while license suspended

After being stopped on South Deeplands for an improper plate, a 38-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 10:58 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

No insurance

A 26-year-old Redford man was arrested for not having insurance after being pulled over at Vernier and Lakeshore roads for an improper plate at 10:47 p.m. Sunday, April 18.

— Laurel Kraus

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Vaccinations	425,559	278,901
% of residents 16+	49.3	32.3
% 16-64	42.5	23.5
% 65+	75.3	65.7
*Excluding Detroit **1 of 2 doses *** 2 doses or J&J		

OUR VIEW

Vaccinations on the rise

It may be too much to hope for, but as the week began, the numbers for COVID-19 cases and positive test rates — both statewide and locally — seemed to be ebbing just a bit. That might, just might, match up with post-spring break cases that have passed their peak.

Vaccinations, meanwhile, have muddled along pretty close to the averages. Michigan’s rate of vaccination is just a hair above the national rate, as compiled by the Washington Post; Wayne County is pretty much in the middle of the pack when compared with other counties statewide.

The Wayne County numbers, which exclude Detroit, show that roughly half of residents older than 16 have had the first shot of a two-shot sequence. A third have completed the two-shot sequence or had the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccination before its use was halted for further study.

Furthermore, by the end of last week, 65.7 percent of Wayne County residents age 65 and older had been fully vaccinated. Given the fatality rate this pandemic has shown among senior citizens, that’s a welcome number.

The bad news is that lagging indicators such as hospitalizations remained on the rise. Hospitals statewide on Monday surpassed the mark they hit last November for pandemic-related admissions; the same held true for the six-county metro region. (Statistics from spring 2020 are incomplete, making comparison to the first round of this novel coronavirus impossible.)

Michigan also continued to lead the country by far on almost every benchmark of the disease, and the national spotlight stayed firmly on the state as the UK variant of this novel coronavirus held a particularly tight grip here. But other states have shown signs of being on a similar path; Michigan may turn out not to be an outlier, just the unfortunate first.

Part of the battle has been watching as younger and younger patients, including toddlers, have been showing up with positive tests. The list has stayed long, too, of students sent home to isolate after exposure. In the Grosse Pointe Public School System, middle school isolation numbers have been creeping up along with those at the high schools; the entire seventh-grade at Parcels is on a remote learning schedule this week, for example.

So if Michigan has turned a corner, it is tentative — and it appears once again to have taken a major toll on hospitals and health care workers. It has spread to all age groups, prompting the governor to request that children as young as 2 wear masks when they’re in daycare and other group settings.

In this rapidly shifting environment, individual caution remains the key — continuing to mask up and getting a vaccination appointment — while hope prevails along with enough good weather to manage more outdoor events. It’s an endurance test, to say the least, but a test everyone should want to pass.

Pandemic creativity

Grosse Pointers will be watching with interest as Luxe Bar and Grill on the Hill builds out a dining deck into two parking spots along Kercheval Avenue. The deck is yet another stage of experimentation, brought on by the long-lasting COVID-19 pandemic, that may yield permanent improvement in the way

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

After a recent rainstorm, this deck (or viewing platform) overlooking Lake St. Clair at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park and its white Adirondack chairs, mixed with the dramatic clouds, almost looks like it could be on Mackinac Island. It makes for a pretty setting for watching the cars along Lakeshore or the birds and ducks flying in and around the lake. It won’t be long until we can once again enjoy warm lake breezes and boating.

OUR VIEW

Redo superintendent search

With no offense intended against the finalists for superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, it seems obvious that the search has not yielded broad enough results. The Board of Education should ask its search firm to cast a wider net.

The most obvious flaw, as noted last week, is the lack of gender diversity; no women made the final slate of four candidates. Yet women hold many senior jobs in school districts; could the search firm not find a single female school administrator willing to undergo the public interview process that Michigan law requires?

Also of concern: aside from the single internal candidate, the finalists do not appear to have experience in districts and communities comparable to Grosse Pointe. While arguably Grosse Pointe could do more for students who prefer technical or trade occupations, the community as a whole will surely remain concentrated on sending their children off for four-year degrees and beyond.

That’s one of the reasons practically every list of the district’s assets starts with the quality of its teachers. Grosse Pointe must nurture and constantly build the staff whose abilities inspire children, from the most rigorous science classes to the artistic efforts that so often bring students into full expression and win them and the schools multiple awards.

Needless to say, that’s a challenging environment for any superintendent, who has to lead such talented professionals and hold his or her own in a place where many others think they know exactly how the job should be done. The arguments over when and how to reopen schools during the COVID-19 pandemic have offered proof of both the split opinions and the articulate fervor that can arise here.

Board members have seemed anxious to get this task done quickly, with the current superintendent due to exit as the school year ends. It’s time to ask whether there’s a more thorough process possible, whether speed really has to be a factor, and if there are other roadblocks to finding the best possible leader for the Grosse Pointe schools.

OUR VIEW

Art a bright spot during COVID

A few bright lights continue to shine through this ghastly pandemic, both in new efforts to illuminate the community and in reminders of what’s important. One of the most meaningful has been the crucial role that artistic endeavors can play in people’s lives.

Two recent examples stand out. A case of art finally returning is the program “A Morning Out,” which resumed at The War Memorial this month. It is a way for seniors to socialize, and is aimed at those aging in place at home.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association runs the program in its gallery area, starting with a discussion of what’s on exhibit there. Participants then move into the art studio and work on projects that they can take home. That gives participants another socialization tool, because they have something to

discuss with family and friends. Another effort has made artwork highly visible to anyone who wants to venture to the corner of Alter Road and Kercheval. There, gradually, artwork has been adorning the window areas of a former church/bank building.

This is another project involving the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

The biggest push came March 30, when six new works, each printed on a synthetic black board, were installed. With three murals already in place, the project has progressed substantially — and another two murals are in the works for summer installation.

The program for seniors and the window murals are just two very recent examples of how intertwined the community can and should be with the creativity that exists here. Through tough times, thankfully, it has managed to keep blooming.

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Correction: Wearing masks

Last week, we ran a letter critical of an earlier open letter from Grosse Pointe Farms Louis Theros.

The letter writer asserted that the mayor had cited CDC guidelines that stated those fully vaccinated can do without masks. That is incorrect and a misreading of the mayor’s letter.

The mayor wrote that the CDC has determined “what” those fully vaccinated can do without masks. The mayor has always fully backed CDC guidelines, including masking and social distancing, etc.

We apologize to Mayor Theros for not adequately vetting the response letter prior to publication.

John Minnis
Publisher

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I SAY By Sean Cotton

14 months: Back to the future



I got my second shot of a vaccine against COVID-19. It was one of the genetic vaccines, using messenger RNA. Genetic vaccines are on the cutting edge of vaccinations, using the latest advances in immunology and molecular biology, to tailor immune

responses against a specific disease. This method of vaccination has been studied for at least 30 years by the Salk Institute and top research facilities; however, these are the first vaccines using mRNA with humans. About eight hours into my second dose, my back muscles got slightly sore and that night I slept like a log. Two days after the shot I felt 100 percent. My wife, Nancy, got her second shot this weekend. She had about the same reaction. Two days of being off and now back

to normal. Now, I don't want to minimize anyone's adverse reactions, some people have had a bad go of it, but my experience tracks about what all of my friends in their 40s and 50s have experienced. My friends and family from 60 to 87 years of age have all had a much better reaction, almost none. Many of my friends have now had at least one shot. Some are choosing not to get vaccinated, but most everyone I know is jumping on it the first chance they get.

It is extremely easy to sign up on Meijer's website for the Ford Field vaccination location, open to all Michigan residents 16 and over. The feds have some tight operations there, run by the military. I know people that received their shots at the TCF Center, and all of them have expressed that Detroit is doing a great job as well with some serious infrastructure invested and impressive operations. TCF is open to residents of Detroit and to anyone whose job requires them to work in the city.

I really think almost all adults should choose to go get one of these vaccines. It should be the final step toward living normal lives again. Focusing on the adults, if we can get to a high level of immunity and block this virus from going anywhere, we should be golden. Then, we can focus on those areas of the world that have not developed their own vaccine. If nothing else this virus proves exactly how interconnected the world is in this day and age when a disease can come out of China, liter-

ally the far side of the world, and impact all of our lives so quickly. If we can eradicate it like smallpox or keep it manageable like influenza, then we won't have our seniors aging into a strange protective bubble where they can no longer interact with their families or the outside world. We don't want a world where we all wear masks, many work from home and children are constantly quarantining. Hopefully, we can get back to that world we knew just 14 months ago.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

BUILDING PICKETED AS STRIKE CONTINUES: Picketing of the Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Building was started by members of the Michigan Public Employees Council 77, A. F. of L., the union to which the striking employees of the village belong. The strike which affects garbage and rubbish collections and other public works has been in effect since April 8.

VICTORY GARDEN ACTIVITY CUT IN HALF: Grosse Pointe will have Victory Gardens again this year, but only about half as many as during the peak war

years. Fewer plots will be available this year because the owners of some of the land used in former years have stated they do not care to commit themselves on turning over this property for the full gardening season.

1971

50 years ago this week

FIRMS SUES TO BUILD CAFETERIA: The City Council of Grosse Pointe Woods was notified of a lawsuit being instituted against the city for the right to build a restaurant on Mack Avenue between Lennon and Van Antwerp. Several weeks ago the council denied issuance of a building permit.

CITY, PARK ASK FOR STUDY: The City of Grosse Pointe Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution requesting that the Citizens Research Council of Michigan be requested to update its 1958 feasibility report on the consolidation of the cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park or any two of the three cities involved.

Obituaries: Helen Ryan Dean, Harriet Wilkinson, George D. Trombly, Robert A. Brooks, Emma Zubrigg, Ralph Farnum, August G. Van Tiem, Jean M. Callahan, Charles Kauderer

1996

25 years ago this week

THE TIME IS RIPE FOR PLAYGROUND PLAN: The Richard Elementary School PTO's pitch to close a portion of McMillan road and connect the schools' two playgrounds scored a hit at the school board meeting. Although the board did not formally approve the plan, six of the seven members pledged their support — based on funds to pay for the project being available in the not-yet-approved 1996-97 budget.

WOODS TO BEGIN SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT: In an effort to keep ahead of potential dangers to pedestrians, the Grosse Pointe Woods City

Council voted to spend \$147,000 to repair damaged and dangerous sidewalks in the city.

Obituaries: Thomas W. Williams, Esther Caulkins Ford, Linda Butterfield Duffy

2011

10 years ago this week

LAST DAYS, EMPTY SHELVES: Borders Books closed its branch in The Village. The few books, compact discs and movie videos that hadn't sold during a weeks-long liquidation sale, culminating with 90 percent discounts and three books for 99 cents,

were boxed up and taken away.

WATER PLANT UPGRADES NEAR COMPLETION: Installation of new pumps at the water filtration plant is nearly finished. Technicians are bringing the plant back up to speed gradually to prevent stressing water mains with a sudden rise in pressure.

Obituaries: Daniel David Gaitley, Gerald Fine M.D., Margaret Louise Couger, Jakob Greuling, William Howard Griffith Jr., Reginald Harnett M.D., Laura Evans Ford, Michael E. Slomski, Marilyn C. Hogan, the Rev. Harold Wayne Tietjen, Walter Remter

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customers can enjoy some of their favorite establishments. Already, curbside carryout has become a new normal, making pickup about as easy as at any existing drive-through but with the prize being a distinctive meal from the menus of local, individually run restaurants. Patio and sidewalk/street-side tables have blossomed — including those enclosed in igloos or other shelters throughout the winter.

Grosse Pointe Park has been testing districts where alcoholic beverages can be consumed outside. The ability to order carryout cocktails has been another pandemic-inspired boost for bartenders and the customers they cater to. What it all amounts to is expanded options for consumers, especially those who want to keep their money circulating locally. Plus, the expanded scene — tables along the sidewalks and now into parking spots — adds a bit of joie de vivre to otherwise rather dull

streetscapes. The Farms still has to keep a sharp eye on safety issues as this option begins; it's possible it won't work out. Restaurateurs will also, in some cases, be deciding whether to run operations either outside or inside, depending on what capacity limits the state may continue to set, or both. So this summer may well set the standard for peak experimentation, and the ensuing decisions about what customers want when the pandemic is only a memory.

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There’s a new juice bar in town

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Rhythm & Blue Juice Company was started in 2019 by partners Rachael Frevik and Kevin Schroeder as a delivery-only business. Frevik started juicing eight years ago and became passionate about the nutritional value available in juices. “I know about the healing power of juice,” she said. The juice bar started in a shared commercial kitchen space at The Hill restaurant before the pair made the choice to open a storefront. On March 31, Rhythm & Blue Juice Company’s first location opened in Grosse Pointe. The juice bar offers unique flavor combinations, colorful juices and fresh almond and coconut milks with no sweeteners or additives used ever. “We don’t even have sugar in this place,” Frevik said. The name of the business and the menu offerings are all based off of

the owners’ love for music. Some examples of musically inspired names of the cold-pressed juices are the Groove, Reggae, Dub and Elevator. The mission of the business is to nourish the community while being as sustainable as possible. Frevik encourages customers to pre-order juices or cleanses to ensure the right amount of produce is being purchased each week with little waste left over. Although the owners want to provide delicious and healthy juices to their customers, they also make it a priority to support their community. When the pandemic hit, they asked themselves what they could do to support first responders. “What better way to combat the virus than to get this in the hands of medical workers,” Frevik said. She said they spent hours and hours juicing and delivering drinks to medical personnel to offer a healthy snack to boost

their immune health during the peak of the pandemic. Along with donations of juice, they offer discounts to healthcare workers, officers and military personnel. “For us, it’s more than juice,” she said. Frevik and Schroeder grew up in the Grosse Pointe community and both graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. “We just love this community,” Frevik said. They currently work with a local farm to give back pulp, which is used for composting, but they have hopes to eventually have their own local farm “to have one big sustainable loop.” Juices and cleanses may be ordered online weekly. Orders placed by noon Sunday will be ready for pick-up or drop-off Monday mornings. Juice subscriptions are also available at rhythmandbluejuice.com. Rhythm & Blue Juice Company is located at 17864 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.



COURTESY PHOTO

Savannah Srebernak, an employee of Rhythm & Blue Juice Company, shows off fresh cold-pressed juice at the new storefront that opened March 31.

Mike’s on the Water opens for the season

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

After hosting a limited summer 2020 season due to the coronavirus pandemic, Mike LeFevre, owner of Mike’s on the Water, has declared the restaurant is “going back to normal.” The restaurant, located on the Nautical Mile, opened for the season April 7, two weeks later than usual. LeFevre said the restaurant has opened March 20, the first day of spring, since 2012. Finding staff to accommodate the 50 percent capacity regulations set by the state of Michigan forced the delayed opening this year. He said although finding help was tough, the staff he has is eager to get to work for the season. Mike’s on the Water is following all coronavirus



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mike’s on the Water recently opened for the season April 7.

guidelines set by the state. Masks are required upon entering and exiting the restaurant; staff members are required to wear masks; tables are socially distanced; and sanitizing stations are available throughout the restaurant. To fulfill his goal of getting back to normal, LeFevre said Mike’s on the Water favorites are back, including the ice

cream truck, kids’ toy chest, food truck, boat wells, slush machine and popcorn machine. The menu has expanded and construction is complete around the restaurant. LeFevre said this past year was difficult financially and that the pandemic is “hitting everybody.” Fixed costs did not change, but his ability to

conduct business last year was greatly impacted. “We have to go back to normalcy,” he said. He encouraged his customers to get a drink, have a meal and safely enjoy all that Mike’s on the Water has to offer. Mike’s on the Water, 24600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, is hiring all positions. Call (586) 872-2630.



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Representatives from AEW architecture firm, contractor E.C. Korneffel, Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and other city officials attended the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Woods unveils new bridge

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, April 17, to unveil its new vehicular bridge over the marina at Lake Front Park. When the project began in December, Director of Public Services Frank Schulte was eager for the improvements. “We’re looking to replace the old wooden bridge,” Schulte said.

“The new bridge will be concrete, which can handle any street vehicle and truck, and it will have a little walking path on the side of it. It’s a much-needed project and it will be a nice improvement.” The project remained ahead of schedule throughout construction. Its opening is more than a month ahead of schedule, as it was projected to open Memorial Day weekend. — Kate Vanderstelt





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credit for those numbers being down, but it seems to be more of a trend for COVID than it is for the very well done job that we did,” Alcorn said. “It’s true, you’ll find when you look at stats for criminals,

they’re still human and they don’t like snow, they don’t like rain and they don’t like germs, so it kept a lot of people away.” Ambulance and fire service runs, which include home fires, smoke investigations, fire alarms, downed wires, natural gas and ambulance runs, were down from 403 in 2019 to 378 in 2020. The statistics include 12 mutual-aid runs to other cities. With a total fire loss less than \$30,000 and mainly due to two vehicle fires, MedStar Ambulance service accounted for 293 of the runs.

“We’ve been working with them for a few years now and they did an absolutely fantastic job handling that pandemic protocol transition,” Alcorn said. The S.A.L.E program, through which officers are partnered with elderly residents to provide wellness checks and other assistance, grew from 16 seniors in 2019 to 55 in 2020. The significant growth was brought about by an initiative to add to the program any seniors with whom officers had contact in response to the pandemic.

“That was a great experience, I think,” Alcorn said, “for the residents and for the officers.” Newly hired officers Lucas Rucinski and Jacob Gentile joined the department in August and have successfully completed their field training requirements, with Gentile recognized as the best overall student in his fire academy class. “That’s tough to get,” Alcorn said. “We’re very proud of him.” Officer Christopher Saunders was promoted to sergeant in January, earning the distinction of the second fastest promotion to sergeant in department history. 2020 department awards include Saunders and Officer Dean Turk earning the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award; Lt. Thomas Martindale and Turk receiving department citations; and Martindale honored as the 2020 officer of the year. Various officers also received community service awards and chiefs letters.



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Neighborhood program aims to avert blight

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Building Department wants to make residents, homeowners and tenants aware of its ongoing program aimed at proactively addressing blight and neglected properties. Now that the weather is warmer, the city's code enforcement officer, Dean Mansueto, is in the neighborhoods on foot as part of this initiative.

The program is aimed at identifying code violations and assisting owners or tenants with solving issues case by

case. The first area to be inspected is the north/west portion of the city, bounded by Vernier to the south, Mack Avenue to the east and the St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods borders to the north and west.

The goals of performing these neighborhood visits and the walk-about approach on a regular basis are to make residents and owners aware of code violations and what needs to be done to remedy them; for Code Enforcement to develop a stronger and more visible

presence in the community; and to improve the way Code Enforcement has been conducting its mission.

"We want to transition from reactive enforcement to proactive enforcement. Before residents call about a problem, we want that issue to already be recorded in the system," Building Official Gene Tutag explained. "Ultimately, we'd like to address potential problems before citizens call them in."

These neighborhood visits are not designed or intended to

be punitive expeditions where inspectors write up as many violations as possible. Instead, the intent is to make people aware of code violations, therefore helping them resolve the issues at hand, as well as prevent issues in the future. In some cases, there are resources available through the city or other agencies that can help homeowners fix or take care of code violations.

"We're trying to open doors to solution," Tutag added. "However, if enforcement is necessary, we will enforce as

we always have in the past. We want to be visible, for people to know that we are there and, most importantly, that we care. Our field inspectors and office staff deal routinely with very challenging customers and situations — it's not always an easy task."

For more information about the city's Code Enforcement Division or what constitutes as code violations, call the Building Department at (313) 343-2426 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to speak to Mansueto.

Pediatric neuroscience center honors longtime Shores residents

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After 50-year Shores residents Florence and Richard McBrien passed away, their four daughters got to thinking of ways to best honor them. Their efforts now have culminated in the Florence and Richard McBrien Pediatric Neuroscience Center — a pediatric care space for patients with a wide array of neurological conditions — at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Through a \$3 million gift from Marcia, Melissa, Victoria and Dianne McBrien, and an additional \$1.5 million provided by Beaumont, the 20,000-square-foot center opened in early February.

"They really had a heart for other families," Marcia McBrien said of her parents. "They had a heart for other parents who were doing the kinds of things that they had done early on and who were encountering the same types of difficulties and anxieties about their children. ... My parents really suffered with their kids through many a medical emergency and situation, so we started thinking about not just health-care, but healthcare for families or healthcare for



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Florence and Richard McBrien lived in Grosse Pointe Shores more than 50 years.

children.

"This is a lot larger gift than what we were contemplating making," she added, "but it is the fit. It is the fit, because this center is tailored for serving children and by extension, it's also serving families."

The neurological center focuses on treatments for epilepsy and seizures; headaches and migraines; neuromuscular disorders, which are nerve and muscle diseases; movement disorders and selected learning and behavioral disorders; sleep disorders and insomnia; neonatal neurology and neurodevelopmental disorders; neurogenetics; tuberous sclerosis; neurofibromatosis; and developmental disorders

and delay.

"We are so grateful to the McBrien family for their wonderful gift," said Dr. Daniel Arndt, chief of pediatric neurology at Beaumont, Royal Oak, in a press release. "Our new pediatric neuroscience center is a leading-edge, multidisciplinary center offering innovative and collaborative approaches for the treatment of complex pediatric neurological conditions."

Several patient families were involved in the design and layout of the center, which features child-friendly décor with a fish and animal theme. Patient exam rooms increased from nine to 25, with an additional expansion of the waiting area, consult rooms and



The Florence and Richard McBrien Pediatric Neuroscience Center at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak opened in early February.

a collaborative workspace for staff.

"To see a family bond together in such an extraordinary way to support this life-changing program is so inspiring," said Margaret Cooney Casey, president of the Beaumont Health Foundation, in a press release. "This gift honors Florence and Richard beautifully and will have an impact on children and families in our community for decades to come. We are deeply grateful for the compassion and generosity the McBrien family has shown to some of our most vulnerable patients."

Florence and Richard McBrien were active phi-

lanthropists during their lifetimes and supported Mayo Clinic efforts such as its Clinics Chaplaincy Services, Music at the Bedside program and the Poverello Foundation, which provides funds for low-income patients.

By establishing an endowed position at the University of Notre Dame's Hesburgh Libraries, Florence McBrien also sought to preserve rare texts for study and research.

The couple moved to the Shores in 1960, and onto Colonial Road,

where, during a block party one year, Florence McBrien was crowned "Queen of Colonial Road" by her neighbors.

"We knew that we were going to establish something in their memory," Marcia McBrien said. "Something to keep their memory alive and just honor their legacy as parents, because when you think about everything a parent can give to a child, what return can I make for everything that's been given to me? For us, this center is the answer."

Park attorney allegedly kept estate funds to be donated to Michigan Humane Society

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Sixty-three-year-old Park resident Anthony Semaan is accused of stealing funds intended for the Michigan Humane Society from the trust of a deceased client.

Semaan was arraigned Wednesday, April 7, by Magistrate Barbara Scherr on one count of embezzlement by an agent (\$50,000 to \$100,000), a felony punishable by 15 years in jail and/or a \$25,000 fine.

Semaan drafted the individual's trust in 2011; the victim died in 2013.

In 2016, Semaan was to fulfill the trust by distributing his client's funds. Fifty percent of the trust had been allocated to the Michigan Humane Society.

After all expenses were accounted for, Semaan placed \$262,732.68 into his trust/escrow account and distributed two payments to individuals as specified in the trust, according to the attorney general's office. Semaan

did not fulfill the intended allocation to the Michigan Humane Society.

"The victim's trust very clearly identified how the funds were to be disbursed and by law, the defendant had a duty to adhere to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct," Attorney General Dana Nessel said. "It is concerning to know that someone who was in a position to carry out the wishes of the deceased may have taken advantage of that posi-

tion. I am grateful to the Financial Crimes Division in my office for continuing to investigate these types of occurrences and ensuring that those most vulnerable are protected."

Because the 50 percent had been intended for a charity, the attorney general's office was required to be involved due to charitable trust provisions.

Semaan was scheduled to appear for a probable cause conference

Thursday, April 15. At press time, information regarding his appearance had not yet been released to Grosse Pointe News.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building City Council Chambers located at 19617 Harper, for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a proposed variance for a potential plasma center at 19233 Vernier, Harper Woods, MI 48225

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office on or before May 12, 2021.

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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GPPSS recognized for music program Math students compete

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System was one of only 14 of Michigan’s 587 school districts to be recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.

This year the association particularly looked at how school districts continued to have and promote music education during a pandemic. They pointed to the additional challenges for music, especially in online settings and while wearing masks meant instructors had to be especially creative.

“During the pandemic, maintain-

ing a sense of ‘community’ in music programs has been challenging, yet dedicated and creative music teachers, staff administrators and students, supported by a wider community, have succeeded in reinventing music instruction,” according to the foundation’s website.

While it’s possible to play music online, it is especially difficult to manage these classes online, according to the foundation.

“I am proud of our faculty and each teacher’s dedication to their students and our community,” said Carolyn Gross, choir director at Brownell Middle School. “Thank you to the administration for supporting music education from

pre-K through the advanced offerings in our high schools.”

The foundation promotes and celebrates the value of music education. In all, 686 school districts in 40 states were recognized in 2021.

In addition to Grosse Pointe, the school districts recognized in Michigan include Armada Area Schools, Berkley School District, Big Rapids Public Schools, Chelsea School District, Fraser Public Schools, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Jenison Public Schools, Meridian Public Schools, Mona Shores Public Schools, Rochester Community Schools, Spring Lake Public Schools, Troy School District and Utica Community Schools.

The honors math students at Pierce Middle School recently participated in an online competition against thousands of grade-level peers from across the country. The following students were recognized for their outstanding performance — scores in the 90th percentile and above — and will move on to compete in the finals in May:

- ◆ Fifth grader Felix Wdziekonski
- ◆ Sixth graders Charlie Marks and Nate

Yeamans

- ◆ Seventh grader Erin Simpson
- ◆ Eighth grader Mei Satler

Pierce students Dalina Kokoshi, Zachary Markijohn, Samuel Labadie, Audrey McLean, Lillian Ozar, Natalie Vassel, Jolina Huchingson and Charlotte VanArragon also were recognized for their performance on the test and listed as alternates for the competition, having scored in the 80th percentile and above.

Sylvia Elaine Hodges of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Michigan State University. Hodges is majoring in English and creative writing in the MSU College of Arts & Letters.

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Jack Hodges of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Michigan State University.

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Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Lizzie Trost, a senior chemistry and biology major at Dickinson College, has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester. Trost recently accepted a full fellowship to Cornell University for her Ph.D., in plant pathology. She also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in fall 2020.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES



Sylvia Hodges



Jack Hodges



Lizzie Trost



Jonathan Stander



Henry Ayrault

Grosse Pointe Woods student Jonathan Stander was named to the Albion College Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester. Stander is majoring in psychology and German and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. Stander is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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Casey Jackowski of the City of Grosse Pointe, Henry Ayrault of Grosse Pointe Park, Katherine Gebeck of Grosse Pointe Farms and Michael Mrsan of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the President’s List for the first semester at Miami University.

Jacob Lifsey of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the President’s List for the fall 2020 semester at Georgia Southern University.

We welcome Pride of the Pointes submissions. Send them to editor@grossepointenews.com.



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The new portico at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church has provided the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver shelter when preaching during the pandemic.

Ready for service
G.P. Congregational Church
construction nears completion

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As soon as final inspections are complete and a certificate of occupancy is issued, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church will fulfill its mission of welcoming everyone. The church, built in 1941 and expanded in 1948, is nearing completion of its “Welcome All Building Project,” including renovations that make all areas of the church accessible to anyone. “The congregation has made a conscious effort to be all-encompassing and welcoming to every-

body, but our building has not kept up with us,” the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver said. “We wanted our building to be welcoming to all. “... The reason we had to do it is because they built the sanctuary higher than everything else,” he added. “That locked people out, because you can’t get everywhere. It cost us \$1.4 million to do our project so we could get people in to our sanctuary.” Visitors to the church, located at 240 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms, will first notice the addition of a portico, which came in particularly handy during the pandemic. “We planned the portico before COVID hit,” Yeager-Stiver said, noting worship has not stopped since the building closed last March. “We have a pulpit for services outside. The portico allows it so I can stand outside during cold and rain.” Every Sunday at 10 a.m., parishioners pull into the parking lot and tune into an FM radio station to hear Yeager-Stiver preach. During nicer weather, some bring chairs and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine during the service. For those not comfortable enough or able to come to the church, three outdoor cameras livestream services via Zoom. The church’s COVID committee, which includes two retired physicians, constantly monitors the math and science behind offering indoor worship. “We want to be welcoming and inviting to

everybody,” Yeager-Stiver said, “but the only way we can do that is to continue to do it in a safe manner — people come and sit in their car or in a chair outside, or they Zoom from home. “When we’re allowed to come in and worship safely, we will continue to offer (services) on Zoom,” he added. A look inside Once parishioners are able to worship in the sanctuary, they’ll find a whole new experience awaiting them upon entering the revamped building. To start, the portico leads to a bright and airy new lobby — formerly parking spaces and a garden. A hands-free door may be opened at the push of a button, allowing guests to walk through without making contact with the door. A newly installed elevator, located to the left of the main entrance, provides an option for those unable or uninterested in taking the stairs. “For the first time, the elevator touches every level in the building,” Yeager-Stiver said. A main hallway — formerly the finance office — leads to a welcome center, complete with a reception desk and coffee area. The church plans to install a flat-screen television near the reception desk that will link to its online calendar, “showing everyone who comes in what’s going on for the week,” Yeager-Stiver said. Two carpet patterns — one leading to the sanc-



A few finishing touches have yet to be added to the new lobby area.

tuary, the other to the fellowship area — give visitors a visual path to follow so no one gets lost, he added. Other upgrades include motion-activated LED lights, Wi-Fi access throughout the building, new carpet and paint in the lounge, a new handicap-accessible bathroom and a revamped stage in the fellowship hall, located in the church’s lower level. “It’s like a brand new building,” Yeager-Stiver said. Just past the reception desk, on the way to the sanctuary, guests have the option of taking a set of stairs or using a ramp. The new elevator allows guests to go downstairs — where an entire wing is dedicated to the arts, from the church’s art gallery to a recording studio for its signing ministry and new rooms for its acting club — or upstairs, the new home of The Giving Tree Montessori Learning Center, formerly housed at St. Philomena Church in Detroit. “This is the first time ever someone in a wheelchair can come to this level,” Yeager-Stiver said of the top floor, noting new storage areas and the addition of two furnaces with air conditioning. “This is also the first time in history this side of the church will have A/C. Before, it was just in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.”

Long time coming Ground was broken on this project in 2018. It was meant to be completed in a year. Shortly after the project began, the masons quit, Yeager-Stiver said. Then, a rainy season turned dirt into mud into an unplanned mucky pool at the dig site. COVID was the third strike against the project and for a time, construction crews were afraid to work or restricted by the governor; however, Yeager-Stiver looked at the pandemic as a blessing. “Nobody’s been in the building,” he said. “The crews kept hammering without us getting in the way.” Initially the congregation was asked to raise \$200,000 for the project. Members responded by raising more than \$300,000. “After that we borrowed \$500,000 from United Church of Christ Cornerstone Bank,” Yeager-Stiver said. “And we took a half million from our investment portfolio. We decided to go for broke. ... We plan to pay off the \$500,000 loan. For anyone who wants to, there are ways to help. We also decided to pay ourselves back. Our goal is for future generations to enjoy what we built, but also for future generations to know the money is there if, say, the roof blows off.”

Open to all The impetus for the project was a 34-year-old parishioner who could not attend 2017 Christmas services. A



The fellowship lounge received new carpet and a fresh coat of paint.



A centrally located welcome desk will greet visitors to the church.

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The Helm introduces new classes for spring

Spring brings an uptick in programming at The Helm. New activities beginning the first week of May include:

- ◆ Outdoor Lawn Games, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, as weather permits. The activity is free for members, \$5 for non-members.
- ◆ Coffee Connection, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays.
- ◆ Chess and Checker Club, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. This club is free for members, \$5 for non-members.
- ◆ Sole Mates Walking Club, 8 or 10 a.m. Wednesdays, weather permitting. Participants walk with a team member from The Helm.

Additionally, the No-Sew Fleece Blanket Making program returns 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

The Helm also added two new exercise classes. Both took place earlier this year as six-week classes and were so popular, they have been added to the regular exercise lineup.

◆ Strength and Balance takes place 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, with instructor Carolyn Bradt. This class is designed to help with eye-hand coordination, balance and movement while building and maintaining core, arm and leg strength. Participants should bring a resistance band, small ball and hand weights.

◆ Cardio Combo, formerly Grooves Trifecta, takes place 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, also instructed by Bradt. This program combines three cardio genres in one class: 15 minutes of line dance, 15 minutes of Latin dance and 15 minutes of kickboxing, followed by 15 minutes of yoga stretch.

Finally, three new classes begin in early May.

◆ French on the Patio, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, May 5 to July 28. This intermediate level course is taught by Deborah DuFour. Cost is \$55 for members, \$60 for non-members. Class will gather on one of the patios at The Helm for conversational French for everyday life and focus on essential expressions, socializing, family and home, around town and at the restaurant. Participants will practice listening and speaking by working in small groups.

◆ A Matter of Balance — Fall Prevention Program, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Session one takes place May 4 to 27; session two takes place Aug. 3 to 26. Rosa Hunter and a Detroit Area Agency on Aging staff member facilitate this free class, which emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. Participants learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors and exercise to increase strength and balance.

◆ Powerful Tools for Caregivers, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 12 to June 16, with facilitators Margaret Cooper and Allie Short. These classes teach tools to reduce caregiving-related stress, improve self-confidence, manage time, set goals and solve problems, better communicate feelings, make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. Participants will receive The Caregiver Handbook, which provides additional tools to address specific caregiver issues.

Registering for classes at The Helm is easy. Visit helmlife.org or call The Helm at (313) 882-9600.



The team collected 330 pounds of debris.

Rotary sponsors Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup at Ford House

The Rotary District 6400 Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup initiative is an effort to focus attention to the Great Lakes and the work being done to clean up area lakes, streams and waterways. Through the coordination of many associated clean-up events taking place in honor of Earth Day, the goal is to make this the single largest series of linked clean-up events ever planned and held during this one period of time on the Great Lakes.

Individual Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE ROTARY

Volunteers from several organizations gathered at Ford House for the cleanup event.

events were scheduled between Saturday, April 17, and Saturday, April 24, to coincide with the celebration of Earth Day, April 22.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FORD HOUSE

Volunteers collect debris from the lakeshore.

Trash, plastics and other littered items plague oceans, lakes and rivers. According to a report from the Rochester Institute of Technology, more than 22 million pounds of trash and plastic pollution ends up in the Great Lakes each year.

On Saturday, April 17, 45 people from the sponsoring

Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club, Wayne State University Rotaract Club, Grosse Pointe South High School Interact Club and Scout Troop 34 pitched in for two hours.

Grosse Pointe Rotary Club member Diane Strickler, who helped organize the event with Mike Carter of the Sunrise Rotary Club, said, "It was such a lovely day. Ford House employees were great to work with. Even Ford House President and CEO Mark Heppner led a team. Ford House provided drinks and doughnuts. The grounds of Ford House were beautiful."

It is estimated the team picked up 330 pounds of debris.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.
- ◆ Zero Waste Presentation, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24.
- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 26. The group will discuss "The Line Becomes a River" by Francisco Cantu.
- ◆ In Cold Mug Book Group, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. The group will discuss "Breakfast of Champions" by Kurt Vonnegut.
- ◆ "Pacific War Stories," 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, with author Richard Allison.
- ◆ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, April 23, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
 - ◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, April 23, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.
 - ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 - ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, VFW Post 1146, 28404 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
 - ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Register at redcrossblood.org.
- Gilda's Club Lake House**
- The Gilda's Club Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, Family Bereavement.
 - ◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Gentle Mat Yoga.

◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, Chair Yoga.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28. Eric Oberg with Rails-to-Trails speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. To join the meeting via Zoom, email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets virtually at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

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Fashion forward

Woods native co-produces

Threads Fashion Show

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A lifelong love of fashion set Madison Delas on an educational path that will put her in the spotlight this week.

The Grosse Pointe Woods native is among the designers featured in Central Michigan University's 23rd annual Threads Fashion Show, which takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24. For the first time in its history, the show — which Delas also helped produce — is virtual, allowing hometown supporters to watch from the comfort of home.

The theme is “Lucid Dreams,” and the show features three segments representative of the REM sleep cycle: Tranquility, which includes relaxing oranges and “sunrise” colors; Nightmare, which features darker colors; and Fantasy, during which “anything goes,” Delas said.

“It takes viewers through the dream sequence,” she explained. “Every designer has part of their collection in a sequence.”

Models were recorded on the runway during three production days. When viewers tune in this weekend, they’ll see the prerecorded segments, as well as live



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MADISON DELAS

Madison Delas is one of three producers of this year's Threads Fashion Show.

emceeding from Delas, her fellow producers and Central Michigan University President Robert O. Davies.

The efforts of 17 designers are featured in the show, Delas among them.

“Anyone at Central can submit designs,” she explained, noting all entries are judged by design program alumni, who select the work that will appear in the show.

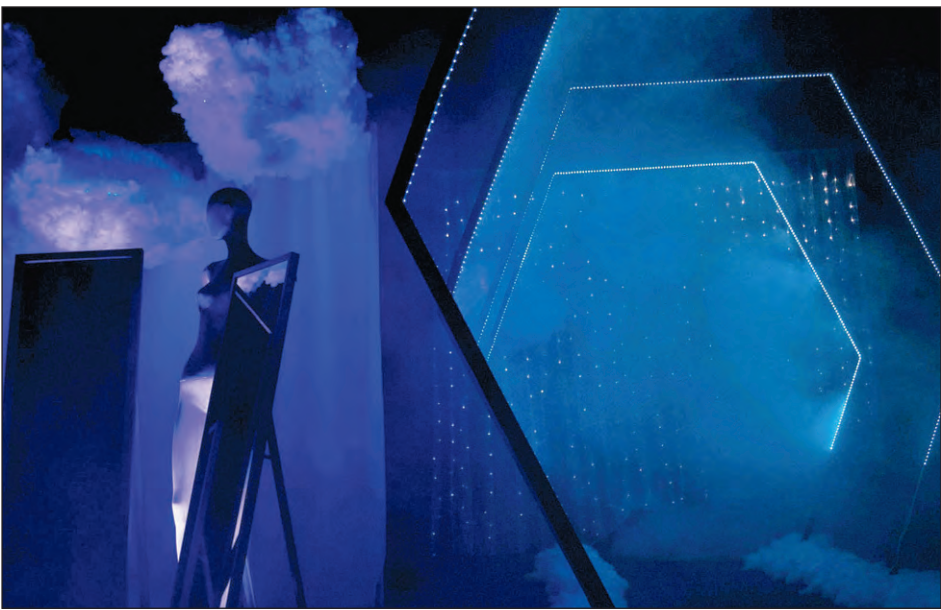
Delas’ collection, featuring dresses and a pants and top combination, will appear in the

Nightmare sequence. She said she was inspired by the night sky; her designs feature hem-embroidered constellations.

The fashion merchandising major, who is minoring in design, was part of the Threads production class last year.

“I was on the fundraising committee,” she said. “I knew I wanted to have more of a leadership role.”

As a producer, Delas has been working on the show the past year. Making it virtual added



A glimpse at the set used for the recorded portions of the show.

an extra challenge to the project.

“We were thinking how we could showcase the designers and the fashion program without having an actual show in person,” she said. “It’s been a very long process, but we’re excited to be able to do something this year. We weren’t sure when school started where it was going to go, but we wanted to showcase the designers and the program one way or another.”

The fashion show is another step in the right direction for Delas.

“I’ve been interested in fashion my whole life,” she said. “I remember sewing with my grandma when I was 10. I always knew before college that I wanted to go into design. I chose Central because it has a great fashion merchandising program.”

Delas was inspired to pursue her career after taking two years of a fashion and fabrics course at Grosse Pointe North High School. She

said she hopes her Threads experience helps further her pursuit of a career in the fashion industry. She currently is an intern with SV Productions, a New York-based event production company that works with luxury fashion brands.

“I started in February and I’ve been doing it

remotely,” she said, “but I’ll be moving to New York after graduation.”

General admission tickets for the Threads Fashion Show are \$10; student VIP tickets are \$14 and VIP tickets are \$30. Visit threads.fashionshowcmu.com for tickets and information.



Models showcase two of the designs selected for the fashion show.

Racing For Kids kicks off 32nd year of helping sick kids

Virtual hospital visits set in race venues

Racing For Kids is kicking off its 32nd year of helping sick children through motorsports, with a full schedule of 2021 virtual hospital visits and in-person Kids at the Track events at IndyCar race venues across the country. Racing For Kids is a national children's charity, which was founded at Children's Hospital of Michigan in 1989, and is headquartered in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beginning in St. Petersburg, Fla., the first virtual visit will feature popular IndyCar Racer Jack Harvey engaging young patients at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital during the week leading up to the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, April 25.

Each Racing For Kids virtual visit is recorded live with the driver at a remote location fielding

questions via video conferencing from the hospital's Child Life Specialists and its young patients. In some of the hospitals, the kids are able to ask questions from their beds through a closed-circuit TV system.

Racing For Kids hats, coloring books, Wikki

Stix and other racing gear are sent to each hospital in advance of the visit.

St. Petersburg also is the site of Racing For Kids' first 2021 Kids at the Track event Friday, April 23. Outpatients from All Children's and their families will be entertained by Racing For Kids, Green

Savoree Racing Promotions and Lundy Catering in a special suite at the Mahaffey Theater overlooking the race track.

The three-hour program features a catered lunch, an opportunity to watch IndyCar practice, games and a special “meet and greet” with major IndyCar stars — drivers

Ryan Hunter-Reay and James Hinchcliff and team owner George Steinbrenner IV. The racing trio will answer questions, pose for photos and sign their individual hero cards.

For 30 years prior to the pandemic, Racing For Kids drivers made in-person visits to hospitalized youngsters, seeing more

than 40,000 kids in the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Japan and Mexico.

The COVID-19 pandemic changed all of that. Suddenly children's hospitals were closed to all visitors and the Racing For Kids team had to regroup to find new and

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A young patient from Children's Hospital of Michigan shows off his washable tattoo at the Racing For Kids Day at the Track event at the Chevrolet Belle Isle Grand Prix of Detroit in 2019.

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OBITUARIES

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Edward T. Gushée Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Edward “Ted” T. Gushée Jr., died Thursday, March 18, 2021, in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 92.

The second of four boys, Ted was born in Detroit. He attended high school at Kent School in Connecticut. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and theater from Williams College in Massachusetts.

An aviation cadet in the U.S. Air Force pilot training class 52-Charlie, Ted served during the Korean War.

After a brief stint in Hollywood, Ted returned to Detroit and was hired by advertising agency J. Walter Thompson, where he worked 38 years. A gifted public speaker, he engaged audiences with his approachable style and self-deprecating humor. He rose to the position of chief operating officer and general manager, but was most proud of the accomplishments of students he taught and mentored in presentation skills courses. Ted often said he was not in the advertising business; he was in the relationship business. This philosophy drove his professional success and cemented many lifelong friendships with former colleagues and clients.

Ted and Mary Catherine “Kitty” Crane of Grosse Pointe were

married in 1960. According to Kitty, Ted always was the life of the party. Each Christmas, he hosted spirited Bordley punch parties, where he served up the potent concoction from an enormous crystal punch bowl. In summer, he held scavenger hunts with poetically scripted clues. It was impossible not to have fun when Ted was around, his family said.

A connoisseur of fine wine, Ted enjoyed membership in the Commanderie de Bordeaux. An enthusiastic cook, his kitchen ceiling bore scorch marks of many a flambé.

Ted was a member of the Country Club of Detroit Witenagemote Club. He served as an acolyte at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods and lector at Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Scottsdale.

After Ted retired in 1993, he and Kitty moved to Scottsdale. In addition to playing competitive golf, tennis and bridge, Ted began writing books. He authored four fiction novels and an anthology of stories from the 420 members of his beloved 52-Charlie aviation cadet class. Together with his granddaughter, he recently completed a children’s book.

Ted’s family said he died the way he lived, continually expressing his love and gratitude for his family and friends and his enthusiasm for

life’s adventures.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Kitty; children, Edward “Ward” Tisdale Gushée III of Brisbane, Australia, and Laura Monahan (Tim) of Grosse Pointe; and grandchildren, Josie and Mac Monahan.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014, or hov.org; or the Mayo Clinic, 5777 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85054.

William Mogk

Grosse Pointe Shores resident William “Bill” Mogk passed away peacefully Saturday, April 17, 2021, at home, surrounded by family. Born Nov. 7, 1931, in Detroit, to Clifford and Evelyn Mogk, he was 89.

A graduate of Southeastern High School, Bill earned a degree in education from the University of Michigan. During his 40-year career in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, he was a social studies teacher and counselor at Pierce and Brownell middle schools, and principal at Grosse Pointe South High School.

While his career was in education, Bill’s true passion was baseball. Selected captain of the Detroit city champion-



Edward T. Gushée Jr.



William Mogk



James Anthony Amori

ship baseball team his senior year of high school, he was one of two outstanding high school players in Michigan chosen to join the U.S. All-Star team that played against the New York City All-Stars at Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds, which was home to the New York Giants.

Bill attended the University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship. In his junior year, playing a position he had never played, he was the first Wolverine to play an entire season error-free. As a senior in 1953, he captained the Big Ten’s first College World Series championship team. For the next decade, Bill continued to play the game he loved as captain of the Detroit Pepsi-Cola team, a perennial champion of the Detroit Class A Federation League and national champions. He remained active with the Michigan baseball program throughout his life, served as president of the Letterwinners M Club and was inducted into Michigan’s Athletic Hall of Honor in 2002.

Bill paired his love of baseball with his dedication to educating and mentoring students and young players in Grosse Pointe. He placed strong emphasis on the importance of education for young athletes. A coach and volunteer to many Grosse Pointe baseball teams through the years, Bill shared technical advice, practical wisdom and life lessons he learned from the game. His family noted that Bill often said there was nothing in life that could not be explained with a good baseball analogy.

Bill enjoyed spending summers with family at his lake home in northern Michigan.

He was greatly loved

and will be dearly missed, his family said.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lynne; brother, John (Lylas); children, David (Gwendy), Susan, Kristine Simon (Ron) and Peter (Betsy); stepdaughters, Suzy Murphy (Sean) and Sally Link (David); and 12 grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill’s memory may be made to Hospice of Michigan at 1-800-669-9335; or hom.org.

James Anthony Amori

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident James Anthony Amori, 69, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021, after a courageous battle with ALS.

Jim is survived by his cherished wife, Rita (nee Kilroy), and devoted children, Amy Klamkin (Chris) and Daniel (Shannon). He was a proud “Papa” to his grandchildren, Sylvie, Grace, Lydia, Helena and Julian. He also is survived by his brother, Bob (Lisa); sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Amori, Lorraine Kilroy and Mary Kilroy (Dave); brothers-in-law, Pat Kilroy (Laurie), Matt Kilroy (Shelly), Mike Kilroy (Patty) and T. J. Kilroy (Ann); and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Oscar and Delores Amori; dear brother, Tom; and stepson, Jayson.

Jim graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1969. While in high school, he played guitar in a popular local band – The Sounds of Nite – that played at many area teen clubs and parties. He also met his trusted friend, John Briles, during this time.

Beaumont Grosse Pointe hosts medication take-back event April 23

Every day, more people die from opioid-related overdoses than from car accidents or gun violence. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 72,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2017, with opioids accounting for nearly 68 percent of these deaths.

To turn the tide on the nation’s opioid epidemic, community members need a safe and convenient way to dispose of unused medications.

Beaumont Health and local law enforcement agencies encourage people to drop off unused or expired prescribed medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

The take-back event includes over-the-counter medications and other drugs. No questions asked. Organizers prefer pills be in a plastic baggie; the hospital will only accept pills.



ROBIN BLAINE DALBY August 1949 - April 2021

Robin Blaine Dalby celebrated life to the fullest in his 71 years on this earth. He was called to be with his Lord on April 14, 2021. Robin was born on August 26, 1949 in Bismarck, North Dakota, the son of Herschel and Leota Dalby. When he was in fourth grade, his family moved to Leavenworth, Kansas so his father, Herschel, could receive care at the Veterans Affairs hospital. Robin worked hard with his brother Garry and mother to build a life and home there.

His mother Leota, always an advocate for education, ensured Robin had the opportunity to attend college. In 1971, he graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering and through ROTC, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. As a reminder of hard work and the importance of education, Robin proudly displayed his framed slide rule and chemistry table in his home. His strong work ethic and love of learning is something Robin proudly passed to

his children.

On January 8, 1972, Robin married his college sweetheart, Tina Dalby, and they remained a devoted team for 49 years. Their commitment to each other was second to none, setting a standard to which all who surrounded them aspired. They loved, laughed, and played hard, creating a loving home where they raised four children. Robin’s children filled him with pride; he celebrated when they celebrated, and hurt when they hurt, while imparting the lessons of a life well lived. His greatest lesson was of family and how to love and support each other. His favorite ways to demonstrate this love were finding and refurbishing furniture for his children’s homes, and creating wooden toys for his grandchildren.

Throughout their life together, Tina and Robin made a home in eight different cities, ultimately calling Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, a community they love, home. Robin had a career full of moves and accomplishments, but he was happiest surrounded by his family and friends. Known by many as “Coach” or the “Mayor of Radnor Circle,” he never met a person who wasn’t a friend. He volunteered his time at church, school, and in the community. He loved coaching youth basketball, including for each of his children and countless others in the community. Through coaching he was able to spread his love of life, his humor, and his wisdom to so many.

Family, faith, fellowship, and determination are all words that describe our beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Through health battles and setbacks, he re-learned how to walk and was

able to accompany each daughter down the aisle and stand as Best Man at his son’s wedding. He chose the joy in life over physical pain every single day. This was a feat that was only possible through his treasured daily walks with his dear friend, Tim Whims. He was a beloved brother to Garry, and considered his in-laws as brothers and sisters as well.

Robin is survived by his wife, Tina Dalby; brother Garry (Pat) Dalby; children Heather (Ryan) Luttenton, Damon (Alison) Dalby, Lyndsay (Nathan) Hanna, and Annie (Evan) Treharne; and nine grandchildren: Dalby, Quinn, Charlie, Macklyn, Blaine, Berkley, Nolan, Heidi, and Adler. He is also survived by treasured family members Marianne Grodberg, Steve (Terri) Damon, and Jackie Sanner. He is preceded in death by his parents Herschel and Leota Dalby Jones, his stepfather Alva Jones, and his brother-in-law Joel Grodberg. Throughout his life he loved his 15 nieces and nephews.

A service will be held on Friday April 23, 2021 at 10 am at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Detroit, MI. The service will be livestreamed at <http://www.stjohnsdetroit.org/> and <http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsdetroit>.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to either Detroit Police Athletic League Basketball (where he coached basketball for many years) <https://detroitpal.org/givenow/> or The Wounded Warrior Project <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>. Please note Robin Dalby in the Tribute section for either organization.



Don Julius DeSeranno, 75-year-old former resident of Grosse Pointe Park, died peacefully at home in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Son of Rene and Aline (Maertens) DeSeranno, Don was born on August 25, 1945 in Detroit. He spent his early days at Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School and made many lifelong friends at Austin High School. After attending Marquette University, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as an Officer in the Reserves.

He worked in the family business, Cold Heading Company, for many years. He was the Co-Vice Consul of Belgium in Detroit and worked in the Belgian community with his father.

Don always enjoyed himself in everything he did, from being a loyal supporter of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, to being an avid antique car collector. His

DON J. DESERANNO

children have fond memories of his favorites, a trio of Thundebirds that were red (1957), white (1955), and blue (1956).

Don was a talented musician, playing several instruments beautifully, and loved to sing along to entertain the family. He enjoyed watching his son play hockey, and oftentimes took on active roles. He followed all of the various sports and activities of his grandchildren. He was always reading a book and he loved to have animated political discussions. Enjoying good company over a good meal was something he always looked forward to and made sure that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as he did. He had an unlimited repertoire of witty jokes and legendary stories.

He enjoyed his retirement in Las Vegas spending many years as an independent customer representative. He regularly hosted barbecue gatherings for family and friends. He was kind and generous to many.

Don was very proud of his seven children, twenty grandchildren and excited for the twenty-first on the way. He spoke of them often, sharing photos with anyone nearby.

Don was predeceased by his father, Rene DeSeranno, and

his mother Aline (Maertens) DeSeranno. Don is survived by his children, Deidree Lohr, Maria Quint (David), Don Joseph DeSeranno (Corissa), Celia Wade (Steven), Aline DeSeranno-Ermanni, Susan Rahaim (Robert), and Dante DeSeranno; grandchildren, Kelsey Lohr, Abigail Lohr, Krystian Quint, Alyssa Quint, Rene Quint, Abigail Quint, Don Jeidus DeSeranno, Seren DeSeranno, Leander DeSeranno, Maveri DeSeranno, Odin DeSeranno, Jackson Wade, Charles Wade, Julian Wade, Robert Ermanni, Sadie Erman, Grace Rahaim, Maya Rahaim, Aline Rahaim, and Faith Rahaim; his sister Elizabeth (G. John) Stevens; nephews Derek Stevens (Nicole) and Greg Stevens (Anne); many cousins and close friends.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2021 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Don’s honor to the DeSeranno Charitable Foundation, 501(C)3, established in 2007, at 18720 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Please share a fond memory on the family’s online guestbook, at www.verheyden.org.

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Dorothy Ann Doerer

Former Grosse Pointe resident Dorothy Ann Doerer passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021, surrounded by family. Dotti graduated from the University of Michigan, where she was active in the music department and women's rights. She loved traveling the world with her husband, Richard. An avid tennis player and dog lover, Dotti enjoyed entertaining friends and family.



Dorothy Ann Doerer

She was a generous benefactor of the arts and worked tirelessly for public television and the Detroit Institute of Arts. A longtime supporter of the Smithsonian

Institution's Archives of American Art, Dotti was an active board member and president of its Midwest Regional Council in Detroit; she also chaired many creative and highly successful fundraising events through the years. Dotti was predeceased by her husband, Richard P. Doerer. She is survived by her children, Nancy (Bill), Julia (Stephen), Richard and John (Laura); 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed and remembered for her strength and dedication, her family said. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to the Humane Society of the United States, humane society.org.

MEMORIAL

Stanley F. Kramer

A funeral Mass for Stanley F. Kramer will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by interment at the church's columbarium. Stanley's obituary appeared in the Grosse Pointe News April 9, 2020.

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast canceled

Due to a spike in COVID-19 cases, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce has canceled this year's Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, which was set to take place May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. "This decision was a difficult one, especially since so many of our residents have been vaccinated," Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher noted, "but in all actuality, it is a decision based on the overall best interest in keeping all of us safe and healthy."

Furniture Bank offers premium pick-up services

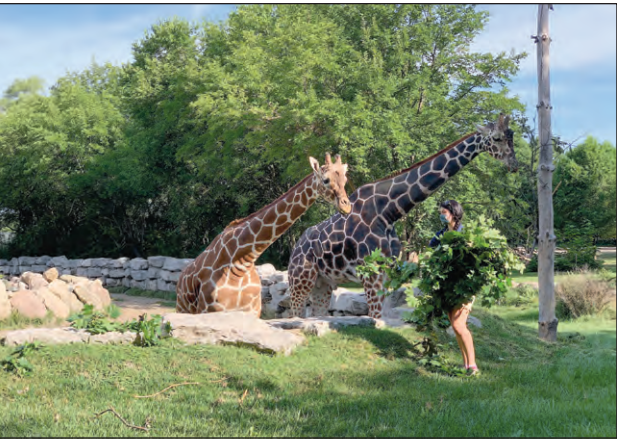
The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan recently announced three new premium furniture removal services for metro Detroiters just in time for the spring cleaning season. The money earned from the new venture helps fund the Furniture Bank's hallmark Furniture for Families program, which provides beds and furniture to between 1,200 and 1,500 low-income households annually. "Over the years, we've learned that — in addition to the basics — our furniture donors also want to get rid of things like desks, china cabinets and exercise equipment," said Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rob Boyle, executive director of the Furniture Bank. "The families we've traditionally served don't necessarily need them, but we're able to offer them at no charge to folks who can use them. We dispose of the items we're unable to find a home for." In addition to removing bulky or worn-out furniture from homes, the Furniture Bank also offers expedited scheduling for donors who need things out in a hurry and will now drive to donors who live beyond regular collection routes. Premium pick-up services start at low as \$75 to \$100, with proceeds supporting the Furniture Bank's mission to help local families. Receipts are provided to donors for all items removed should they wish to write off the donation on their taxes. The Furniture Bank piloted its premium pick-up services in 2020, collecting 3,400 items it provided to 1,100 local families at no charge. "It's really a triple win," Boyle added. "Donors get items removed from their homes at a reasonable cost, people of limited means can get things they can use at no charge and the Furniture Bank makes money to provide the essentials for families who have the greatest need." For more information or to schedule a pick-up appointment, email donations@furniture-bank.org or call (248) 332-1300.

Detroit Zoological Society commits to plant 2,000 trees

The Detroit Zoological Society is taking another step forward on its Green Journey with a major reforestation initiative. To help address climate change and its effects, the DZS has pledged for 2021 and 2022 to plant a total of 2,000 trees on its campuses and — in collaboration with ReLeaf Michigan — in communities across metro Detroit. "We have only just started planting and have already made wonderful progress towards this goal," Chief Operating Officer Gerry Van Acker said. The average tree absorbs 48 pounds of carbon dioxide and 1,673 gallons of storm water every year. Adding hundreds of trees to the Detroit Zoo's existing population of 7,000 will make a big difference for nearby communities by helping improve air and water quality. Trees and other vegetation also reduce heat island effect — urbanized areas experiencing higher than average temperatures — by providing shade. According to the EPA, shaded surfaces may be 20 to 45 degrees cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded surfaces. Trees, especially native species like dogwood, also provide shelter and food for birds, insects and small mammals such as squirrels. These animals then disperse the trees' seeds, allowing new saplings to grow. "We are meticulously selecting a variety of species that will add value and biodiversity to our campus, as well as focusing on trees whose clippings make great snacks for the animals who live at the Detroit Zoo," Van Acker said. To educate and empower others, the DZS will feature ways to "go green" on its Facebook page during Earth Week, April 19 to 23. Also, visitors to the Detroit Zoo on April 22 will be able to participate in GreenFest, presented by DTE Energy, the DZS's annual Earth Day celebration. Guests will learn how to cultivate their own green space and can take home saplings and pollinator seeds. For hours, prices, directions and other information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.



Trees are delivered to the Detroit Zoo.



A pair of giraffes browse for a snack.



Outpatients and their families from Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg enjoy a fun day at a pre-pandemic Firestone Grand Prix.

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creative ways to engage with the kids they would normally visit in person to continue the mission of helping sick kids get better through motorsports. Racing For Kids' virtual hospital visits were instituted in several U.S. cities in 2020. IndyCar racers Alexander Rossi, who won the Indy 500 as a rookie in 2016, Charlie Kimball, Santino Ferrucci, Zach Veatch, Alex Palou, Jack Harvey, James Hinchcliffe and Ed Carpenter all participated in these virtual visits, providing a welcome "outside" escape for each bedridden youngster. The kids, their parents and various hospital staffs were delighted with this program and the video of each visit that could be replayed on the various closed-circuit TV systems. Heather Bailey, child life program manager at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, said, "During times of decreased interactions, our patients, families and staff have enjoyed the virtual visits from Racing For Kids. These visits provide a time for socialization and connection with IndyCar drivers that they may not have ever had. The smiles on children's faces when they talk to (the drivers) make the virtual visits special, offering an extraordinary type of care that medicine just can't provide." All these visits may be viewed on the Racing For Kids YouTube channel at bit.ly/R4KYouTube. "We are so happy that our RFK staff came up with this virtual hospital visit program for the kids," said Pat Wright, Racing For Kids CEO and executive director. "The videos of these visits showed the IndyCar world, its fan base and the general public the benefits derived from these driver visits and the smiles they generated in hospitals across the country. "This year we are looking forward to expanding this program to nine venues," he continued. "At the same time, we also hope that hospital restrictions become sufficiently relaxed during the season to permit a return of our in-person driver interaction with the special kids we see each year." For more information about Racing For Kids, go to racingforkids.org.

Grosse Pointe resident Dr. Benjamin Paolucci, the longtime team physician with the Detroit Pistons for over forty (40) years from the early 1970s until his retirement in 2015, died Wednesday, April 7, 2021 in a Jupiter, Florida hospital with his wife at his side. He was 84. Dr. Paolucci, an Ohio native, was born March 5, 1937, in Cleveland's Murray Hill Italian neighborhood to his parents Giuseppe and Celesta Paolucci, but raised in Detroit, and was with the Pistons franchise during its two most fortuitous eras — the "Bad Boys" team in the late '80s and early '90s that won two championships, and the "Goin' To Work" team that brought home the 2004 NBA title. He still has the distinction of acting as the longest serving team physician for any professional sports team in the United States. Ben is survived by his beloved wife Jeanne A. (Kramer) Paolucci of nearly 58 years and their five children: Michael J. (Madeleine) Paolucci, Lawrence J. (Debra) Paolucci, Benjamin Paolucci Jr., Daniel L. (Carrie) Paolucci, and Jennifer L. (Brian) Chadwick and thirteen grandchildren. He is also survived by his cherished older sister Marie Giannetti of St. Clair Shores, and nine nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his loving parents and his younger brother Dr. Carmen



Dr. Benjamin J. Paolucci

A. (Kathleen) Paolucci of Melbourne, Florida. A former standout football player himself, Paolucci attended Cass Tech and Wayne State University and was inducted into the latter's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. He graduated with a bachelor's in chemistry in 1958 and was selected by the Detroit Lions in the ninth round of the 1958 NFL draft. He spent two seasons with the Lions, as a defensive tackle. Following a six-month stint with the Army in 1960, Paolucci attended medical school at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine graduating in 1964. In addition to his work with the Pistons, he was a retired general surgeon who maintained his own private practice in Madison Heights for over forty years, working with several local hospitals, primarily within the Ascension/St. John's Hospital system. Over that period, he mentored countless young physicians and surgeons, as for many years the Director of Medical Education at several of his hospitals and

also as an adjunct member of the faculty of Michigan State's College of Osteopathic Medicine. In his later years, after stopping his surgical practice, he continued to mentor aspiring young physicians, athletic trainers and therapists interested in sports medicine, as a member of the Detroit Medical Center's Sports Medicine Group. With the leadership of his friend and colleague, Dr. Stephen Lemos, Paolucci played an integral role in the formation of the Detroit Medical Center's Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship program which has become one of the best in the country. His ability to relate to athletes on a personal level as a former athlete himself made him a beloved figure to the many players, coaches, family and friends who knew him. He met his wife Jeanne, originally from Red Bank, N.J., in Chicago during medical school at Butch McGuire's Irish Pub, where he worked on St. Patrick's Day. They were married on November 9, 1963 at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago and always enjoyed trips back to Chicago, their "adopted home town." They also enjoyed trips to Italy, California's wine country and frequent trips to Florida to be in the sun. When at home, a beloved father and grandfather, he often enjoyed spending time with his large family, watching his children and grandchildren participate in various sporting events and sharing weekend Italian dinners with his family and friends. An avid handball player, as well, he could often be found playing at the Detroit Athletic Club, Palmer Park and Belle Isle. He also enjoyed playing cards with friends at the DAC, Roma Cafe and bridge at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. In addition, he often played tennis and paddle tennis at both the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and later the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. A private funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, but due to the current uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic a Memorial Service may be scheduled at a later date to celebrate his extraordinary life and legacy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Detroit Sports Medicine Foundation, care of: P.O. Box 71869, Madison Heights, MI. 48071. For more information, please email: info@detroitssportsmed.org.

Soroptimist of G.P. awards \$10,000

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe held its annual educational awards ceremony March 10, via Zoom. More than 50 people joined the online event, hosted by SIGP co-presidents, Marya Rosenthal and Ellen Chapin.

Earlier in the day, gift bags were delivered to awardees. Each bag included an award check along with a certificate, a yellow rose to symbolize Soroptimist friendship, a restaurant gift card and an additional gift bag tagged “college survival kit.”

Soroptimist’s Live Your Dream Award is the signature award of Soroptimist International of the Americas. The Live Your Dream Awards program is a unique educational award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The Live Your Dream Awards give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

This year, SIGP gave Live Your Dream Awards to three winners, whose last names were withheld for privacy reasons. Ariel was awarded \$3,000, Tonesia, \$2,000 and Jeritha, \$1,000.

Ariel is a mother of three children, ages 5, 4 and 18 months. She is going back to school to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Returning to school at this time has been particularly difficult because of inadequate housing, lack of family support and loss of child-care. This caused her to lose her job and some class credits. Ariel writes, “With Soroptimist Grosse Pointe blessing me with this win, this will put me and my family back on track.”

Tonesia is a single mother whose child was born with multiple special needs. She states, “Had it not been for my child’s numerous surgeries, frequent visits to the doctors, hospital stays and challenges faced on a regular basis, I would not understand nor have the faith or courage to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse, author and motivational speaker. I will be able to help make a greater impact on the lives of other people.”

Jeritha is the mother of five children and a kidney transplant survivor who serves as a mentor. She volunteers and speaks publicly to discuss kidney disease and encourage donors. She recently graduated with honors from the Dorsey School as a certified medical assistant. Her dream is to continue her education and work side by side with the people who saved her life. Jeritha said she is extremely appreciative to SIGP for her award.

SIGP awarded the Virginia Wagner Educational Award of \$3,000 to Briana.

The Virginia Wagner Educational Award is a Midwestern Region award given by each Soroptimist club to a woman who is enrolled in a bachelor, master or doctorate program, who has a financial need and also serves as a volunteer in her community.

Briana also went on to win the Midwestern Region Virginia Wagner Educational Award and will receive an additional award of \$2,500. She is earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences. Upon graduation she intends to pursue her interest in public health and ultimately obtain a medical degree. Her goal as a physician is to use integrative and preventive medicine techniques to help mobilize communities and resources to deliver healthcare to vulnerable populations. As a self-described “STEMinist,” she is an ardent proponent of women having careers in STEM or traditionally male-dominated fields.

The Soroptimist Ruby Award is given to women who have made a positive difference in the lives of other women and girls. Tanesha Windom was awarded a \$500 donation to her foundation, My Sister’s Keeper, to be used toward mentoring and advocating for young women ages 7 to 24. Windom is a professional counselor and member of the National Counseling Association. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Rochester College and a Master of Arts degree in community mental health counseling from the University of Detroit Mercy. Her goal is to mentor one million youth.

The Continuing Education Award in the amount of \$500 was given to previous LYD award winner, Lavina Hutchinson. This award is given to provide additional support and mentorship to previous LYD awardees as they work to complete their educational goals.

Each awardee was introduced by the awards chairwomen and then given an opportunity to speak. All the awardees expressed their gratitude for the monetary award and explained how the money would help them continue in school.

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

For more information, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org or find Soroptimist Grosse Pointe on Facebook.

SIGP meets via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Email grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com for a Zoom link to the meetings.



Stairs and a ramp lead to this new entrance to the sanctuary.

SERVICE:

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stroke left him unable to walk and the old elevator was not operational when he and his parents arrived to worship. Despite parishioners offering to carry him up the stairs to the sanctuary, the family declined and returned home. The young man died just days later.

“We determined there’s no reason anybody should be left out because of a physical ailment,” Yeager-Stiver said. “We’re not going to let this elevator block us ever again. That’s why we made the financial effort.

“Usually first you get the funds, then you do the project,” he continued. “We decided we had to do the project first and trust that God will bring the monetary part later. ... We have to do it right.”

FH Martin Constructors, led by Andy Martin, oversaw construction of the project. Donn Bohde, president of SBW/Architects LLC, was the architect.

Ready and waiting

Some renters have begun to use the building, including a Saturday yoga class and the church’s signing ministry; however, most other groups are not yet able to come in.

Still, the church is doing what it can to stay engaged in the community outside of Sunday worship. For example, Sunday, May 23, the church hosts worship at 10 a.m., followed by an outdoor choral concert by Studio Sostegno’s Carol Perry at 2 p.m. on the front lawn and then, at 4 p.m., a live production from the Fine Art Society of Detroit on the stage under the portico.

The church recently wrapped up a second round of COVID-19 vaccinations, welcoming nearly 120 guests through its doors for their shots, cour-

tesy of Detroit Community Health Connection. The clinic focused on reaching minorities, Yeager-Stiver said, and the church was honored to host it — hopefully the first of many programs to come.

“I’m ecstatic,” Yeager-Stiver said. “The building is ready and waiting for us to be ready.

“There were so many visions we had 13 years ago, even before I came in,” he added. “We wanted a school to come in, new ministries launched. ... It’s good that we’re able to support things with our time, talent and treasure, but now our building can support those things too.”



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The new elevator reaches every floor, making the entire building accessible to all for the first time.

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The Finer Pointes: Meet Sarah Stahl

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.

Self-taught artist Sarah Stahl learned a variety of styles and techniques vicariously through her father, a well-known artist in Tennessee.

“He is a master carver and muralist known for his finish work in large homes, resorts and chalets,” she said. “I’m an avid learner. I study the art and techniques of many artists.”

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident said she enjoys experimenting in her work, combining different mediums, including oils, acrylics, glazes, watercolor, pens and pencils.

She finds daily inspiration in her family.

“Working on art projects big or small, I appreciate and embrace the constructive criticism,



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Examples of Sarah Stahl’s work.

critique and compliments from my three children and husband,” she said. “I feel privileged and so thankful to be a busy sports mom and wife while establishing a career in fine arts. It is a blessing to enter into the joy of a client, a pivotal moment or memorable experience with a family through the gift of art. I am impacted by the stories behind the artwork as much as the client is moved by the finished

product. Being an artist is a precious physical and emotional investment.” Stahl decided to enter “The Finer Pointes” art contest as a challenge to herself. “Over the last 20 years I have slowly developed, adjusted, paused and enthusiastically jumped back into the beautiful gift of artwork,” she said. “My children are older now and I would like to venture more seriously into an art-filled career.

This contest came at the perfect time to challenge my abilities, step out of my comfort zone and confidently exhibit my artwork to the community. “It truly is a blessing to have the support of family, fellow artists and our Grosse Pointe community as a whole,” she continued. “It is so incredibly amazing to observe, admire and present a unique art piece with Grosse Pointe’s most

highly regarded artists. I am truly ecstatic about the opportunity.” Stahl has elected to create for the contest a piece inspired by Grosse Pointe history and her family’s love of antique cars. “Since moving from Tennessee 20 years ago, the Grosse Pointe history and architecture has intrigued me,” she explained. “Antique cars also hold a warm place in my heart. My son and husband travel annually on The Great Race, a vintage car rally of about 125 cars, from the early 1900s to 1972. For the last three years, my husband would drive and my son navigates the cross-country adventure in a 1941 Packard. You can imagine my enthusiasm when learning that the majestic, Italian Renaissance-style estate known as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial was home to Russell A. Alger Jr., his wife Marion and their three children. (He’s) one of the gentlemen responsible for establishing the Detroit Packard plant. In honor of our commonalities, I will present a painting of a 1930 Packard (Alger 1873-1930) with the historic Alger home in the

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

background.” More of Stahl’s work may be viewed at pointartist.com or on her Facebook page.



ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Ashley Falco

Working with young picky eaters

Q: Help! My toddler will only eat (insert favorite toddler food here: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, hot dogs). Mealtimes are a battle and all of their vegetables end up on the floor. What can I do to make my child a better eater?

A: Welcome to the club. I promise you are not the only parent struggling with picky eating. Following the rapid growth of infancy, toddlers have a slower overall weight gain and lower appetite. Along with this comes the development of independence, self-feeding and preferred foods. All these changes add up to picky eaters. There are many ways to combat this. Below are some easy tips to help prevent mealtimes from become frustrating.

◆ Structured family mealtimes: Your child should sit in their seat at a table with the family for all meals. Mealtime should be free of television, cell phones and distractions. You are modeling behaviors both in your food choices and table behaviors. Your child is learning from everything you do. Offer them the same meal you cook for yourself, with minor child-friendly modifications if needed. Do not give them a new

meal if they refuse what you have cooked. This will only reinforce picky eating

◆ “One bite rule”: Studies have shown a child needs to try a new food 10 to 15 times to decide if they like it. Offering once is not enough. Keep trying. A “one bite” or “no thank you bite” will continue to expose your child to new tastes and textures and in the long term help them develop into more adventurous eaters.

◆ Watch milk intake: Milk is a great source of protein, fats, calcium and vitamin D, but there is such a thing as too much milk. Offer solid foods first and give liquids with a meal or after a meal. Limit your child to 20 ounces of milk. Do not offer overnight feeding in toddlers. It can lead to cavities and is not necessary. Their body receives what it needs during the day with three balanced meals and two snacks, if needed.

◆ Make mealtime fun: Kids are drawn to colors, shapes and eye-catching foods. Get a cookie cutter and make a star-shaped sandwich or put a smiley face on their eggs in the morning with ketchup. Get your child involved. Allow them to mix, stir and add ingredients.

Picky eating is a com-

mon and frustrating complaint. You can always reach out to your pediatrician if you have concerns about your child’s diet. If you would like additional tips, “The Picky Eater Project, 6 weeks to Happier and Healthier Family Mealtimes” is available through the American Academy of Pediatrics. You can also access developmentally appropriate diet advice on healthychildren.org under its Ages and Stages “nutrition” section.

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by Amy Alkon

Endship ring

I was roommates with a girl five years ago. I was a spoiled brat for many years, but I've worked very hard to change. She, on the other hand, is still supported by her father, has no job or interests, and just wants to get married. Whenever she calls, she wants advice on the same boy drama. I just don't have the time or patience for this anymore. I tried not responding to her, but she keeps calling and texting. "I need to come over right now!"

—Drama Weary

I need to come over right now!" What are you, a day spa for her emotions crossed with the Burger King drive-thru?

It's easy to confuse the chunk of time a friend has been in your life with reason for them to continue being there. It helps to unpack the mystique about how friendships form. Social science research finds that a major driver of friendship is similarity -- shared values and attitudes, for example. But

demographic similarity is part of it, too -- like both being 30-year-old single female zoo workers who went to a crappy college.

And though we want to believe we carefully choose the friends in our lives, personality psychologist Mitja Back and his colleagues are among the researchers who've found that "mere proximity" seems to play a big role in who our friends are. This means, for example, living in the apartment next door, working in the same department, or, in Back's study, being randomly assigned to "neighboring seats" in a college class. In other words, you probably became friends with this woman because she was sleeping in the next room, not because you conducted a nationwide search for the best possible buddy for you.

Now's the time to choose whether she stays in your life -- and you don't do that by hoping she'll hear your vigorous eye-rolling over the phone and take the hint. Breaking

up with a friend -- if that's what you want to do -- should work like breaking up with a romantic partner. Don't just wordlessly cut off contact; that's cruel -- and likely to backfire. Tell her that you need to end the friendship, explaining the problem in broad terms: You've "grown apart" or you're "in different places" in your lives. Even if she presses you, keep it kind by keeping it vague. The point is telling her it's over, not informing her that she's got all the emotional depth of a goldfish and then ducking out forever via call waiting: "Sorry -- gotta go. Important robocall from Rachel from Card Services on the other line!"

A Brief History Of Tame

I'm a 45-year-old single guy seeking a long-term relationship. My problem is that when I'm interacting with a woman I'm attracted to, my ability to read whether she's interested in me goes out the window. I suspect I've missed out on

some great women because I couldn't read their signals quickly enough.

—Disappointed

Where you go wrong is in taking the hesitant approach to asking a woman out -- waiting for her to give you some unambiguous indication of interest (ideally, in large red letters on a lighted billboard pulled by a pair of rented elephants).

That said, you shouldn't be too hard on yourself. The psychological operating system now driving you (and all of us) evolved to solve ancestral mating and survival problems, and what was adaptive back then can be maladaptive today.

Take how we evolved to be deeply concerned about safeguarding our reputation. Reputation is essentially our social report card -- others' evaluation of the sort of person we are. It matters today, of course, but not in the life-or-death way it often did in an ancestral

environment, where -- per anthropologist Irvan DeVore's estimate -- many people were with the same band of about 25 others for much of their life.



Back then, if a guy got snubbed by a girl, it would be front-cave news; everybody would know and be laughing behind his back in short order.

Flash-forward to today. You're in a bar. Some woman you hit on spurns you. Well, that stinks -- and more so if there are witnesses. But there are countless other bars -- which means you can erase the embarrassing

stain on your social rap sheet simply by trotting down the block to the next happy hour.

Ultimately, recognizing the mismatch between our evolved emotions and modern life helps you understand when the emotions driving you are counterproductively outdated -- and basically stupid. In short, assuming that a woman you're chatting up isn't giving you a hate glare, ask her out. If she isn't interested, she'll let you know -- either right then, with some brushoff like "Actually, I have a boyfriend..." or later, when you phone her and hear: "Home Depot, lumber department. How may I direct your call?"

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Manager parties too much to work

Q: I am part of a small medical team with a basic staff only; if one of the employees is sick, the others must temporarily take on that person's work. Prior to this, I worked in a large, professionally run practice, but I changed locations.

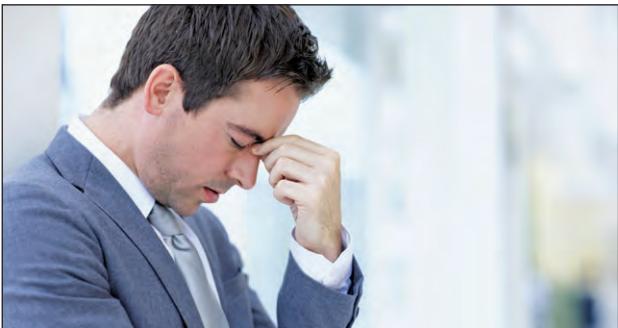
We have an office manager who either 1) lacks professional experience or 2) lacks know-how. I understand employees in a small office must work together to help each other, but this manager has another agenda. She tries to get others to do work for which she is responsible; one of the medical professionals told me this manager had the nerve to ask her if she

could help take on some of the manager's duties sometimes. She has no boundaries.

She is somewhat new but has been here long enough to know better; and her laziness must be corrected. I hesitate to ask our head doctor to discipline her, as he hired her and is not as demanding as I am. He also may think I am shirking responsibilities by not handling it myself. I am not.

I think she is the type of woman who would respond with greater respect to his reprimand than mine. I have a strong feeling she does not like taking direction from women, regardless of us being

professionals. This may be why she asked a medical professional to help her, as



if women should do everything even if it is not part of their position. This is a behavior that professional women sometimes still deal with. But this office manager clearly needs to be

reminded of her responsibilities so we can move on with the required work.

From some comments I have heard, she may be out partying at night, which causes her to come into work dragging, lazy and moody. I am not looking to fire her, but she must do her job if she wants to continue working here. The practice is too small to have an employee who doesn't deliver. How do I approach this topic with her or with

our head doctor?

A: It sounds like you know what to do but are not happy about it.

First, you cannot discipline her for whatever she

chooses to do at night. You are not the parent of a wild child who is irresponsible by staying out late drinking or doing whatever else she does. You can, however, reprimand her for low performance standards and for inappropriate requests of medical personnel. She seems to lack common sense, as evidenced by her asking a medical professional to help her with her duties, which presumably are strictly administrative.

If your authority is similar to that of the head doctor, talk to him about her lack of respect for professional women, which is a good reason he should handle the reprimand.

Your goal is to get her to do the work. If her nightly behavior continues to affect her ability to do the work, you will have to fire her. You should also document her requests of medical personnel. Reprimanding her will protect you from backlash while giving her the opportunity to shape up and get to work. If he does not want to discipline her,

there may be more to their relationship than just business, and that will be a separate, more difficult problem for you to handle.

Before accepting a new position, especially one in a small practice, ask to meet with each staff member you will be interacting with on the job.

No matter how brief those meetings are, you will gain information that may lead to you not accepting the offer as is. If an organization refuses such a request, that may be a warning sign that something may be awry.

As you now see, there are many more factors to consider before accepting a new position in addition to location.

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Trainer turns woman's head, and husband starts to notice

DEAR ABBY: I have grown really close to "Pete," my trainer at the gym I joined two years ago. We are both married. I know it's wrong to feel this way. I love my husband, but I'm not sure I am "in love" with him anymore.

I think what I feel for Pete may be more than just a physical attraction and connection. Our lives are so parallel. We are both loyal to our spouses, so nothing has happened.

I'm not sure if he feels the same about me, but I sense our chemistry when we are together. Our friendship hugs are lasting longer, and our flirting has increased to a different level. We text every week in the morning

and now, since he quit his job at the gym, we have started to miss each other. I can't stop thinking about him. He's on my mind constantly.



I know I shouldn't open up Pandora's box because it could destroy lives. My best friend has picked up that I talk about Pete more than my husband. My hus-

band overheard one of my virtual workout sessions with him and afterward was cold and different toward me, so I know he was picking up on our connection, too.

Should I talk to Pete about how I'm feeling or leave it alone? -- WORKING IT OUT

DEAR WORKING: It's time to ask yourself what, exactly, you want from Pete. Is it a fling?

Do you want to wreck your marriage and possibly ruin his? Crushing on a perfect physical specimen is common, and when something is missing in your life, it's easy to fixate on someone you have contact with regu-



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

larly. If you feel the urge to work out, work things out with your husband because, if your letter is an accurate description of what's going on, that marriage of yours could use some toning up.

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company in Colorado. It pays well. I will be quitting my job as soon as I'm out of debt, which will be soon. My job is way too stressful, and I'll be able to afford the pay cut.

The problem is, my boss is a relative by marriage and a good friend. Most of the stress in my job comes from the way he com-

municates with me and everyone else in emails. He is often rude, condescending and accusatory. It has become more than my fragile nerves can handle.

When I quit, how can I exit without calling him out when I'm asked my reason for leaving?

Do you have any advice as to a vague yet satisfactory "reason" for leaving? I don't want to bring up the actual problem because he already knows how he is, and his actions won't change. Also, I value the peaceful relationship we have and don't want to cause any drama in the family. -- KEEPING

THE PEACE IN COLORADO

DEAR KEEPING: When the question is asked during your exit interview, express gratitude for having had the opportunity to work there. Your reason for leaving will be to "explore other opportunities."

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Dear Ann Landers: I recently read the letter from a woman who said she was sure you get many letters complaining about rude, crude and abusive sales clerks. I would like to say a word in their defense. My job is to evaluate clerks. I have a long list of people I observe, interact with and rate according to 30 factors. They have no idea who I am. I've been doing this work for five years and have visited

more than 400 "installations," from small convenience stores to large department stores. I have demanded services to which I was not entitled and asked for "extras" the stores were under no obligation to provide. I have been deliberately antagonistic and sometimes downright nasty. I once tried to return an item that had been purchased at another store.

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Ann Landers

The clerk took it and gave me a full credit. I have yet to find a sales clerk who was crude, rude or unpleasant. When you get letters complaining about sales

clerks, I would bet they are from people who have tried to return merchandise that has obviously been used or for which they have no receipt, or the customer insisted the clerk

take a credit card that had expired or been maxed out. Please don't print my name or city, Ann. It is essential that my identity not be revealed. Sign me -- Mystery Shopper in the USA

Dear Mystery: It appears from your incognito research that the vast majority of sales clerks have the patience of Job. While a few may be surly

and unpleasant, most people would agree with your assessment that sales clerks live by the motto "the customer is always right," even when he isn't.

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Keep a lid on it

Dear Dan: A good friend hosted me for a birthday dinner, and the elegant table was set with crystal stemware -- but the wine he served was sealed with a screw cap. Should I be offended? -- Wine Novice

Dear Wine Novice: Have you been living in Siberia for the last 50 years? Around 1970, screw caps were associated with cheap wines, derelicts, brown bags and gutters. But soon, wineries around the world began hearing about the real reason screw caps made a lot of sense.

In fact, if the wine your friend served was a 2018 PlumpJack cabernet sauvignon, you should be impressed. It is a prestigious offering from with the Napa Valley winery, one of whose partners is California Gov. Gavin Newsom, and it sells for \$160 a bottle. It has a cap.

I'd advise you to start reading newspaper wine columns and get up to speed.

It's easy to understand Wine Novice's confusion. The use of screw caps on wine has for decades been associated with cheap wine. But today, screw caps are also used on upper-tier wines, even though consumers may not be aware that it can be seen as a mark of quality.

The reason is simple: Many bottles of cork-closed wine have been found with a taint from the use of natural cork. Such a spoilage ruins any wine, so many producers are switching to other forms of closures.

The aroma of a chlorine-related compound has always been a problem for producers of natural cork.

Most of the larger cork producers have resorted to expensive measures to reduce cork taint over the last 20 years.

As strong as their efforts have been, the problem remains: Roughly 1% to 2% of all wine sealed with natural corks has a moldy smell. (Some trained professionals claim they can detect this "corked" aroma in 8% of all cork-finished wines.)

Large Australian wineries began to experiment with screw caps on rieslings in the early 1970s, and by the 1980s, various synthetic corks were being tested worldwide.

In 1989, St. Francis Winery of the Sonoma Valley in California first tested a synthetic cork made of ethylene-vinyl acetate. Soon after, a number of other wineries began to use SupremeCork's thermoplastic elastomer corks. Subsequently, other producers entered the field. Companies called Nomacorc and Neocork used polymers.

Most of these products started out with minor problems. One lost its resiliency over time and didn't provide a solid seal. Another solved that problem but was hard to remove from bottles without Herculean strength. A few bottle necks broke. (Some liability lawyers were happy!)

The earliest cork-substitute closures had only one problem: the jug-wine image.

The screw cap being marketed today was developed by a French company called Pechiney under the name Stelvin.

Its benefits are clear. It cannot harm the wine's aroma. Also, opening the wine is easier -- no daunting

gadget to learn how to use.

Also, bottles can't leak, since caps fit snugly against the bottle lip, and bottles may be stored upright, since there is no need to keep the cap moist.

The screw cap got a huge boost in 2002. That year, a group of Australian winemakers, irate over cork taint, began using screw caps for their best early-drinking wines, mainly riesling. Then the New Zealand Screwcap Wine Seal Initiative was announced to support caps. Most New Zealand wines today are screw-capped.

And months later, things got serious: Bonny Doon Winery of California said it would switch all of its 200,000 cases into screw-capped bottles. R.H. Phillips said it would bottle its entire 300,000-case production with caps. And Jackson Family said it would use caps for its entire line of Pepi wines.

A year later, it was estimated that 16 million cases of Aussie wine would be in screw caps, up from 1,700 cases in 2001!

So don't judge a wine by its closure.

Wine of the Week: 2019 Decoy Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County (\$20) -- Lemon curd, early harvested stone fruit and a soft entry make for a delightful food-oriented and mildly varietal sauv blanc. It's often discounted to about \$15.

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Green Primavera Pasta Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Pasta with Shrimp, Asparagus and Gremolata
(Serves 6)

My kids have called me Mombeau for as long as my twins have started talking. I'm not quite sure who came up with the name. But it's grown on me.

I love them because they don't judge me if I can't get a shower in for 3 days. And they love me when I can get dinner on the table in under 30 minutes (my husband especially).

This is a beautiful and fast dinner. Just make sure you dethaw the shrimp in a colander under running cold water prior.

I used gemelli because it's short and is the same size of the shrimp and asparagus.

The starch from the pasta water tightens up the sauce in place of a fat, like butter. But if you are making this on a Saturday night, add a big hunk of butter too. You probably deserve it.

1lb gemelli pasta

1lb raw, frozen and then dethawed, large peeled and deveined shrimp

3 tbsp olive oil

12 asparagus spears, raw and chopped into 1 inch pieces

1 cup frozen green peas

1 shallot sliced

3 cloves garlic minced

½ cup dry white wine

Juice of 1 lemon

1 cup reserved pasta water

1 tsp salt (plus extra 2 tbsp for pasta water)

½ tsp pepper

Put a large pot of water on high heat for the pasta. Pat the dethawed shrimp dry with a paper towel. Then season with salt and pepper. Use a large skillet, with high sides, and sear the shrimp on high for 1 minute per side with 2 tablespoons of the oil. Put the shrimp aside on a plate.

When the water boils, add the extra 2 tablespoons of salt and pasta. Cook to package directions. Meanwhile, add the other tablespoon of oil, shallot, garlic, asparagus and peas. Cook for 2 minutes and then add in the wine (make sure to reserve a glass for yourself).

Let it bubble for a minute because you don't want to overcook the asparagus.

Reserve 1 cup of the pasta water, once the pasta is cooked. Drain the pasta and add to the

vegetables.

Add the pasta water and lemon juice and combine.

Season to taste. When plating, spoon the gremolata generously over top. It's raw but the heat from the pasta perfumes and flavors the entire dish.

Gremolata

This is a raw mix of flavors that makes everything in your life better. It's a lightly seasoned pasta so I like a big heaping spoonful on my plate. Enjoy the lemon, garlic, heat and cheese. They all seem to marry over a bowl of hot noodles.

1/2 cup olive oil

4 tbsp grated romano cheese

2 finely minced garlic cloves

1 cup finely chopped flat leaf parsley

½ tsp red chili flakes

Zest of 1 lemon

Juice of ½ lemon

1 tsp salt

Mix all ingredients in a medium sized bowl. The longer it sits the better.

Brief history of the chemical yard

By Pam Grand
Guest writer

Prior to WWII most yard "pest" care was accomplished by hand or by kitchen recipes or by Mother Nature.

Post WWII, chemicals were developed during the war and many companies with stockpiled chemicals were able to adapt them with inert ingredients etc. to target weeds and kill insects, without immediately

wiping out the human applying the chemicals or desired ornamental or agriculture crops. To think" DDT is good for me" -- was an actual add campaign. The application of these chemicals was usually by liquid spray. Many issues with the spray drift presented itself with human, animal, and beneficial insect health.

The major ingredient was Carbaryl developed in 1950's, as applied as

an insecticide, it is an enzyme inhibitor. In the 1960's Rachel Carson's book Silent Spring exposes the environmental hazard, and chronic illnesses from exposure to these chemicals.

By the 1970s a new delivery of chemical is introduced, systemic. Chemicals to inhibit "pests" are "ingested" by plant. The herbicide

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Nautical paradise at home

Wakey, wakey... It's long-awaited boating season in the Pointes!

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

The months of April and May mark the beginning of boating season as marinas open across all five Pointes. This is the Grosse Pointe residents' guide to navigating waitlists, costs of wells, well availability, kayak slip availability and opening dates as the 2021 boating season gets underway.

The City of Grosse Pointe's Neff Park Marina was the first to open its boat and kayak launches April 1. According to the City's website, "due to high demand, there is a waiting list for each of six well sizes." The boat wells and kayak slips are filled for the 2021 season, but residents can apply to be placed on a waiting list through city hall or on grossepointecity.org. There is a \$25 charge to be on the waiting list and another \$5 charge for each additional list you want to be added to. The cost of the City's wells range from \$732 to \$1,861.

On April 15, Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park Marina and Grosse Pointe Shores' Osius Municipal Park opened their gates for the season. Windmill Pointe Park Marina has 270 wells that accommodate up to 55-foot boats. Seasonal well rentals range from \$583 to \$2,893 depending on the size. All wells are filled for the season but a waitlist can be found at grossepointepark.org. Osius Municipal Park has some open wells for the 2021 season, but availability changes daily. Residents may check which wells are open and have their names added to a waitlist by calling (313) 881-6565. Shores wells range from \$978 to \$4,301.

Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods marinas will open May 1, concluding all the opening days of the Pointes marinas. The Pier Park Harbor in Grosse Pointe Farms is on a waitlist for wells of all sizes; there also is a waitlist for kayak slips. Residents may be added to the waitlist by calling (313) 343-2405. According to the Farms website, "It is anticipated that all boat slips will be filled by May 1, opening day of the harbor." Wells at the Farms cost \$860 to \$4,775. Well renters at Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park have had access to the marina since April 15, but the marina will officially open May 1. Nicole Gerhart, recreation supervisor for the

Woods, said renters could start putting their boats in early with the understanding that security won't be on site until May 1. There is a waitlist for kayak slips and certain well sizes. Gerhart said as of April 9, there is limited availability for wells under 28 feet and under 22 feet. To be placed on the Woods waitlist, call (313) 343-2408. Because of the pandemic, the Woods has opted to waive the \$10 waitlist fee this season. The Woods was approved to put in more kayak slips, which will be ready for use for the 2021 season.

Well and slip resources:

For more information on waitlists, and well and kayak slip availability, visit the marinas websites listed below:

grossepointecity.org

gpshoresmi.gov

grossepointepark.org/

gpwmi.us

grossepointefarms.org



The Blossom Heath Park gazebo.

The Nautical Mile a Jefferson gem

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

The Nautical Mile of St. Clair Shores has something for everyone, with more than 30 businesses offering everything from dining and shopping to marina activities. It is a premier destination to enjoy Lake St. Clair. Mayor Pro Tem Ron Frederick said with the support of committees throughout the city, the Nautical Mile has undergone updates during the past two years. The new addition of a beach house at the heart of the Nautical Mile in Blossom Heath Park has brought in a lot of people, Frederick said. He also

said the city has approved scooters for the Nautical Mile, which will provide visitors a modern form of transportation. Events on the Nautical Mile include organized pub crawls, Aqua Fest and Aqua Freeze. Frederick said the city does everything it can to support businesses on the Nautical Mile. Located between 9 Mile and 10 Mile roads on Jefferson, the Nautical Mile is made up of lakeside restaurants and bars, gift shops, ice cream shops and marinas. Fishbone's, Brownie's, Mike's on the Water, Pegasus, Nautical Deli, WaterMark Bar and Grille and Golden Chopsticks are just some of the bars and restaurants on the Nautical Mile.

Families may want to get a sweet treat at Mastro's Ice Cream, or even check out membership options at its newest addition, the Freedom Boat Club. The Nautical Mile is truly a local hot spot where visitors can spend a few hours for lunch or an entire day exploring its many treasures. Boaters can inquire about use of the marinas on the Nautical Mile, including Emerald City Harbor, Safe Harbor Jefferson Beach Marina, Miller Marina, Michigan Harbor Marina or Trader Todd's Marina. Contact the marinas directly for availability. The businesses all work together and with the city to promote the Nautical Mile, Frederick said. "We call this place our homeport and we'd love for you to come by and make it your homeport as well."



Lambrecht Marina: New name, same great management team

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Lambrecht Marina, formerly known as Markley Marine, might have a new name, but management is staying the same. The marina is now solely owned by brothers Jeff and Jim Lambrecht, after buying out their partner of 36 years in December.

The marina came into the family when their father, Bob Lambrecht, bought into the business while his sons were in high school at University Liggett School.

Bob Lambrecht and his partner, along with original owner Bill Markley, each owned a third of the 500-slip marina, which is located on 28 acres on the Clinton River. Markley, who developed the land in 1974, sold his interest to the other two partners in the early 1990s.

The marina, which once was the largest covered-well marina in Michigan, has

been in the Lambrecht family since 1984.

Jeff and Jim Lambrecht are the fourth generation of Lambrechts in the real estate business, dating back to the Lambrecht-Kelly Company in 1926. That business changed to Lambrecht Realty Company and was later renamed Lambrecht Company. Bob Lambrecht was chairman of Lambrecht Company until its dissolution in 1990, when he went on to start a new business.

When Lambrecht Properties was established in 1990, it was a way to get his sons involved in the acquisition and management of commercial real estate, including Markley Marine. Over the years, the covered-well buildings have come down, a swimming pool was added and Jeff and Jim Lambrecht's involvement in day-to-day management increased.

Their father not only shared his passion for the business with his sons, but his love for the water, too. "We grew up in Grosse

Pointe as a boating family on Lake St. Clair," Jeff Lambrecht said. The brothers have kept their own personal boats at the marina, where they have made many friends and memories.

"It was always my father's dream to separate from our partner and own Markley ourselves," Jeff Lambrecht said.

As the new owners, the brothers decided they would change the name to Lambrecht Marina in memory of their father.

Their cousins and business partners, Jay and Ted Lambrecht, are residents of Grosse Pointe and also carry on the family name in their own businesses. Jay Lambrecht owns Lambrecht Realty in Grosse Pointe Farms and Ted Lambrecht manages family-owned apartments from his office in St. Clair Shores.

While the name has changed, the annual updates at the property continue. "We are trying to make Lambrecht Marina an even better place," Jeff Lambrecht said. The

marina has remodeled the bathrooms and office space and, of course, put in new signage with the updated name.

The grounds have several acres of lawn space for boaters to enjoy bonfire pits, barbecue grills, play structures, sand volleyball and two large gazebos. Members are allowed to bring their dogs and put personal touches on their dock space. "Our boaters make it into a staycation," Jeff Lambrecht said.

Along with the many offerings to its boaters, Jeff and Jim Lambrecht are most proud of their six dedicated employees who have worked at the marina more than 100 years cumulatively. The head of the yard crew was hired in 1977. "They are very much a part of our family," Jeff Lambrecht said.

Lambrecht Marina, which opened for the season April 14, is located at 31300 North River Road in Harrison Township. It proudly serves as one of three metro Detroit locations for the Freedom Boat Club.

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Active in the management of Markley Marine for many years and boaters themselves, Jim and Jeff are now the sole owners. Remaining are the cheerful office staff of Julie, Julianna, and Sharon, and the hard-working yard crew of Bob, Matt, and Mike, who collectively have over 100 years of experience working at the marina and will continue to provide you with excellent service.

The Lambrecht brothers will also undertake some significant improvements to the facilities this year, while bringing back the marina's fun events, including the famous Parade of Lights in August. All of this at the same low prices as last year!

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Freedom Boat Club offers stress-free boating enjoyment



By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Freedom Boat Club offers all of the luxuries of boating without the stress of ownership. Native Michigander and franchise owner of three Freedom Boat Clubs in metro Detroit, Steven Dobreff, his wife, Wendy, and sister, Nancy, became members of the Freedom Boat Club eight years ago in Tampa, Fla. His first thought was, “It’s too good to be true.” Their first experience as members was “shocking,” he added. Dobreff went to the dock, was given the keys to a brand new, spotless, center-console boat with a full tank of gas and sent off to enjoy a day on the water. When they returned the boat, they gave back the keys and went on with their day – no cleaning, no trailer, no problems.

Three franchise locations
Dobreff practiced law 25 years and was searching for a new entrepreneurial endeavor. Through his relationship with FBC Tampa, he inquired about opportunities to open a franchise in Florida. Although there were no Florida franchises available, he was pleasantly

surprised that FBC was receptive to expanding into metro Detroit. In 2016, Dobreff opened his first FBC franchise in his hometown of Harrison Township, Boat Town, USA. In 2019, he expanded and opened his second location in Detroit at Sinbad’s Marina and he’s now preparing for the grand opening of his third location on the Nautical Mile at Safe Harbor Jefferson Beach in St. Clair Shores.



The newest addition to the Nautical Mile will open for the season Saturday, May 1, and a

grand opening party will be held Friday, May 21. “St. Clair Shores and the Nautical Mile is a perfect bridge between the other two locations,” Dobreff said.

Boat ownership
Prior to becoming a member of FBC, Dobreff enjoyed boating on Lake St. Clair and the Oakland County inland lakes with his young family in southeast Michigan. He said many boaters can relate to his own experience as a boat owner: The family became busy with travel sports, the boat repairs were increasing and the available time to use the boat was decreasing. Boat ownership entails extra time to fuel, tow and launch the boat and it requires hours of cleaning before and after each use. FBC allowed the family to enjoy boating again. “We fell in love with this type of boating experience because it fit our family’s needs,” he said.

FBC membership
FBC is great for previous boat owners who want to get back on the water, families who want to explore Lake St. Clair, those who are new to boating and everyone in between. The membership includes safety training to ensure every boater is comfortable behind the helm.

The club was especially popular during the quarantine requirements of the pandemic. “The only things families could do outside last year was golfing or boating,” Dobreff said. Freedom Boat Club memberships were up by 333 percent last season. Dobreff said it gave him a positive feeling seeing the smiles on children’s faces and joy the club brought to its members during such a challenging time. There are more than 270 Freedom Boat Club locations in the U.S., Canada, France and the United Kingdom. Locally, there are 10 Michigan locations and 30 around the Great Lakes. Every location is family friendly and equipped with staff members who are eager to assist. Members can reserve four rolling dates and their choice of boats online. Once one reservation is met, a new reservation may be made. The fleet of boats includes bowriders, tri-toons, center- and dual-console fishing boats, double-decker tri-toons with a slide and even wake surfing boats.

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Great Lakes Boating Festival returns May 22-23

The Great Lakes Boating Festival returns to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and will be open to the public Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23. The outdoor event will permit ample distancing in light of COVID-19 concerns. There will be approximately 70 new boats on display, along with dealers in tents displaying marine and other items. Additionally, the Great Lakes Boating Festival will feature other items spread out on the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club property, including:

- an art show with more than 20 juried artists displaying their work;
- a display of unique automobiles;
- a display by the Antique Outboard Motor Association;
- vintage boats;
- various options to sample food and drinks from vendors; and
- a raffle featuring a \$5,000 cash prize; the winner will be drawn at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 23.

For more information, visit greatlakesboatingfestival.com or call (313) 884-2500.

Bayview’s ‘24 Hours of Detroit Endurance’

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

There’s a new sailing race coming to Lake St. Clair this summer and it’s unlike anything sailors have seen around here. The 24 Hours of Detroit Endurance Race, sponsored by Bayview Yacht Club on June 4 and 5, will be exactly that — designed to test a crew and boat’s endurance under constant sailing for 24 hours over a 5 1/2 mile loop. The race was started with an idea by Adam Hollerbach of Grosse Pointe Farms, who is part of the race’s organizing authority. Several years ago, Hollerbach noticed an Ohio yacht club, the Leatherlips Yacht Club, sponsored a similar endurance race on an inland lake. The Ohio club did the race in dinghies. Hollerbach said Bayview’s venue would allow a similar race in keelboats. “This year, everything is different. This year we’re trying things out,” Hollerbach said. “This race is an experiment. A lot of people don’t know what to expect.” The race is open to any boat that wants to enter, but Hol-

lerbach said it’s more likely to appeal to smaller boats. It’s a chance for boats that may not enter other long races such as the Bayview Mackinac Race to show they can handle the long haul, too. “There should be plenty of water everywhere on the race course for a 70-footer to sail,” Hollerbach said. “But the idea was that this would appeal to smaller boats,” he said. A big boat would cover the course so quickly, there would be constant turning and sail changes. “It would be really brutal on the sails and crew” of a 70-footer, for example. The course will follow a loop around the G1A mark, just downriver from Bayview, and the M1 mark in the freighter channel, Hollerbach said. The start will be one long line off the Bayview seawall, with all boats starting at 6 p.m. Friday, June 4. The race ends at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at which time all boats will finish their current loop and return to Bayview. Each boat’s PHRF rating will be figured into their finish and the winner will be the boat that did the most loops around the course on corrected time. In a normal distance race such

as the Mackinac, boats typically sail in one direction for extended periods of time. By contrast, running the 5 1/2 mile, windward-leeward arc of the Endurance Race for 24 hours can be exhausting. Consequently all boats can come into Connor Creek at Bayview and “pit” as often as they want. At that time they can change crew, bring on new sails, food or other equipment. Hollerbach estimated a well-coordinated crew would spend less than a minute at the stop, “I would double the crew and I would regularly switch the full crew up, making sure we have a fresh team ready to go,” Hollerbach said. “With all the tacks and jibes and roundings in the race, you can make up a lot of time by being crisp on this. I would also have things staged so you’re ready to go with sails and maybe even get some hot food.” A food truck will be available for the crew on shore to get hot food during the night. The entry fee for the race is \$100 per boat and \$15 per crew member. The crew fee will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For more information on the race, go to www.byc.com.

The boating life

Photos by Renee Landuyt

Local boaters really know how to enjoy the water. Below, Jessica Gardonio, Wes O'Neill and Nicole O'Neill, with Madison and Kinsley O'Neill. Their boat is a 24 foot Blackfin they named Kiki-Moo which are their daughter's nicknames. Bottom left, Allison and Andrew Poloni traded in their old boat and launched this 26 foot Four Winns H260 on Friday. Andrew relaxes with a cigar while Allison unwinds with a book as they work on a name for their new boat. Top right, a boater glides on Lake St. Clair, with Canada in the background. Right middle, a group of sailboats traverse Lake St. Clair. Bottom right, a boat leaves the Grosse Pointe Park marina.



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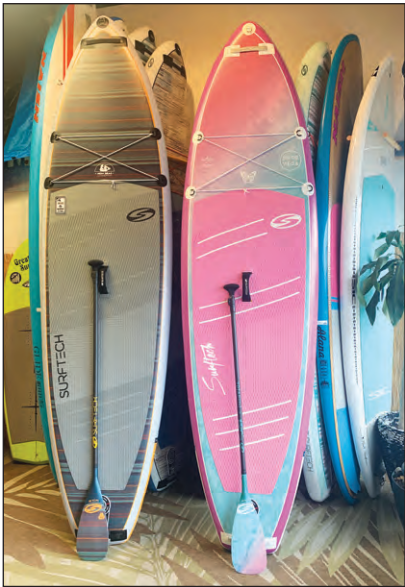
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Surf's up, dudes!

Make the best of the long summer days ahead with the hottest items of 2021. From quality paddleboards to high tech foilboards to wing surfing (and more), there's a whole new world to explore for water fun. You can take a lesson, rent a board, or buy - Great Lakes Surf has it all. Check out these great items...



Stand up paddleboards are a great way to build skill while you enjoy the scenery. Boards start at \$799, paddles start at only \$199.

Grey paddleboard on left is the SurfTech High Seas Air-Travel. \$989.

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Great Lakes Surf features foils and foilboards, wetsuits, accessories and so much more. All items for purchase at greatlakessurf.com

Quantities of specific boards are very limited with COVID, and there may be delayed shipping times, so order early. The products at Great Lakes Surf are worth the wait because they pride themselves in dealing with only the highest quality brands.

Cabrinha Crosswing X2 \$829.00. The wing folds up into a small backpack.

Not ready to buy? Try it out first with a rental. There's no better way to get a feel for a water sport than giving it a try.

That's why Great Lakes Surf offers rentals as well as lessons. So anyone wanting to learn more can play before making an investment.

Rentals include :
- paddleboards
- kites
- wake surf/wake foil
- wing surfing

Lessons:
- paddleboards
- foil boarding
- kiteboarding
- wing surfing
- snowkiting

They also offer catamaran charters for sailing trips or private bookings. For information on these, contact: <https://glmarinecharters.com/>



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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“Things We Lost
in the Fire”
2007 - 1hr 58min

A carefully p a c e d , thought-pro- voking drama from Director Susanne Bier, stars David Duchovny, Halle Berry, and Benicio Del Toro. It’s a s u p e r b l y crafted and moving film that will keep you thinking long after the closing credits roll.

The movie begins at a funeral for Duchovny’s character, Brian. He’s a sweet and devoted father and a caring husband. Through a series of flash- backs, it’s revealed he was shot and killed while trying to break up a domestic dispute while running an errand to the store. We also learn that his wife, Audrey (Berry) has reached out and invited his childhood friend Jerry (Del Toro).

Jerry is a recovering heroin addict and a com- plex character. Brian has remained his friend through the years and has never given up on him. After the funeral, Audrey invites Jerry to live with her and her two young children in their

converted garage. Their relationship evolves, as does his role as a friend and father figure to the kids.



Not only is the acting superb as you’d expect from these fine actors, I especially enjoyed the way the story unfolds. The use of flashbacks, clean editing, and realistic dialogue, made for a great viewing experience. Not to be a spoiler, but this isn’t one of those “and they all lived hap- pily after” movies. However, it isn’t a total Debbie Downer either. Ultimately, it’s about love, loss, and redemption. You’ll definitely be left with a feeling of hope.

★★★★☆

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 none- theless.

★★ 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 actu- ally 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 min- ute, then stream six movies a month for free.

These are high-quality movies you’ll have a hard time finding else- where, 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 look- ing for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark. blogspot.com.

CHEMICAL:

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(noxious weed killer) or insecticide can be intro- duced to the plant through water uptake, or through the soil, and/or it can be injected into the plants seed, so this gen- eration , and all future generations of the plant have the introduced chemical compound. Obviously this gets dodgy, as the chemical’s leach into our water sup- ply into our food supply and into animals food supply. It also causes lots of problems to bees and butterflies. The chemi- cals in the neonicotinoid family have shown to cause hive death for bees.

And, for monarch but- terflies, their food sup- ply, milkweed, is killed by weed killing chemi- cals. Additionally, these chemicals need to be to disposed of at a hazard- ous waste site, which I can tell you from per- sonal experience, will require you to plan ahead. Many, many garages have decades old chemicals that some- times get inherited by the next homeowner (we “bought” a collection of 1960s scary stuff with our house).

So....Otherworld Loves Ma Nature, birds ,butter- flies, pets, and people. We love the beauty of our lakes and want to keep them safe. We have concern about these chemicals. When I bought the shop I bought the unsold stock of Pesticides and Herbicides. They have been in the back gather- ing dust , sitting out the pandemic, and all the weird twists and turns of

this year- waiting for an opportunity, to go to the hazardous waste site. This February they said Good Bye to me, and anyone else.

Here are some alterna- tives to use for pest and weed control.

The obvious, use your hands, to pull out weeds and pick off nasty bugs. Blocking weeds sunlight by putting newspaper over weeds and then lay- ering mulch on top. A combination of lemon juice and vinegar to spot spray weeds.

Introducing beneficial insects to your garden, they eat the plant chewer bugs. And birds eat lots of insects, so encourage birds. Opossums, they eat tons of lawn grubs, and they have tender lit- tle claws so they are not digging holes in your yard, they are eating those grubs!

Dandelions are not ugly and they feed our bees, at one time a dan- delion lawn was very desirable. In England it still is.

Organic alternatives for pest insects and weeds are NEEM oil, Diatomaceous earth, insecticidal soaps, and garden grade vinegar which Otherworld curenly has all of these for sale.

The internet has thousand of websites on this topic, full of recipes and tips to help you. Here are a couple I’ve used especially for the organic turf com- mentary.

Epicgardening.com/ natural pest control.

Consumernotice.com. And for alternatives to round up Naturespathorganic. com.

Welcome Spring!



COURTESY PHOTO

Pam Grand with her latest collection of unwanted chemicals for the hazardous waste site.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Leo until 9:08 a.m. when the Moon enters Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 22, 2021:

Stable, determined and creative, the world is your oyster as you embrace all possibilities. This year, you make even a humdrum job innovative and interest- ing. Your balance sheet continues to shine since you never let anything slip by you. A healthy food plan and daily exer- cise will energize you and increase your stam- ina. If single, be particu- lar on dating apps. If attached, prove that romance is not dead. PISCES uplifts you.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

It could appear that you have overcommit- ted to professional and volunteer activities. The truth is that you love every minute of it. Take time to rest and smell the roses. Give family the attention they need. Tonight: Friendly gossip.

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Invite friends over for game night and salty snacks. Everyone is as competitive as you are, which makes for an exciting evening.

Children test your patience, but if you lis- ten, they have some- thing to teach you. Tonight: Laugh a lot.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Family will support you if you want to make a change, whether it’s small pota- toes or major like a change of job or resi- dence. Listen to their feedback even if they say things you do not want to hear. Tonight: Private space.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Do your part to beau- tify your surroundings. Buy fresh flowers, a houseplant or a wall hanging. Think about signing up for a course or certificate program. Review all your options and discover what is available to you. Tonight: Group texts.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Avoid impulse shop- ping and stress eating to release tension. Music has always been a calming influence. Turn up the volume and sing along to your favorite tunes. Join a choir or singing group in person or online. Tonight: Assess home repairs.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Use your charisma to your advantage. Enlist friends to assist you on a project that you are passionate about. With the positive energy you exude, you should have no trouble bringing others around to your point of view. Tonight: Boring tasks.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Support a community organization that does good works. As much as it hurts, donate clothes you will proba- bly not fit into again.

Be happy that some- one else will benefit from your loss. Tonight: Read comics and have a good laugh.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Add someone you met at a gathering to your social circle.

They might have a different point of view from your other friends but will add spice to the conversation.

Attend a weekly meeting online or in

person. Tonight: Bake cookies.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your innovative ideas and reputation for getting along with others pays off now. But watch what you wish for. More respon- sibilities and hard work lie ahead. Stay on your toes and you’ll do fine. Tonight: Post photos on social media.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Problem-solving is the order of the day. Impress someone influ- ential with your astute research skills and ability to arrive at a satisfying solution. Apply skills you learned in your forma- tive years. They will come in handy. Tonight: Update your calendar.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Step up your work- out routine a notch. Don’t push yourself beyond where your body wants to go. Knead the stress out with a massage, mar- tial arts or yoga. Practice relaxation exercises you have utilized successfully. Tonight: Online bar- gain hunting.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Get closure on a past relationship. Send a letter or email express- ing what you always wanted to say. No need for a dialogue. Just move on. Change the mood by spending time with someone you love. Tonight: Zoom with parents.

BORN TODAY

Writer Vladimir Nabokov (1899), actor Jack Nicholson (1937), actress Sherri Shepherd (1967).

Contract Bridge

MAXIUM SECURITY

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ K 6 2
♦ K J 5
♣ A Q 4

WEST
♠ A K 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ J 8 7

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 7
♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ K 10 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 5 2
♥ A Q J 10 9 4
♦ A 7
♣ 9 6 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

Card-reading — the ability to fig- ure out how the opponents’ cards are divided based on bids and plays they have or haven’t made — is a crucial element in the play of many hands.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades, on which East plays the seven. West continues with the ace and another spade, East play- ing the six on the ace and the ten on dummy’s nine.

South ruffs the third spade and does not have to think very hard to con- clude that East has the missing queen of spades. It is inconceivable that East would play the 7-6-10 of spades, in that order, unless he also had the queen.

South’s prospects therefore are extremely good at this point, provid- ed he does not now fall into the trap of drawing trumps, cashing the ace of diamonds and then finessing the jack.

In the actual case, the jack of dia- monds would lose to East’s queen, and when declarer later attempted a club finesse, he would lose that also and finish down one. True, it would be unlucky for South to have both finesses fail — the odds are 3-to-1 that one or both will succeed — but that’s the way the cookie sometimes crumbles.

However, if South takes advantage of his knowledge that East has the queen of spades, he can assure the contract in a perfectly simple way. After ruffing the third round of spades, he draws three rounds of trump ending in dummy, leads the jack of spades and discards a club on it.

East takes the jack with the queen but is helpless. He must either return a club into dummy’s A-Q-x or a diamond into dummy’s K-J-x, and regardless of which he chooses, South acquires his 10th trick.

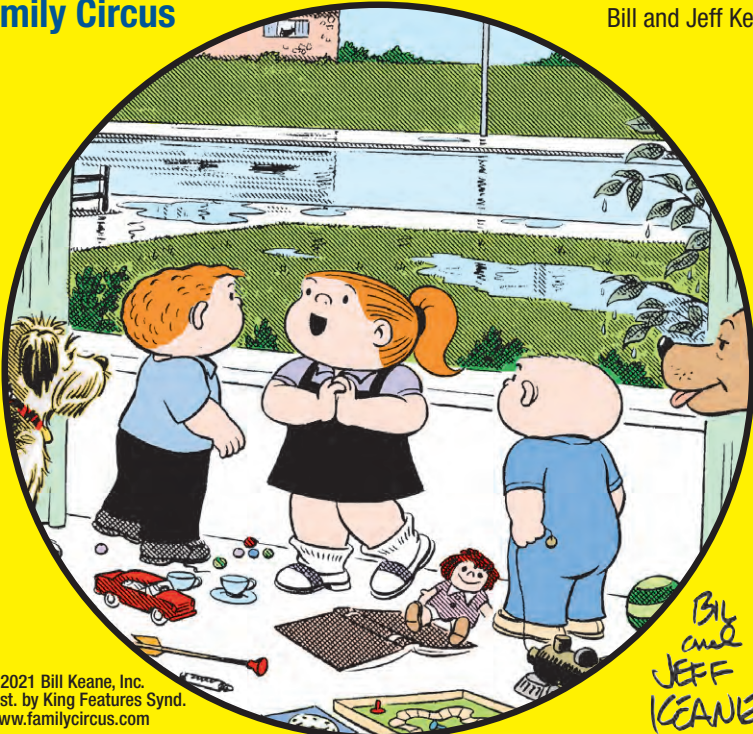
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"Can we go out now? God just turned off the sky."

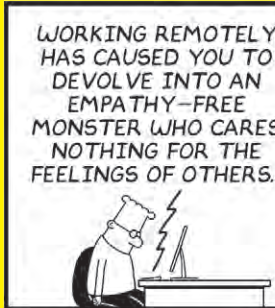
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Scott Adams



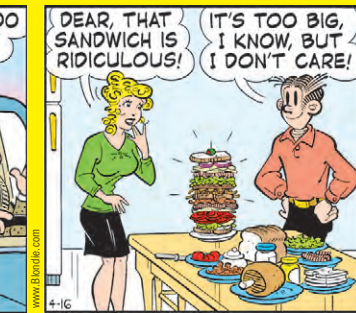
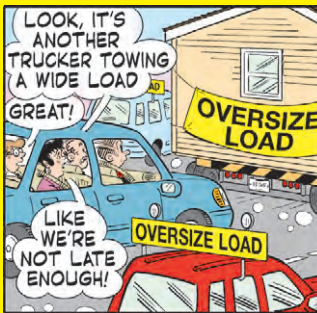
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Greg and Mort Walker



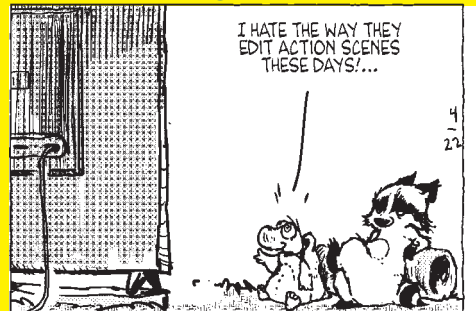
Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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			4			7		
3	7		1		9			
		1	3	7	6		5	

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg April 22, 2021

ACROSS

- Sky blue
- Seat at a hoedown
- Sun—raises
- Swiss watchmaker
- Apple product that may have 10 cores
- "The Graduate" star Bancroft
- Apt furniture for a car salesperson?
- Government number source: Abbr.
- to grips with
- Like some patches
- Cat also called a cougar
- P.R. firm specialty
- Apt furniture for a baker?
- Single squat, say
- Happen afterward
- Wonderment
- Notorious Roman fiddler
- Actor Hemsworth
- Tied up
- "Hmm, I guess so"
- Play parts
- Tall, curved vase
- Word before "school" or "war"
- Affirmative answer

- Apt furniture for a candidate?
- Capitol
- Burden
- In and of
- Middle Earth monsters
- Grain in a chewy cookie
- Apt furniture for a Big Ten coach?
- Shoelace problem
- Garfield's frenemy
- Like a SEAL or Green Beret
- Trees with poisonous leaves
- Chutzpah, informally
- 76ers manager Brand

- Stats and the like
- University honcho
- Quarterback-turned-broadcaster Tony
- Explorer — the Red
- Prunes, formerly
- In stitches
- 4x400 race, e.g.
- Not neat, at a bar
- Hurdles for future JDs
- Intimidate
- Detox facility
- Eat away at
- Jabbed with a finger
- Behavioral standards
- Animal that can jump 10 times its body length
- Thermometer type

- Person at a board meeting
- Tidy or untidy stack
- Compels
- Back in the day
- Tests the weight of
- Like creepy-crawlies
- "Leave a message at the —"
- Fall associated with winter
- "I'll get busy!"
- Somber bio
- Palo
- Learner's permit holder, often
- End of a prof's email address
- Word before "for one" and after "one for"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

R	A	T	S	A	D	S	S	P	A	S	M	S
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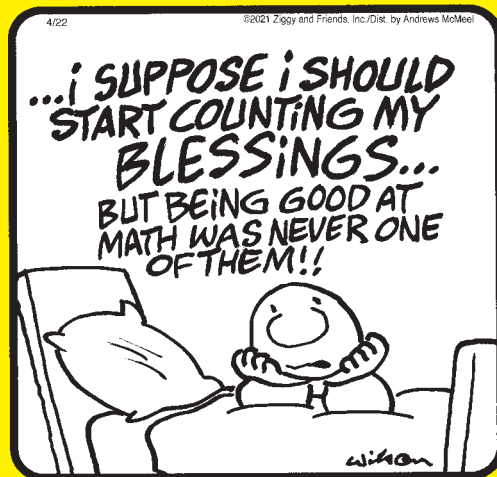
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Ziggy

Tom Wilson



Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



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Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

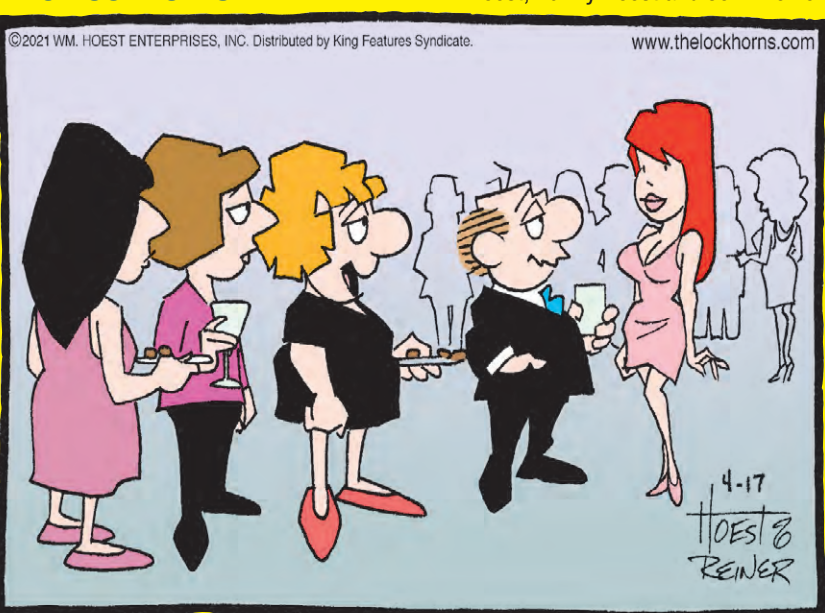
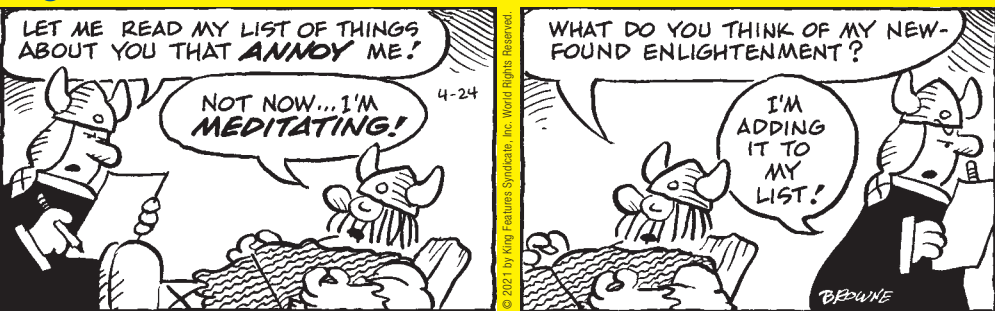


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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



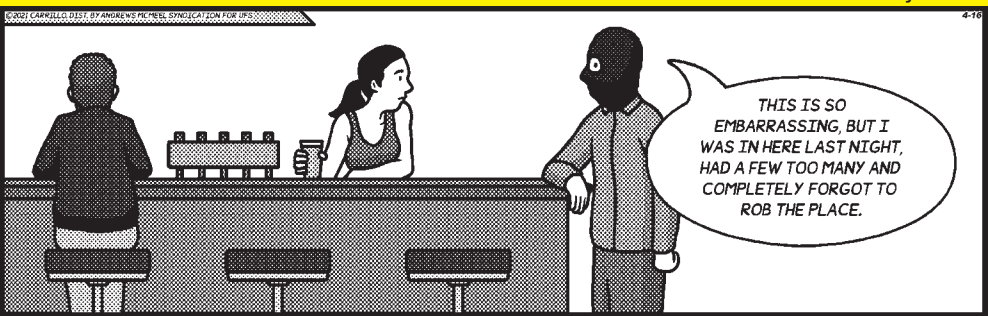
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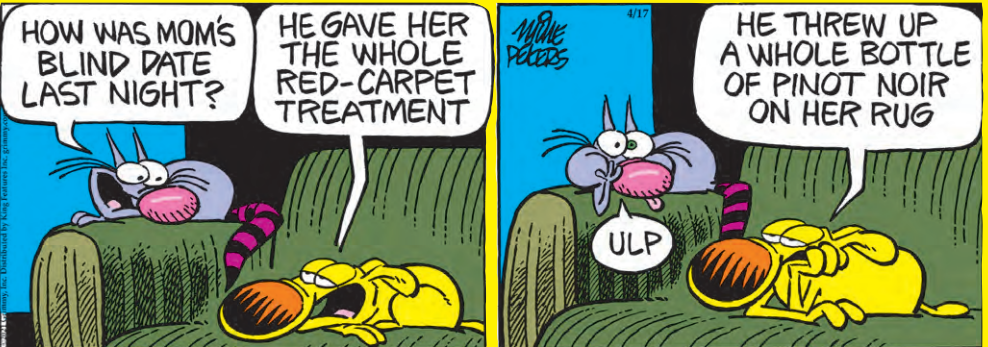
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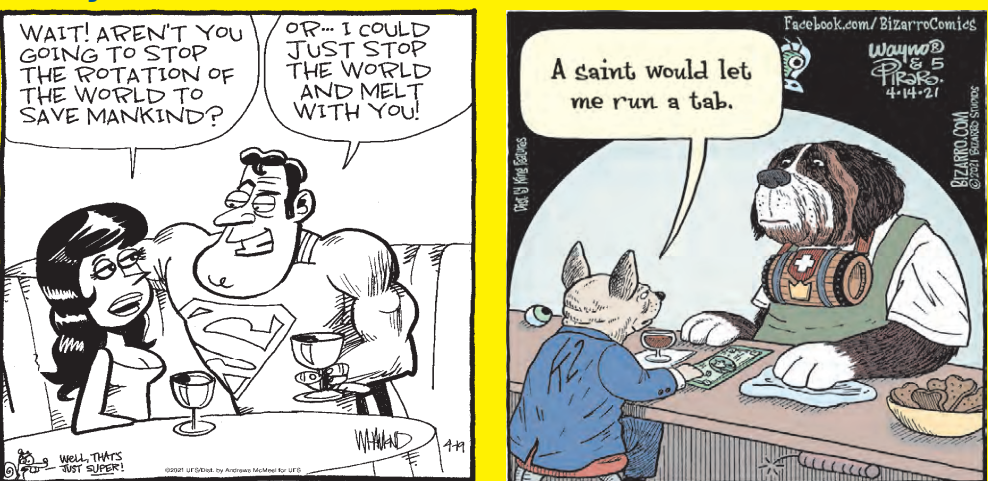


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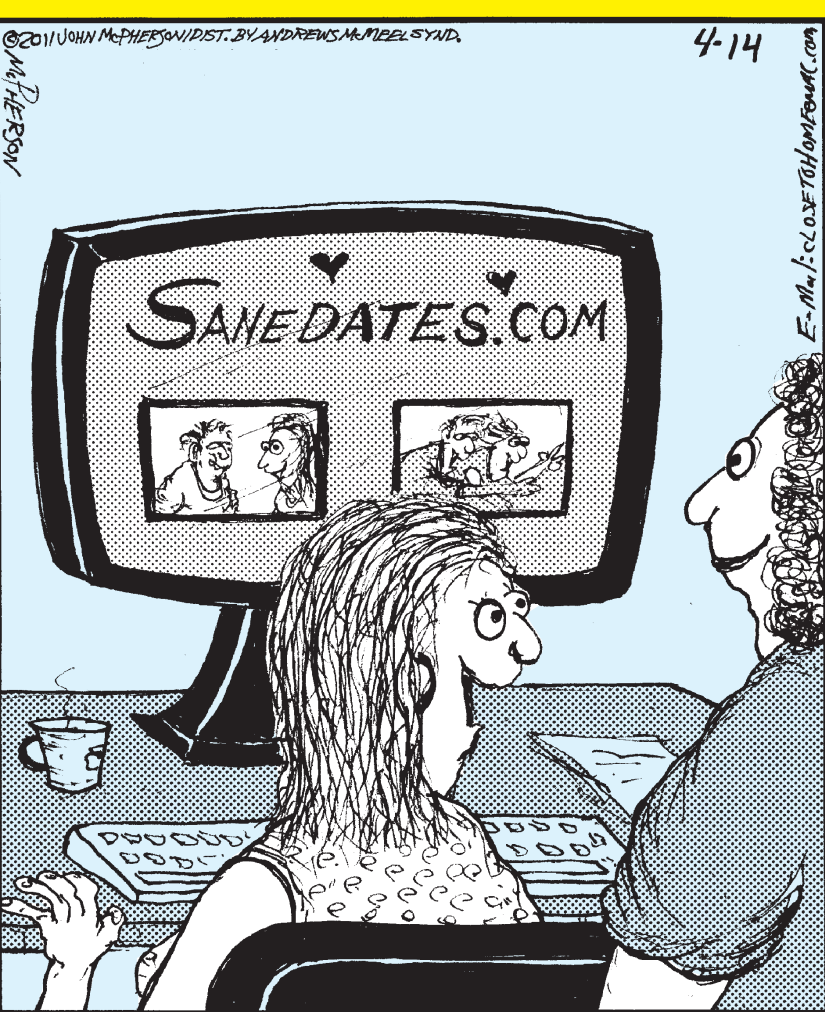
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Close To Home

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Marmaduke

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SPORTS

HOCKEY
National champs!
Grosse Pointe natives celebrate
NCAA hockey title **PAGE 3D**

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Knights look dominant as win streak continues

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team was firing on all cylinders during the second week of the season. A pair of doubleheader sweeps brought Liggett’s winning streak to eight in a row, largely thanks to some stellar performances on the mound.

Thursday, the Knights squared off against the Ventures of Bishop Foley for a doubleheader. The Knights’ bats and arms were unstoppable, pulling out wins 17-0 and 11-0.

Matthew Belcrest got the start on the mound for Liggett in both games. Belcrest tossed a no-hitter while striking out seven batters in three innings during game one. The short first outing

allowed Belcrest to take the hill again in game two, throwing another shutout and striking out 11 hitters for a two-game total of 18 Ks.

“He just pounded the strike zone and got the ball on the outside corner and kept us in it, gave himself a chance,” Knights head coach Dan Cimini said. “His fastball was working really well and that’s what his job is, to pound the strike zone, and he does a great job.”

Alec Leonard, Jack Jones and Matthew Greene each had a pair of RBI in game one against the Ventures. Oliver Service had an outstanding performance at the plate in game two, knocking in five RBI.

Liggett’s momentum carried into the weekend for another doubleheader, this time against

Riverview Gabriel Richard. Once again, pitching was a major factor in helping the Knights to victory, taking 4-1 and 3-1 wins in the doubleheader.

Kurt Barr stayed on the mound for Liggett a complete game in the first half of the doubleheader, surrendering just one run off two hits and striking out 12 batters. Jack Jones toed the rubber in game two and also lasted a full seven innings, allowing a single run on two hits while notching 11 Ks.

“Our philosophy has always been starting pitching, throwing strikes and playing great defense,” Cimini said. “They know the importance of throwing strikes and not walking guys. We didn’t walk a guy in either game. ... Now I owe them pizza, because

I told them anytime they don’t walk a guy I owe the whole team pizza. I’ll take that all day long. It’s worth it.”

As the Knights extended their win streak to eight games, they are looking like the dominant, championship-caliber team many expected this year. Looking unstoppable at the moment, Cimini said his squad always has the right mentality to compete.

“When we were 0-2, they were super confident and we played two really good teams right off the bat and it made us better and (we) saw what we needed to work on,” he said. “Their mindset is great, their attitude is great, they’re out there having fun and doing the things I expect them to do.”



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Liggett’s Matthew Belcrest threw a no-hitter in the first game of a doubleheader against Bishop Foley.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID MARTIN

Jake Tedesco had 12 strikeouts in North’s win over Bloomfield Hills.

North baseball team returns to winning ways

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a loss last Tuesday to Detroit Edison in its home opener, the Grosse Pointe North varsity baseball team resumed its winning ways with three big victories to close out the second week of the season. With the return of some key players from COVID protocol quarantine, the Norsemen seem to be back on their stride.

The first win came Thursday with an 11-4 victory on the road against Bloomfield Hills. Chris Marshall led the offense for North with four RBI, but the biggest performer of Thursday

was arguably junior Jake Tedesco.

Tedesco got the start on the mound for North and threw an impressive 12 strikeouts and allowed just one run off one hit through five innings. Tedesco’s contributions to the win did not come just from pitching, as he added two RBI and a home run while at the plate.

“He was up hitting 86 and 87 consistently with his fastball and just had great command,” North head coach David Martin said about Tedesco’s big performance. “He really helped carry the game by himself. He put the whole game on his back and did a fantastic job. I was

really proud of him.”

The Norsemen then hosted the Lake Orion Dragons for a doubleheader Saturday. North found itself in a couple of tightly contested matchups, but managed to escape with two close wins, 6-4 and 6-5.

“They came out and certainly played us hard,” Martin said about Saturday’s doubleheader. “We had a couple of really good games and thought they were some of the better competition that we’ve seen so far.”

Nic Good got his first start of the season on the mound in game one, surrendering three earned runs on four hits with seven strikeouts through

four innings. Michael Zontini allowed just three hits in three scoreless innings of relief. Leading the offense in the first win were Drew Hill and Jordan Arsenau, who each recorded two RBI.

Hill took the mound in game two and tossed a complete game, allowing five runs on 10 hits and striking out four Dragons hitters.

An RBI single from Good tied the game 4-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning. Danny Vogler scored on an error in the same inning to give North the lead, while a sacrifice hit from Joey Randazzo brought in another run to help seal the Norsemen’s victory.

Blue Devils win, lose and draw in tournament

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils softball team welcomed three opponents to the Pointes for a round-robin weekend tournament Saturday, April 17. In three games, the Blue Devils managed to find a result in each of the three possible outcomes: one loss, one win and one tie.

Saturday’s first game saw the Blue Devils take on Warren Woods-Tower. South fell into an early 9-0 deficit and tried its best to climb out of the

hole, but ultimately had its first matchup of the day end in a high-scoring 15-10 loss.

South’s offense did not have many struggles throughout the day and usually bringing in 10 runs on 12 hits will win a softball game. Lily Stidham led the Blue Devils’ bats in game one, driving in three RBI. Liv Livingstone, Katie Drew and Katie Steiner each brought in two more RBI.

The success at the plate carried over into the second game of Saturday in a big way for



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Shannon Dame bats leadoff for the Blue Devils against Lutheran North.

the Blue Devils. A massive 22-run first inning helped South secure a blowout 26-3 win over Cranbrook Kingswood in just three innings.

There was plenty of magic working at the plate for South in the win over Cranbrook. Each player in the starting lineup tallied at least one RBI in the final box score, but the most

impressive performance came from Stidham.

Stidham kept her momentum at the plate rolling from the first game, racking up five RBI on three hits against Cranbrook. She also got the start on the mound and struck out six batters while surrendering just two earned runs on two hits through three innings.

The final opponents of Saturday afternoon for the Blue Devils were the Mustangs of Lutheran North. Like in game one, South found itself trailing the Mustangs, but was able to turn an 8-4 deficit in the final inning into an 8-8 tie.

Emily Peacock got the start on the mound for South in the last game, allowing eight runs off

nine hits through five innings. Stidham tallied another RBI at the plate, along with Livingstone, Peacock and Ellie Budziak, while Ellie Smith finished with two RBI.

The Blue Devils welcome Lincoln Park, Dearborn and West Bloomfield this coming Saturday for the Blue Devil Invitational.

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High school hockey players receive honors

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With a high school winter sports season unlike any other now wrapped up, hockey players around Michigan are receiving honors for their achievements this season. With the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association announcing its 2021 All-State teams, players from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School's hockey teams were recognized as part of Division 3 All-State honorees.

Liggett forward Doug Wood was named first-team All-State. Wood finished his junior season with the Knights this year as the team's leader in goals with 18 and points with 41. Wood was one of the state's top players this year and received a nomination for Michigan High School Hockey Player of the Year from the State Champs Network. With one more season to go with the Knights, getting first-team All-State honors is more motivation for Wood to keep playing hard.

"It makes me feel a lot

better about my game and who I am as a player and gives me a lot of confidence," he said. "It also gives me a hard push that I have to play just as good to be on first-team All-State again next year, so I've got a lot of work in front of me, but (I'm) going to push hard and hopefully we can do big things next year."

Wood's Liggett teammate, Alec Leonard, also received an honorable mention as a defenseman.

Three players from the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils hockey team also earned All-State honors. Junior Jake Spitz was named first-team All-State as a defenseman and, in a season like this, he said he is most grateful for his coaches and teammates for always supporting one another.

"Winning first-team All-State is a big honor and having a coach that puts you in the best positions to succeed is a big part of why we have success," Spitz said. "Having teammates who are always positive and enjoy seeing everyone have success is a major key to building the culture we had the past two seasons."

South senior forwards



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM GEBECK

Liggett's Doug Wood was named first-team All-State as a forward.

Dean Therriault and Aaron Vyletel received honorable mentions for All-State. The uncertainty of this season was a difficult way for any high school athlete to end their career, but both Therriault and Vyletel, like Spitz, felt those around them helped them to persevere.

"We're given more than enough opportunities to succeed day in and day out and I'm extremely appreciative of that," Therriault said. "They push us to be the best we can be every day and looking back at it, I'm beyond grateful for it because it not only made me a better hockey player, but person as well."

"South has a bright future ahead of them and a great coach," Vyletel

said. "... It was definitely a great honor and way to end a rough season."

Grosse Pointe North was not left out of the All-State recognition either. Norsemen senior Dylan Holman was named second-team All-State as a defenseman. Holman led North in scoring this season with 10 goals and 17 points, and knows that receiving All-State recognition proves the value of his hard work and the support of his coaches and family.

"I worked hard in the off/regular season and set a goal to get All-State and achieved it," Holman said. "Especially being a senior, it was a good way to end my career. I couldn't have done it without the support of my parents, teammates and coaches."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DYLAN HOLMAN

North's Dylan Holman was named second-team All-State as a defenseman.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2021-2022 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.

The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Court	\$ 363,600
General Government	1,802,200
Public Safety	5,630,130
Public Works	2,302,400
Parks & Recreation	1,527,520
Other Functions	2,973,500
Contingency	51,500
Transfer - Other Funds	2,497,100
Total	\$ 17,147,950

MEANS OF FINANCING

Taxes	\$ 3,233,700
Licenses & Permits	459,850
State Grants	12,000
State-Shared Revenue	909,000
Charges for Service	1,722,800
Fines/Forfeitures	302,500
Interest Income	25,000
Other Revenue	183,100
Fund Balance Appropriation	300,000
Total	\$ 17,147,950

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

DERRICK KOZICKI
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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South's Jake Spitz was named first-team All-State as a defenseman.

MAC Standings as of 4/22					
	Division			Overall	
Red Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Dakota	1	0		6	0
Eisenhower	1	0		3	4
Stevenson	0	0	0.5	5	3
Gr Pt South	0	0	0.5	0	2
Romeo	0	1	1	3	3
Chippewa Valley	0	1	1	1	7
White Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Ford II	1	0		7	1
St Clair	1	0		4	2
Anchor Bay	1	0		2	2
L'Anse Creuse	0	1	1	7	5
Gr Pt North	0	1	1	6	3
L'Anse Cr North	0	1	1	2	2

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (6-3)
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	11-7 L
4/15	@ Bloomfield Hills	11-4 W
4/17	Lake Orion (DH)	6-4 W, 6-5 W
4/19	@ St Clair	3-2 L
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		Record (0-2)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/3	Detroit Edison (DH)	11-1 L, 13-1 L
4/22	@ Stevenson	
4/23	Henry Ford II (DH)	
4/24	@ Stevenson	
4/26	Romeo	
4/28	@ Romeo	
4/29	Romeo	
4/30	Stevenson	
5/1	Lake Shore (@Comerica)	
5/3	@ Eisenhower	
5/5	Eisenhower	
5/6	@ Eisenhower	
5/8	@ Grosse Pointe North (DH)	
5/10	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/12	Chippewa Valley	
5/13	@ Chippewa Valley	
5/15	Grosse Pointe South Invitational	
5/17	Dakota	
5/19	@ Dakota	
5/20	Dakota	
5/22	Grosse Pointe South Invitational	
5/25	@ Brother Rice	
5/28	@ University Liggett	
5/29	Grosse Pointe Invitational	
University Liggett		Record (8-2)
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)	17-0 W, 11-0 W
4/17	@ Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	4-1 W, 3-1 W
4/22	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	

Grosse Pointe natives part of NCAA hockey title team

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

On April 10, the UMass Minutemen won the first NCAA men's hockey championship in school history, defeating St. Cloud State 5-0. Part of that Minutemen squad making history at this year's Frozen Four in Pittsburgh were Grosse Pointe natives Ryan Sullivan and Oliver MacDonald, a pair of freshman and longtime friends who were able to celebrate their championship together.

"It's been good and fun just celebrating with teammates and students here and a good feeling being part of the first championship," Sullivan said.

"It's been fun and the support from everyone on campus has been great," MacDonald added.

Sullivan and MacDonald grew up as friends and neighbors. Both attended Grosse Pointe South High



Ryan Sullivan celebrates his team's win.

School before heading off to play in the USHL. MacDonald was a standout on the USHL's Muskegon Lumberjacks and Fargo Force, while Sullivan played for the Sioux Falls Stampede from 2018 to 2020. While experiencing success in their junior hockey careers, it was Sullivan who first made the commitment to the University of Massachusetts.

"I just liked the coaches and everything about the program here," Sullivan said. "They definitely had the right intentions of wanting to win and improve as a program. At the time I committed here, they weren't the best program in the country yet and I just knew that with great coaches like them, I wanted to be a part of something like this year and it's all worked out well."

With Sullivan commit-

ted to play for the Minutemen, it only seemed fitting he try and get his hometown friend to join him in Amherst.

"I talked to Ryan a lot because he was committed here before me and I thought it was a great choice to come here, especially with a kid who lives right down the road from me," MacDonald said.

Both skaters were able to see a good amount of ice time this year during their freshman campaigns at UMass. Unfortunately for MacDonald, a back injury forced him to sit out the remainder of the season after late January, but he feels like that did not stop him from being fully a part of the team's championship path.

"It was unfortunate not being able to help the team out for the last couple of months, but I was always there and supporting and it was awesome, just the whole experience," he said.

Sullivan helped make his mark on the team's run to a title with an assist in the dominant national championship win.

"It felt good to just chip in any way I can and it was such an exciting stage to be on for everybody," he said. "... Everyone did a good job and that's why we ended up winning 5-0."

Both MacDonald and Sullivan will return to UMass for their sophomore seasons in 2021-22, and look forward to defending their national title.



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Oliver MacDonald celebrates the win.

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North lacrosse grooms rookie squad

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys' varsity lacrosse team struggled to compete with the experienced de la Salle squad Saturday, April 17, in a home match. The Norsemen saw a large deficit in scoring, having been defeated 16-4 by their opposition.

"This was definitely one of the stronger teams we are going to play this year," North head coach Mark Seppala said. "It's hard in these lopsided games to pick out the positives, but having a very young team we are definitely seeing a lot of improvement from the guys each game."

Norsemen goals were scored by Jason Michalski (2), Mitchell Mills and Chase Reinhard. Assists were earned by Ronan MacMaster, Michalski and Mills.

The North varsity roster is made up of mostly freshman and sophomores, led by a few juniors and seniors. The captains of this year's varsity team are juniors Michalski and Mills.

Seppala said with the cancellation of last year's season, the majority of the team is experiencing high school lacrosse for the first time.

"A lot of our guys came from other sports and have never been on a lacrosse field before playing on our team," he said. "We've got hockey players, football players and wrestlers who are applying their skills from other sports. I think being multi-sport ath-

letes has helped them to pick up the game faster."

When asked how the team has progressed so far this season, Seppala said their field awareness is improving each game.

"Their understanding of the game is getting better," he said. "Responsibility on offense and defense and their overall effort level is going up as they get used to how the game is played. We're seeing the guys develop more confidence in what they can and can't do."

The team has not experienced any shutdowns yet, so they have been able to practice on a normal schedule; however, they have not been able to take the field with a full squad.

"We have 20 guys on the roster, but we have had some individual quarantine situations and injuries that have prevented us from playing at full capacity," Seppala said. "I believe we are in the same boat as a lot of other teams where that is concerned."

Seppala looks forward to seeing how the team fares against league competition in the upcoming weeks. He said he feels Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe South and Romeo are going to be the teams they really need to focus on beating.

Overall, the sky is the limit for this young team.

"Their overall effort and attitude are great," Seppala said. "We are very focused on improving our own game every day in practice and having fun while doing it."

Little League prepares for opening day

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last year's start to the Little League season was delayed until June, but this year, Little Leaguers will be able to take the field in the spring. With several protocols in place, teams have begun practices in preparation for upcoming opening days.

"We have all of our protocols in place for COVID as far as social distancing and mask requirements," said Jay Ricci, president of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League. "Social distancing will be required while you're in the dugout or while you're in the stands, basically anywhere while you're at the Little League complex."

The Farms-City Little League has its opening day scheduled this Thursday, April 22, and plans to operate on a mostly normal schedule with championship weekend June 19. One schedule change the Farms-City Little League is making this year is focusing more on

weekday games rather than weekends.

"We did that because we feel families are taking more time during the COVID situation to spend more time as a family and go on vacation or spend those weekends together, so we eliminated some of those weekends for Little League and (are) using them as rain days and makeup days," Ricci said.

Ricci said the league has games scheduled for about one-third of the possible weekends throughout the season. However, this does allow for weekends to be used as makeup days in case of rescheduled games, giving the league extra flexibility during the pandemic.

Thursday's opening day for the majors in the Farms-City Little League include the Dodgers vs. Padres and the Red Sox vs. Cubs at Kerby Field.

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League begins its season at Ghesquire Park Tuesday, April 27, according to league president Paul Summers.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Virtual Meeting	Monday, April 12, 2021	7:00 p.m.
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held virtually and called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021, by Mayor Louis Theros.

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

Absent: Councilmember James C. Farquhar (EXCUSED).

Mayor Theros led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council approved a Resolution to permit electronic public meetings on or after April 1, 2021.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021.

Council approved a Site Plan for Luxe bar and Grill, 115 Kercheval to use two on-street parking spaces for an outdoor dining platform.

Council approved a conditional use request and building permit for 375 Kercheval to allow the Grosse Pointe Historical Society to operate in the R-1 single family zone district.

Council temporarily adjourned its Regular Meeting and reconvened as the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a request from 80 Meadow Lane for a dimensional variance to construct a screened in porch that extends into the rear setback.

The Board of Zoning Appeals adjourned consideration a request for 101 Mapleton to approve a dimensional variance to construct a second story addition that extends into the rear setback until the Tuesday, May 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals adjourned and Council resumed its Regular Meeting.

Council approved an agreement with Asphalt Specialists, Inc. for the 2021-2022 Road Resurfacing Project.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

- Consideration of a request from the Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club to hold the "Run the Pointe" event on October 2, 2021.
- Consideration of a request to schedule a Public Hearing for proposed Fiscal Year Ending 2022 Budget for the May 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
- Consideration of a request to schedule a Public Hearing regarding adoption of the current NFPA National Fire Code for the May 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
- Consideration of a resolution declaring April 30, 2021 Arbor Day in Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Consideration of a request to approve March 2021 invoices.

Council approved a request from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to hold the "Arts, Beats and Eats" event in the Richard Parking Lot on August 7th and August 8th, 2021 contingent on the necessary health and safety protocols being followed.

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

Council received the March 2021 Public Safety Report.

Council heard public comment.

Respectfully submitted by Derrick Kozicki, ACM/City Clerk.

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